



FOR MY MOTHER,  
MICHELE

*By Michael Luna*

It must have been so hard,  
To hold on through the pain,  
For so long.

You raised me, your only son.  
And you tried so hard  
To teach me right from wrong.  
Everything good in me,  
Began with you.

Now you are with your sisters  
And with your mother.  
Because of that,  
I know you are not truly gone.

You carried that pain,  
Until the final day.  
Until the sun was bright  
And the skies were no longer gray.  
You chose a peaceful day to go.

I was not there to hold your hand,  
And watch as you passed into another land.  
But I tried so hard to bring you back,  
Perhaps God had another plan.

All I could do was comfort you,  
And care for you.  
And I loved you through it all.

I love you, Mom, so very much.  
I am grateful that I was there,  
To give you one last touch.

Even though you had passed,  
I know you felt it.  
And I know that love will last.



IN LOVING  
MEMORY



MICHELE ANNE LUNA

JANUARY 18, 1941 — MARCH 7, 2026

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2025, 10:00AM  
LAGUNA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LAGUNA BEACH, CA



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Song

“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me” *Robinson, Thompson, Farren*

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Kathy Sizer

One: Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die.”

**All: And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.**

One: Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened,  
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, and  
you shall find rest for your souls.”

**All: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
Praise the Lord.**

One: The Lord’s name be praised.

Prayer: Rev. Beth A. Pinney

Hymn #425: “In the Garden”, *Miles*

## Scripture Readings

Psalm 23—Priscilla Yacawych, Niece

Heidelberg Catechism—Marguerite Rivera, Sister-in-law

## Reflections

John Luna Jr., Spouse, Dr. Diane Drake, Friend, David Barnett, Brother  
Andrea Galante, Daughter, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”, *Dorsey*

## A Time for Sharing

## Message

Rev. Dr. Kathy Sizer

“Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Rev. Beth A. Pinney

Prayer, Committal and Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Kathy Sizer

Honor Guard Ceremony, Nurse Honor Guard of Southern California

## Blessing & Benediction

*The family invites you to the reception in Tankersley Hall following the service.*

Michele was born January 18, 1941 to Ann and Charles Barnett in the Bronx, New York. In August of 1948, Charles and Ann drove Michele and her siblings across the country in their ‘41 Buick, to their new home in Azusa, CA. After graduating from Azusa High School, she married her first husband, Robert Smith, and soon welcomed their son Michael Edward in 1961, and daughter Stephanie Rozella in 1962. In 1966, Michele married John Luna, Jr., and they welcomed their daughter Andrea Marguerita in 1970. They bought their dream home and moved, with Andrea, to Laguna Beach, CA in 1979.

Michele began her nursing career in 1966, graduating with her LVN from Citrus College in Glendora, CA. She soon earned her RN from Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, and her Pediatric Nurse Practitioner from UCLA. Later, she would earn her BSN, MSN, and Ph.D. in Nursing. After earning her PNP, Michele was instrumental in beginning the Head Start program in Compton, CA. She was listed in Who’s Who in the West for her contributions. As her career matured, she shifted her career focus to Quality Management, the field in which she would finish her career. Michele strived for excellence in nursing, and was a staunch advocate for the health and welfare of nurses, studying nurse fatigue and patient harm.

In 1994, Michele, John, Andrea and her husband David became members at Laguna Presbyterian Church. Michele was a beloved pillar of LPC. She spent her years serving as a deacon, and Stephens Minister, before dedicating her time as a leader and facilitator of the Disciple program. She had a deep love for LPC’s congregation, and she manifested that love into creating personalized birthday cards, using her own photos and poetry, that she would send to LPC members every year. In the early 2000s, she spent her Sunday mornings, Christmas Eves, and Easter Sundays, as a church greeter and usher. Michele took great pride in her role, and became a treasured and welcoming presence at the narthex entrance of the church. She was known for her warm smile, impeccable fashion, and her strict “no liquids in the church” policy. In March 2022, Michele moved to Daly City to be near her son Michael, and his family, who cared for her until her peaceful passing on March 7, 2026.

Michele is preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, Ardis and Meg, and the many cats she so lovingly cared for over the years. She is greatly missed, but her spirit and legacy will continue in the lives of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.