



Marie Catherine Somoza

November 20, 1955 - September 8, 2023

Marie Catherine Somoza, 67, of Bellflower, California, returned to our Lord on September 8, 2023, at 2:17 AM. She was born on November 20, 1955, in Bellflower, CA, to Frances and Modesto Chabolla.

It is with profound sadness that we bid farewell to Marie, a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She is survived by her husband, Art Somoza, her three children, Nicole, Neil, and Lance, and her three cherished grandchildren, Daphne, Riley, and Elizabeth. Her legacy is also carried on by her five siblings and a large extended family, including nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Marie's life was deeply rooted in Bellflower, where she was born, raised, and resided throughout her entire journey. She was born to proud parents, Modesto and Frances Chabolla, and was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her second set of parents, Joe and Hilda Somoza, and her niece, Lora Somoza, whom we all dearly miss every day.

Marie's spirit was a force of nature, marked by her humor, capable ways, and brilliant mind. She possessed strength, determination, and a generous heart that touched everyone she met. While she could be strong-willed and stubborn at times, her loyalty and bravery were unmatched.

Marie will be remembered for the life she shared with her devoted husband, Arthur Michael Somoza, whom she lovingly spent 38 years alongside. Together, they shared a deep love for music, sports, dancing, and above all, their children, grandchildren, family, and friends.

She graduated from Bellflower High School and completed most of her college Associates Degree requirements at Cerritos College and ELAC. Throughout her life, Marie was a constant presence at Kaiser Permanente Downey, where she spent 35 dedicated years working. She made lifelong friends and was known for her keen eye for grammar and spelling.

She had a love for travel, playing slot machines, and enjoying an occasional adult beverage. Her passion for dance was only rivaled by her love for rock and roll legend Bob Seger. Marie was often the life of the party, her vibrant energy lighting up any gathering.

In the end, she battled numerous afflictions including CRPS and Cancer,

enduring continuous pain and discomfort. However, when her time came, she faced it with dignity, strength, and unwavering faith.

Marie Catherine Somoza may have left us, but her memory lives on in the hearts of those who loved her. As we mourn her passing, we find solace in the cherished memories of her laughter, wisdom, and love. She now rests in the loving embrace of her God and her parents, free from pain.

"You never said I'm leaving, you never said goodbye, you were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. A million times I've looked for you, and a million times we've cried. If love could have saved you, then you would have never died. In life we loved you dearly, and in death we love you still. You hold a place in our hearts that no one else could ever fill, but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you the day the lord called you home." – Author Unknown

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who stood by her side until the end, especially the Kaiser Permanente doctors, staff, friends, and family who provided her with around-the-clock care, support, and comfort.

Marie, instead of running against the wind, now runs with it, free from pain and suffering.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hills Memorial Park

3888 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

St. Hilary Parish
5465 Citronell Ave.
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Rosary

SEP **25**. 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM (PT)

St. Hilary Parish
5465 Citronell Ave.
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Mass

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Hilary Parish
5465 Citronell Ave.
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Graveside Services

SEP **26.** 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (PT)

Rose Hills Memorial Park
3888 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601

Reception

SEP **26.** 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM (PT)

The Mayne Events Center
16400 Bellflower Blvd.
Bellflower, CA 90706

Parking is available across the street in the parking structure

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marie Catherine Somoza.*



September 25, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Growing up we were very close, she was a fun loving sweet little sister who I loved and will miss but I know I will see her again in heaven. Happy that she is with the Lord and our mom and dad. Happy she is completely out of pain and cancer free.*

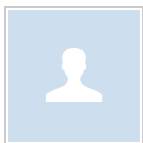
Richard Chabolla - September 25, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marie Catherine Somoza.*



September 24, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie Catherine Somoza.*



September 24, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Marie Catherine Somoza.*



September 23, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marie Catherine Somoza.

September 20, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Marie Catherine Somoza.*



September 20, 2023 at 03:44 PM

LS

“ Dearest friends and family:

In lieu of flowers, we humbly ask you to consider placing a donation in Marie's name with one of the following organizations:

RSDSA - For sufferers of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS)

<https://rsds.org/donate/>

American Lung Association - Your tax-deductible donation funds lung disease and lung cancer medical research, new treatments, CT screenings, lung health education and more.

<https://lung.org>

Thank you.

Lance Somoza - September 18, 2023 at 07:46 PM

TS

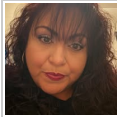
“ *To my brother and his family: I can't express enough the sorrow I feel for your loss. Marie was a really great person, mother and wife and she will be dearly missed. The only positive thing is that she is no longer in pain and is now in the hands of the Lord in the best possible place...Heaven. Further, she is in great company with those friends and family members whom we have lost over the the years. I will really miss her and her sense of humor and I look forward to seeing her once again in the afterlife.*

Tom Somoza - September 18, 2023 at 05:31 PM

MB

To Art and family, It is with great sorrow I write these words. My heart goes out to you for your loss, and I know it's big. It helps to know she will be joined with her parents whom she was so close to. I will miss her, her laughter, sense of humor, and a Very special friendship we shared. I will never forget her as she was more like a sister to me since the day I met her in 7th grade. love you my friend, may you rest in peace.

Mary Villanueva Broesder - September 18, 2023 at 11:57 PM



My heart goes out to family and friends that feel the loss of, Marie. I had the chance to meet her and Although it was for a short period, she most definitely touched my heart. Even through the pain she laughed with me as we exchanged stories. She was a bright light in darkness. She will forever be in my heart. □

Corina Muro - September 24, 2023 at 10:10 PM

LT

My prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Marie I worked with her at Kaiser Healthy Education Department she was the best friend I had she was always so happy and full of life. I will always remember her this way. May the Lord Bless the family and get you through this difficult time.

Lorraine Torres

Lorraine Torres - September 25, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie Catherine Somoza.*



September 18, 2023 at 05:30 PM