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My Moma

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I would like to tell you about a woman that has inspired me to live my life to the fullest – my mom. My mom has always been a strength in our family. She raised my brother and I; always at our school volunteering and taking us to our after school activities. My mom was always there for me. Even as an adult she would do anything for us. When I decided to go to university she supported me anyway she could. She always told me to never give up.

About 3 years ago my mom was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. When she was diagnosed it was already spread throughout her abdomen. I was in my 3rd year of university. At this point I wanted to drop out and take care of my mom. I did not know if I could continue my dream. My mom kept encouraging me to continue and that she would be okay. With the help of family and friends we were able to help my mom. During this time she was always positive. I remember her getting out of her operation and giving us the thumbs up, with a big smile.

During endless chemo treatments, blood transfusions, and doctor's appointments my mom was always positive, she never complained. When the doctors told her there was nothing more they could do, she still had a positive outlook on life. During my final year of university my mom started to get really sick. I really questioned whether or not to continue. My mom was very sick and needed full time care. I knew my mom would not want me to drop out. With the support of family and friends we worked out a schedule and I would help after school and weekends.

My mom passed away over a year ago in January during my final practicum for my degree. I found inspiration and kept hearing my mom encouraging me to continue on. She was my best friend and number one support in life. I will remember her by living her example of strength and determination.

This journey we took with my mom will forever empower me to be positive. My mom went through the ultimate battle and still remained strong. My mom was a quiet individual that worked hard and was someone you could always count on. She kept volunteering until a month before she passed. She was an inspiration to all that knew her.

Thank you mom for your inspiration and being the greatest mom, friend, role model, all around awesome person, for me and my brother.

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