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In Eternal Loving Memory of Trina Grillo

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Our mother had a fighting spirit
Fighting for the beauty she saw in all
Strong as could be
We know she is finally free

Her last fight was the biggest battle of her life
And she fought it to be with us
A selfless act of sacrifice
She is free, she has won—cancer can touch her no more

Some accomplishments may not be known
National Merit Scholar
Presidential Scholar
Law School Teacher of the Year
Because to her they were a part of life, not of supreme
importance

To her, an accomplishment was seeing a child's smile
after a night of tears
To her, an accomplishment was seeing mastery in action
leading to her loves of teaching, writing and music
To her, an accomplishment was helping those in need—
this gave her reason to live
To her, an accomplishment was getting us to sleep when
we were young,
Singing songs we still recall, stroking us with eternal love
and calling m'ijo and m'ija

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She fought her battles until the end
Calling up the law school and saying
Help her students learn
Her fighting spirit was truly unique
She gave us hope and let us weep
She helped us to see the light in ourselves
And helped us know it could be taught to shine

She didn't honor straight As
She didn't care for awards
She cared for the fight of the spirit of good in all
It meant a lot to her to see us grow
A good friend to all, a straight talker—
Confronting our enemies with heart and love
She taught us all we needed to know

Her body is gone
She is free from worldly fights
Yet each time we feel ourselves grow
The fight in our heart, (we'll know)
 is from our mother, the spirit, the strength
We'll love her forever,
 her connection to us the tightest bond we'll know
We are glad to have learned so much from our mother

TE AMAMOS, TE QUEREMOS Y TE EXTRAÑAMOS
PARA SIEMPRE