



## Christine Dantes

September 14, 1951 - April 21, 2016

Dr. Christine Dantes passed away at our home, in Turlock, CA, on April 21, 2016, after a brief yet valiant battle with cancer. She was 64. Chris was born on September 14, 1951, in Paterson, NJ, to her parents Dante and Anna DiLella. She spent most of her life caring for others. While raising her daughter Dina, Chris worked by selling insurance. She then decided to go back to school, earning her AA in 2006, BA in 2008, MA in 2010, and finally her PHD in 2015. For the last four years of her life, she was the primary caretaker of her aging mother. Chris leaves behind many loved ones including her daughter Dina Rodriguez, son-in-law David, granddaughter Gabriela, and grandson Nicolas. She is also survived by her mother, Anna DiLella, brothers Dante, David, and Daniel, and many other beloved relatives and friends. Her father, Dante DiLella, preceded her in death. There will be a public visitation with viewing for Dr. Christine Dantes on Thursday, 4/28, from 4:00-7:00 PM at Turlock Funeral Home in the small chapel. Christine requested to be cremated. Her ashes will be interred following a graveside service on Monday, 5/2, at 10:00 AM, at Turlock Memorial Park, Redwood Gardens. The address for both is 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock, CA 95380. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Christine's life. Services in NJ still TBD, but tentatively for the end of May or beginning of June. In lieu of flowers, you can choose to donate to the American Cancer Society. Thank you to all.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home  
425 North Soderquist Road  
Turlock, CA 95381  
(209) 632-9111  
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

## Graveside Service

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park  
575 N. Soderquist Rd.  
Turlock, CA 95380  
(209) 632-9111  
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Christine Dantes*

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January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM

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“One of the funniest childhood memories I have of my sister is the “I’ll treat” night. We just finished having pizza. I don’t remember where exactly, it could have been Sun Ray, Casa Rosa or maybe Pizza Town USA. (I mention these places because I know some of you will remember them). It was our mom and dad, Chris, Dave and I. Don wasn’t there. Well we kids wanted ice cream after our pizza. Dad said no. But Chris, who was sitting in the back seat with her two younger brothers shouted, “I’ll treat.” So off we went for ice cream to Nanook of the North, as we used to call it. I don’t really know if that was its name, but that’s what our mother would call it. We all ordered our ice creams and our then our father looked to Chris for some money to pay for it. Chris laughed and said, “I don’t have any money!” We kids all started laughing. Mom and Dad were laughing too. We couldn’t stop. From that night on, I remember any time I wanted something from our parents, I would say “I’ll treat!” My sister’s laugh, every time she laughed made you want to smile and laugh as well. Chris had a great laugh, a strong good laugh that made you feel happy.

When we got older Chris lived in some wonderful places. The lake house in Bloomingdale was beautiful. I would bring my family and our parents and we would have cook outs and ride around the lake in the motor boat. My girls would jump in the water and swim off the dock.

The first house Chris had in California, where Dina had her horse, what a beautiful area; prairie dogs on the hill, snakes in the dryer. I remember the two giant Rottweilers, and Katie and Sarah were only babies and Katie smacking one of the dogs on the nose when it got to close.

Chris loved her family. She loved our parents. She took care of our mom. She loves Dina, David, Gabriela and Nicolas so much, there are no words to describe it. We would send mom and Chris videos and pictures of my kids, Emily in a prom dress. Dan in the jazz band. I can’t tell you how sad I am about this. Chris was so proud and happy when she got her Doctorate. We love you Dr. Dantes, Dan, Maureen, Katie, Sarah, Emily and Dan. God bless you and keep you.

Daniel DiLella - May 02, 2016 at 09:57 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Christine Dantes .*



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April 27, 2016 at 06:02 PM