Donate Blood In Memory of
Chrissy Ochoa

Christine Marie Ochoa, a mother of 3 and a new grandmother was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in July 2020. One morning Chrissy was having some motor function problems and feared she had a stroke. After going to the hospital it was discovered she had a large brain tumor; 2 days later it was removed. Soon after that more tumors were discovered in her lungs and lymph nodes. She would begin her battle with cancer undergoing countless rounds of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She would have times of remission, but the cancer would always come back, and we'd begin the fight all over again.

In the summer of 2021 Chrissy's red blood cell count was depleted due to the side-effects of her chemo treatments. She received her first blood transfusion. Over the course of her battle she would have numerous blood and platelet transfusions due the horrible effects of chemo. She would receive blood transfusions over the course of the next year and half. It was because of the generosity of people who took the time to donate the blood that Chrissy needed that she was able to continue with her treatments and extend her life and give her more time with her family and loved ones.

Chrissy and her "fight crew" always stood next to her through her whole ordeal. Even the community stood by her. In April of 2022 the Operating Engineers and the Red Cross held a blood drive in her honor, but she unfortunately was unable to make the event, to personally thank everyone, due to her being in the hospital that day receiving transfusions. Chrissy never gave up, she refused. She was a warrior. It was her family and friends who gave her the strength to fight as long as she did. Unfortunately, on June 4th, 2022, Chrissy quietly passed away surrounded by her family. She earned her angel wings. Cancer didn't win, it never does. Not when people continue to fight against cancer by giving the gift of blood.

Blood Drive
Hosted by
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 428
Union Hall
6601 N. Black Canyon Hwy.
Phoenix, AZ 85015

Sunday, April 23, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment or for more information,
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