My mom had been battling cancer for a couple of years now. She was a warrior and her strength in fighting this awful disease was admired by many, as my mom wanted to LIVE! She enjoyed each day to the fullest. She was always thankful for family and friends.

The last week has been beyond rough as mom's health was declining pretty quickly, but she wanted to be here...and was not yet ready to leave us.

Last Tuesday, November 17th, her pain was brutal and yet she waited for our family of five to all be by her side with her.

She passed away with her grandchildren present...the way she wanted to leave us.

We were able to tell her how loved and cherished she is to us, each one of us taking turns holding her cold hands.

While we are all completely heartbroken, we are so thankful that she is at peace now and her body is no longer suffering.