



Madeline Mary Castro

March 14, 1936 - July 14, 2025

Madeline Mary Castro maiden name Villacres, from Chino Hills California passed away on July 14, 2025, at the age of 89 with her loving family by her side. She passed in her lake side home at the Los Serrano's Retirement community.

Madeline was born in Williamsburg Brooklyn on March 14, 1936. A neighborhood known for its mix of tight-knit immigrant communities and crowded tenements was where she met the love of her life, Ralph Castro. They were married on February 7th, 1959. Roughly 5 years later they started building their family with the birth of their first daughter, Julie.

Madeline was a homemaker and community volunteer. She was a catechist for the Catholic Church who was able to pass on the faith to countless children. She was an active parent/grandparent room mom at schools and even volunteered at the hospital gift shop. She was involved in many communities, groups and leagues from Bowling to Girl Scouts. Madeline was also heavily involved in the Knights of Columbus. She was part of the catalyst to create the Ladies of the Snow, a women's auxiliary to the Knights fraternity, for the Father Maguire Council #3851 serving Covina and West Covina. She was elected as the Grand Lady and served from 1994- 1996.

Madeline is remembered for her kindness, grace, compassion, love of family and friends. She expressed gratitude for a beautiful life filled with many wonderful memories. Madeline embraced a vibrant and lively household where all were welcome. She created a fun and loving atmosphere where

everyone could actively interact, create, and enjoy each other's company. She was the hostess extraordinaire. Madeline and her husband Ralph hosted many parties which naturally included dancing planned or spontaneous and these continued through the years.

Madeline's final resting place is at Forest Lawn, Covina Hills, Columbarium of Immortality, space 4701C.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Madeline Castro*

She always told me I'd be late to her funeral

I made it!

I remember my mother often

She has influenced every aspect of my life from my love of singing to my love of the pool

She was the warmest person I knew and it wasn't held solely for her family she shared that warmth through out her life to her friends and even strangers

Her children can likely all share stories of being at a grocery store longer because she talked to the checkout person for a long time

She was a story teller. Often so excited to share the latest news and gossip that we would forget what we originally wanted to talk to her about

She was also an animal lover who could raise the nastiest chihuahuas you'd ever meet, but they loved her

She raised us to want families of our own and her giant family really shows the brainwashing. I joke of course. She just wanted us all to be happy and have someone. She took joy in learning that her older grandchildren were all starting to find their special person, like she found our father.

Humor, she reminds me of humor. From torturing all with well placed comebacks and observations to making sure we knew exactly what she thought of our clothes for the day.

My mother was fashion! A model who often made us model clothes she bought for us.

She was a party person and often the life of it. She taught us to enjoy life and dance often.

She loved so much that our problems became her problem. We all caused many sleepless nights.

My guardian earth angel is now watching all of us from above. And praying for us. With love, celebrating our victories and stressing with us over our struggles.

All and all I know she is making sure we are never alone.

Ralph Castro Jr. - November 21, 2025 at 12:39 PM