

Letter to Ruby: Jill Caskey

My dearest granddaughter,

Dashing up the steps after school, you rushed through the doorway waving your arms with sheer joy and excitement.

'Nana! Guess what? ! I've been voted in as a school prefect for 2021. How good is that?'

I love your passion and thrill at small accomplishments. You had given a speech at school after you decided to nominate for next year's prefects and school captain, much to the surprise of us all.

Where did all that confidence come from? You said it didn't matter whether or not you were selected. It was just a challenge, and fun. Today you were elected a prefect and we were so proud of you. It doesn't surprise me you were selected Ruby as I see such qualities in you that would make you just right for such a role.

I've read that what is required of a prefect is maintaining an atmosphere of friendly cooperation, peace, discipline and unity in the school. A prefect should provide a positive role model to all students.

I know you're not perfect; after all you are still a young girl wanting to have fun and resist authority just a little. However, what I see in you is a respect for good guidance, a happy disposition, sense of fairness and an eagerness for something new. This will be a great life experience for you.

It was your second speech today and tomorrow the captain and vice-captains will be chosen. What will be, will be. You already have your reward.

Hold your head high and enjoy the privilege you've been given. Find the very best in yourself and share that with others. Stay true to yourself my lovely Ruby and share your natural sense of youthful wisdom.

I dearly love the times we've shared.

Much love from Nana