## **Obituary for Khrystine Janet Ramos**



Khrysta Valdez Ramos baptized Kristine Janet Ramos entered her life on November 26th, 1970 in Barstow, California to parents Jose and Catalina Ramos and was the youngest of ten children. Khrysta passed peacefully on to the eternal life on Saturday, February 23, 2019 in Hemet, California surrounded by her fiancée Marius Barbu and her two loving dogs Thor and Cleo.

A lover of sports, she participated on the cross country, tennis, and Tall Flag/Dance teams at Barstow High School. In 1987 Khrysta was chosen as first princess in the Miss Sweetheart pageant and in 1988 was first princess in the Miss Barstow Pageant. After graduating from High School,

she attended Barstow Community College for two years and was a member of the Varsity Tennis Team. In 1990 Khrysta Ramos was hired by the City of Barstow and worked in Economic Development before being promoted to Public Relations Officer. During this tenure Khrysta also hosted "High Desert Happenings" on the local Cable channel. The show was designed to keep the public informed on local activities and events. She was also responsible for attracting film to the High Desert and was a Board member of the Inland Empire Film Commission. Khrysta secured desert locations for "Tall Tales", "Broken Arrow", "From Dusk till Dawn", "Breakdown" and various other movies, commercials and music videos.

In 1996 Khrysta left the High Desert to relocate to Los Angeles and pursue her dream of writing. She has interviewed Kelly Rutherford, Michael Cade, and Craig Scheffer for Axcess magazine and has several short stories and screen plays published and produced. While pursuing her dream Khrysta worked at several restaurants throughout the Los Angeles area. In early 2000 Khrysta became an Event Director at II Fornaio and found her true passion. Throwing parties and events became where her beautiful, bubbly and shining personality really showed through. She worked at several other high-end establishments like II Morro, Provecho, Chaya Restaurant Group, Club Corp City Club, Luminarias and Baltaire Steak House. Her warm inviting personality and ability to make friends with everybody she met will truly be missed by the thousands of people's lives she touched. Her passion for entertaining was only superseded by her love of cooking. Khrysta's recipes were always unique and delicious. She often posted them on her Instagram page, "@laLatinaEnLaCocina", and won the tamale contest in Los Angeles three years in a row with her mother's gourmet recipe.

Khrysta is predeceased by her father, Jose Valdes Ramos, mother Catalina Ramos, and sister Lisita Farinella. She is survived by her brother Andres Ramos, sisters Gloria Coppedge, Natalia Soderbloom, Melinda Ramos Alston, Sylvia Durbin, and fiancée Marius Barbu.

Khrysta's wishes were to be cremated and her final resting place will be at Barstow Cemetery with her father and mother at a later date.

Khrysta's Memorial Service will be held on Saturday March 9th at 2:00 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church at 10800 Moorpark Street North Hollywood, CA. Immediately following her service we will have a Celebration of Life Ceremony in honor of Khrysta. Each of you carries a special bond or memory with Khrysta. She would be happy to know that you carry that bond forward, by sharing with your families the love of life she shared with you.... Pay it forward.

Memorial Mass Saturday March 9th at 2:00 pm St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church 10800 Moorpark Street North Hollywood, CA