My Love and Hate Relationship with the Pandemic Adrienne Prather

This feels like a dream,
Is this real?
How am I supposed to feel?
Let us just say that the Pandemic and I
Well, we have a love and hate relationship.
I mean, I love that I had the opportunity to
spend time with my mother before she passed,
However, I hate that I lost her during the midst of this Pandemic.
I love that I can cherish the memories that I will always hold dear,
but I must admit it brought uncertainty and fear.
Unwanted pounds became my new silhouette,
Cookies, candy, cupcakes, and chips filled the table where I sat.
I ate, and ate and ate as if I was going insane
trying desperately to mask my hurt and pain.
This Pandemic as we call it,
It brought some relationships closer
And it pushed others further away,
It caused others to seek guidance and pray.
Many people pursued their dreams in the Pandemic,
and entrepreneurs discovered new ventures to try,
others were able to spread their wings and learn to fly.
It exposed the true feelings of others,
Some became closer to their sisters and brothers.
There were a lot of tears enough to fill an ocean.

Many screamed, cried, grieved a world that became a distant memory all during this Pandemic. What I thought was strange before became the new way of life, being masked up to protect ourselves was our everyday attire, It was our ticket to get into places. Necessary items flew off the shelves, Hospitals filled up fast and so did funeral homes. People that we hugged, talked to, and laughed with are no longer with us on our journey. Yes, we have a love, hate, relationship. I can truly say I learned a lot about myself. Would I be the strong person that I am at this very moment, Had it not been for the PANDEMIC? I don't know. I do know that God has a purpose and a plan, And while I am here, I will do all that I can. All I know is that with faith, strength, and hope, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Although I cannot physically see my mother, I know that she is in a better place and when her course was over She finished her race. Every moment that I spent with her during the Pandemic I will cherish forever. Although the Pandemic took a lot, there were still a lot to gain, Yes, we have a love and hate relationship but when it is all said and done I WON'T COMPLAIN!