



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MATTHEW B. SOTELO

SEPTEMBER 18, 1981 ~ JUNE 21, 2026



*He loved well.
He was deeply loved.
His legacy lives on.*

MEMORIAL FUNERAL SERVICE

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

July 2, 2026

10:30 - 12:00 PM Visitation/ Remembrances

12:00 - 1:00 PM Memorial Funeral Mass



ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Song

On Eagles' Wings

Greeting

Deacon Charles Mitchell

Opening Prayer

Fr. John Keybasuuta

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 4: 7-14

Annika Estacio (*Niece*)

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Keala and Kailee Sunada (*Nieces*)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sophia Sagara (*Niece*)

Gospel

Revelation 14:13

Deacon Charles Mitchell

Homily

Deacon Charles Mitchell

Profession of Faith

Fr. John Keybasuuta

General Intercessions

Royce & Sloan Sotelo (*Daughters*) and

Beatrice Estacio (*Niece*)

Sign of Peace

Deacon Charles Mitchell

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

Here I am Lord

Donna Estacio & Lilani Estacio Dunn (*Cousins*)

The Lord's Prayer

Fr. John Keybasuuta

Communion

Prayer of St. Francis

Words of Remembrance

Jasbir Sandhu (*Best Friend*)

Aleni Sunada (*Godmother & Cousin*)

Words of Appreciation & Invitation

Aileen Sagara (*Cousin*)

Final Prayer

Fr. John Keybasuuta

Closing Song

Lean on Me

Matthew B. Sotelo passed away on June 21, 2026, at the age of 44, following complications from a medical incident he suffered in October 2025.

Born on September 18, 1981, in Pasadena, California, to Ismael “Mike” Sotelo and Rosalinda “Sally” Sotelo, Matt was a proud Pasadena native whose life was defined by creativity, compassion, authenticity, and a deep love for family and friends. From an early age, his artistic talent set him apart, leading him to attend the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA), where he developed a passion for creative expression that remained with him throughout his life.

Matt brought energy, dedication, and heart to everything he did. In recent years, he found fulfillment as a coach at UFC Gym in Rosemead, where he became a mentor, coach, and friend to many. Whether through fitness, conversation, or simply showing up for the people in his life, Matt had a gift for connecting with others and making them feel supported. Alongside his work in fitness, he continued to pursue his love of art and creativity.

In the early 2000s, Matt met Annie Nguyen, and together they shared 20 years of friendship, adventure, travel, laughter, and unforgettable memories. Their bond remained one of the most important relationships in his life. Together they welcomed their daughters, Royce in 2017 and Sloan in 2019, who quickly became the loves of his life. Fatherhood was his greatest joy, and he treasured every opportunity to spend time with his girls, creating memories both big and small that they will carry with them always.

Matt was preceded in death by his father, Mike, who passed away in 2001.

He is survived by his daughters, Royce and Sloan; his mother, Sally; his brother, Mark Sotelo, and sister-in-law, Meghan Bowles Sotelo; Annie Nguyen, the mother of his children and one of his closest lifelong friends; and a large community of extended family members, friends, colleagues, clients, and loved ones who were fortunate to know him.

Those who knew Matt will remember his warmth, humor, generosity, and unwavering loyalty. He had a way of making people feel welcome, understood, and valued. His infectious laugh, quick wit, and genuine spirit left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Even in passing, Matt continued to give to others. As an organ donor, he helped save lives and offered hope to families he never had the chance to meet—a final act of generosity that reflected the way he lived his life.

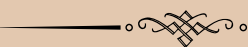
A visitation will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Altadena, California. Funeral services will begin at 12:00 p.m., followed by burial at 1:30 p.m. at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills.

Though his time here was far too short, Matt’s love, spirit, and the example he set for his daughters will remain forever in the hearts of all who loved him.

CO-CELEBRANTS:
Father John Keybasuuta
Deacon Charles Mitchell

PIANIST: *Paul Stifel* VOCALIST: *Georgina García*

PALLBEARERS:
Michael Macasero *Jasbir Sandhu*
Hunter Mossman *Cris Sumada*
Iyson Sagara *Eddie Arrieta*
Mark Soteló (Honorary)



PROCESSION TO THE CEMETERY

Immediately following the Funeral Mass, we will proceed to Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills for the Rite of Committal at 1:30 PM.

RECEPTION

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Following the Rite of Committal, family and friends are warmly invited to join us for a reception in celebration of Matthew's life.

Max's Restaurant of Manila
313 W Broadway, Glendale



A GIFT FOR ROYCE & SLOAN

Matt's story lives on through the people that knew and loved him. Please help us preserve that story by sharing a memory, message, or photo. Your words will become part of the legacy we pass on to Royce and Sloan.




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