

beautiful patterns and letterings of the family initials. Ma always bought crochet thread by the dozen and members of her family would sit together and unravel the thread--Mom on one end and someone sat across from her, or the thread was put on the back of a chair so she could make a ball.

Ma loved crocheting and did it till the day she died. Members of the family still cherish all the scarves, tablecloths, and bedspreads she made for all. The first scarves I remember her making were for the sofas. A basket pattern and initials were crocheted in the center and they looked so pretty on the colored sofas.

Ma loved her family and she had her own way of showing her affections to all. In the olden days, affection was not shown like it is today with lots of hugs and kisses.

I always considered my Ma as a perfectionist in whatever she did. Her neatness, charm and smile will never be forgotten. I always said, "She was my crutch."