



Gina Maria Ornelas

September 8, 1960 - June 10, 2023

Gina Maria Ornelas, age 62, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 10, 2023, in West Jordan Utah. She was born September 8, 1960 in Wichita, Kansas to Donato and Guadalupe Ornelas.

Gina has a beautiful soul. She loved life and enjoyed being surrounded by friends and loved ones. Her greatest joy was spending time with her son(Kage), finance(Whitney) and granddaughter(Klea). She was a marvelous grandmother and was blessed to have the opportunity to spend quality time with her grandbaby. She was a spectacular cook and specialized in many gourmet dishes. Gina loved to share her talents with all of her dear friends and family. Gina had a warm and contagious smile. Her dynamic personality often made her the life of the party. Gina was positive and courageous in spite of her many health challenges. Gina bravely battled and survived breast cancer. Her strength, faith and extraordinary love of her family is what motivated her to persevere through her trials. Gina was an incredible seamstress as well as designer. She found great joy and satisfaction in handcrafting her sons Halloween and stage costumes. Gina had an enormous heart and was kind and generous to all she met. She loved to dance, especially at her sons live musical performances. Gina was and will always be one of the sweetest and most thoughtful people you could ever have the pleasure of knowing.

Gina is survived by her partner Brent Hughart, son Kage (Whitney), granddaughter Klea, siblings: Brenda McKellips (Larry), Nancy Carr (Michael), Tillie Dellaquila, Marjean Ornelas (Lalo), and Melissa Hayward (David).

Preceded by parents, Donato and Guadalupe Ornelas. Siblings: Don, Marty, and Ron Ornelas.

A viewing for the immediate family will be held on June 16, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home located at 13863 S 2700 W, Bluffdale, Utah

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday June 17th at 2126 W Lawrence Circle, South Jordan, 84095 from 4PM to 8PM.

If you would like to help contribute to the funeral arrangements or the Celebration of Life, you can do so directly to Kage's Venmo @ Kage-Hughart-

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Building
2126 West Lawrence Circle
South Jordan, UT 84095

Tribute Wall

AP

“Gina was such a wonderful light she welcomed me as a volunteer into the Catchecism Classroom immediately eventually I took over my own class. I will never forget the love and light that she always shine so greatly through her! Kate, I'm so sorry for loss. God Bless you always



Angela Parks - October 12, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“Gina Maria Ornelas

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

SA

“This beautiful lady and friend will be greatly missed! I had the pleasure of many years with her but of late missed being with her. I was there the day she and Brent welcomed Kage into this world and shared many memories with them raising Kage. I loved her spunk and fun personality. She was a wonderful aunt to all the kids. Gina you were greatly loved and I will always miss you
❤️

shelly anderson - July 22, 2023 at 10:03 PM

AE

“Aimee Eskew lit a candle in memory of Gina Maria Ornelas



Aimee Eskew - July 20, 2023 at 09:05 PM

AE

“ I had no idea that Gina had passed until I just happened upon her obituary a little bit ago. Now that I am over the initial shock and sadness that enveloped me as I read her obituary, I would like to send my sincere condolences to her family. Me and Gina lost touch over the last 5-10 years and I really wish now that we hadn't. This woman was the most beautiful soul I have ever known. A beautiful person both inside and out and the most loving and caring person on earth that I ever knew. I threw a pool party for Gina at my home right after she found out she had breast cancer in 2013. Gina just loved, loved, loved the water. Those were some scary times and I really loved being there for her when she was in need of some caring, love and compassion. Right now, I feel like I can't even find the right words to say what a genuine, remarkable and awesome woman she was. She was the best. I love her and she truly was one of the best friends that I have ever had. To her family, you all were her life and she always had the best things to say about you all. She loved you guys so much. My heart aches for you and I truly hope that you all are getting over this horrible loss as best you can. God bless you and your family.

With love and sympathy,

Aimee Eskew (Sykes)

Aimee Eskew - July 20, 2023 at 09:04 PM

TH

“Gina, who I call Momma G, is a pivotal, strong pillar of a woman in my history, beginning at the age of 4.

