



## Maria Manuela Melim

October 27, 1937 - January 20, 2026

Maria Manuela Melim was born on October 27, 1937 in Santa Cruz, Madeira, Portugal and passed away peacefully on January 20, 2026 at the age of 88. She was a loving wife to Manuel De Ponte Dos Santos for 38 years until his passing in 1990 and a devoted mother to her children, son Armando, daughter Tirsia Priscila, and son Orlando. She was loved and adored by her four grandchildren Chelsea, Alex, Jesus Manuel, Eduardo, and great-grandchildren Victor Manuel, Charlotte, and Clara.

Maria immigrated to South America in 1969 where her and her husband Manuel raised their family on a beautiful hill-side farm with 14 dogs. She used her feisty personality to help others get in shape as an aerobics instructor for 23 years before retiring in 2012. Maria moved to the United States in 2021 to spend her golden years with her daughter Tirsia Priscila before her passing.

Maria will always be remembered for the way she loved and cared for others, her contagious laugh, full-of-life personality, and strong Catholic values. She loved cooking, gardening, going to mass, spending time with family, getting her hair and nails done, winning big at the casino, and watching soccer games (specifically Cristiano Ronaldo). Despite her health challenges, Maria fought hard to keep going for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who brought the biggest smile to her face. Maria is preceded in death by her husband Manuel, parents Dominguez and Monica Melim, and nine younger

siblings. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-children who loved and cherished her.

The love, values, and memories she left behind will live on through all who loved her.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (PT)

Murray Family Funeral Chapel  
4147 Rocklin Road  
Rocklin, CA 95677  
(916) 824-2737  
<http://www.murrayfamilyfuneralchapel.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Buenas noches soy el hijo menor de María Manuela Melin desde Venezuela necesito un número celular i correo electrónico para contactar con ustedes la brevedad posible* ”



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