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An Angel's Laughter

Most of all, it was the laughter
That we noticed, from the start.
Your guffaws could rock the rafters.
Your soft lilt could warm the heart.

Then, before we even knew it
You would have us laughing, too.
In such moments of elation
There is no one quite like you.

From your Bethel Park beginnings,
With your picture-perfect smile,
You were named by pageant judges
As the winner, by a mile.

Your photo tugged Jim's heartstrings.
Said he "She'll be my wife!"
And you proclaimed a love for him
You treasured all your life.

What a pair! That Zanos spirit
Built a love that still lives on.
Daughters Niki and Adona
Are the essence of Yvonne.

Grandbabies! How you loved them!
Lala made them laugh, as well.
And as they grew, your friends all knew
Fond stories that you'd tell.

But when it came to those in need
You battled tooth and nail,
Empowering the powerless.
You would not let them fail.

And then, the battle of your life:
You willed yourself to live.
The Turkey Fund reached record heights.
You still had much to give.

You gave hope when life seemed hopeless,
With each update, each report.
You brought joy to all you touched,
Though you knew your time was short.

Who could ever rise above you
In your power to uplift?
To know you was to love you.
And to love you was a gift.

Now you've earned the Wings of Angels
(And yes, Yvonne, you knew that).
But did you ask, on your first flight:
"Do they really do that?"

Tonight, I'll leave my home at dark
And lift my eyes on high,
And cast my gaze toward stars that fill
The January sky.

I will scan the vast hereafter,
To the world where you have gone.
Can you hear them? Angels' laughter!
Yes, they've met our dear Yvonne.

With love and respect,

Dave Crawley