My heart hurts for all of you, Brent, Kage, Whitney and Klea; in addition to the surviving sisters (aunts). To all her friends and family and loved ones, I am sorry for this loss.

Gina lit up every space she entered. Her laughter, her voice, her mega watt smile, and her genuine goodness. She had a heart of love, compassion, giving and nurturing. One of the most fierce women I have ever had the gift of knowing. I'm so grateful God gave me Momma G. I'm so grateful God gave her a life and legacy of love, motherhood, friendship, and being a grandma. I hold dear to my heart the memories I was blessed to share with her and so very grateful I was able to spend time with her, Kage, Whitney and Brent last summer. Gina had a presence that just made you want to be around her, to talk with her.

I will miss her, as will so many. It is a comfort knowing she had such a strong faith and love for Jesus and is rocking around in Heaven, spreading her laughter and love and joy with others. She is reconciled with those who have gone before her and I can only imagine what a joyous homecoming that was for all of them, even if much too soon for those of us who remain behind.

I love you Momma G, thank you for loving me and my family. Love-Baby Girl Tammi

Tammi Harrington - June 21, 2023 at 12:15 PM

KG

“ I loved Gina so much and had the best time with her while growing up. Gina was my fourth sister.

Gina was incredibly hospitable and always welcomed me into her home in Utah, making sure I was well-taken care of and mostly, fed. She always made the best tacos ever! One of my favorite memories of her was when she came to visit me in CA. Gina, my daughter Tara, her friend, and I were up late just hanging out and Gina was making us all laugh so hard we cried. I can't recall what it was that was so funny but that memory always comes to me when I think of her.

I will always value my friendship with Gina and will miss her compassion, love of Jesus, infectious laugh, and raspy voice. But I know God has assigned her as an angel now and is taking very good care of her. And if I know Gina like I think I do, she made Him smile just a little wider on the day she came to greet Him. And now, she's having a ball laughing, singing, and dancing in heaven.

Rest in Peace, Gina. Love, your little sis, Kat.



Kathy Granite - June 20, 2023 at 01:10 PM

SB

“ 3 files added to the album 2015



Sheryle Bauer - June 16, 2023 at 03:18 PM

SB

“ God recently opened his Heavenly gates for his earth angel, Gina Ornelas. If only we could have seen the joy in her eyes when she was greeted by her loving family in Heaven, we might find solace in her passing.

Sadly, she passed not knowing just how much I loved her. I loved her immensely, but showed no mercy or kindness toward her in the last days of her life. For that I will suffer and ask God's forgiveness.

Gina was a remarkable woman who gave all of herself to helping others. Her heart was overflowing with love and kindness. Her laughter was contagious. I will always remember her big heart and her beautiful smile. She was not without her demons and fought hard to overcome them. Her struggles were real, but she persevered and pressed on always towering above her troubles in the name of love for what mattered most to her: Her love for her family. She will be tormented no longer. She is in peace within the arms of Jesus now and is young and healthy and even more beautiful than ever.

In what seems to be an untimely passing of a beautiful soul, I ask that we not ask, "Why," but ask, "What now?"

God bless Gina and God bless her family.

Sheryle Bauer

Sheryle Bauer - June 16, 2023 at 01:49 PM

AG

“Gina will be greatly missed. My family loved her dearly. She treated everyone she loved like her own family. She had a way of always making me feel like I was special. I will miss her spunky personality, and her laugh the most. Well and spending time with her most Friday nights. She will always be missed by anyone that knew her. Life will never be the same. ❤️

A.J. Gundersen - June 16, 2023 at 12:51 AM

DG

“Hi I'm Lil Bit! I wrote a whole long thing and accidently erased it. Gina would love that so I guess that was just for her. Her and I laughed and cried but mainly just fricken laughed. I personally loved her without eye brows that was our time. I miss you and always will. Know that I will always be here for your family just like you were for mine!! Love you Kage and Brent

Debbie Gundersen - June 15, 2023 at 11:32 PM