

# Family is

## **FAMILY IS**

**Sharing the good times so the pleasure is doubled, and sharing the bad times so the hurt is halved.**

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**Giving praise for a job well done, or an encouraging pat on the back if it didn't go so well.**

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**Loving each other; maybe not saying it often enough, but always knowing it.**

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**Belonging, feeling secure, and being stronger as an individual because one draws on the collective strength of the whole,**

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**The home, the refuge, the haven, to which one can return to replenish one's soul with warmth, caring, and tender assurances.**

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**Unconditional love, being love for nothing more than just being you—and being made to feel special for that.**

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**A set of emotional bonds—not shackling the individuals, but anchoring them to a foundation that gives lifelong support.**

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**For life, it is growing and separating, but always coming back together.**

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**Sharing, giving, laughing, belonging, supporting, encouraging, holding, crying, inspiring, and loving—forever.**

