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*Our 'Mami' of five and an angel flown
 'Wela' and 'Great GrandWela'; so many you saw grow
 But your love for us all will forever remain
 Though your time has now come to let go
 We are left with our memories to treasure
 Playing 'Jacks' with us, sat on the floor
 Sewing our clothes and the neighborhoods' too!
 Bits of you that we all just adore!*

*Your novellas and watching 'Imitation of life'
 Your favorite movie by far
 Wafts of 'Ambush' perfume and those fuchsia lips
 Little things that made all that you are!
 And the time we were left in the kitchen
 With the rolled out 'pastelillos' dough
 We had a dough fight, but you covered our plight
 Cleaned and scolded, so 'Papi' wouldn't know!*

*Your famed Spanish sayings would make us all laugh
 But such wisdom lay deep in those words
 In our teenage years "ande asi" was the one
 Walk straight, do the wise thing – we heard!
 "Se tocas con los ojos!"-
 'Touch with your eyes!' was another
 Just too many to recount, but 'Mami' taught us well
 Unique lessons in life – dear, sweet Mother*

*But your love for us all was never in doubt
 I realized, as I had my first child
 You comforted and consoled me, wiping my fears
 And you'll always walk close by my side
 As you leave to be with your Lord and Savior
 He has welcomed you with open arms
 And your lessons and love will stay here in our hearts
 As you protect us, and keep us from harm*

