



## Sema Gross

August 19, 1973 - May 12, 2021

Sema Ramona Gross was born on August 19, 1973 in Washington, DC to the late William L. Gross and Patricia R. Gross. On May 12, 2021, Sema was welcomed into her heavenly home.

On the outside looking in, some would describe Sema as quiet, nice, and youthful. For those who knew her life's story, they would describe her as strong, faithful, resilient, an overcomer, determined, a fighter, divinely blessed, a walking testimony of God's grace, and simply...a miracle.

Sema grew up in Maryland and graduated in 1991 from Crossland High School in Temple Hills, MD. During her freshman year at the University of Maryland, College Park, Sema became ill. After numerous medical exams over several months, she was diagnosed with lupus. In 1994, the lupus attacked Sema's heart and kidneys. She was airlifted to the hospital and rushed to emergency open heart surgery. Her kidneys shut down and she was placed on dialysis. Family prayed and held vigils day and night as Sema fought for her life and after months in the hospital, God answered their prayers when she was released to go home for Thanksgiving!

She continued to live her life and excel mightily in spite of the life-long challenges and setbacks caused by lupus and kidney dialysis three-days a week. Sema returned to school, graduating cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts

degree in Library Science from Trinity College in Washington, DC. She worked for Library Systems & Services at the Library of Congress for more than 15 years rising to the rank of Supervisor. She became a homeowner, where she hosted gatherings with family and friends.

Sema was a longtime and faithful member of the Church of the Great Commission in Suitland, MD. She enjoyed traveling to family reunions, reading books, playing games, trying out new restaurants, attending the Metropolitan Cooking Shows and going out with family and friends. She was a fan of General Hospital, Greys Anatomy, Judge Judy, and The Office. Sema loved animals and enjoyed visiting the National Zoo, especially during the holidays to see ZooLights.

She leaves to cherish her memory, devoted mother, Patricia Gross; loyal sister, Sanovia Gross; brothers and sisters, Michael, Curtis, William Jr, Louis, Catherine, Thama, Rona, Turhan Sr., Toni, Janice, Reginald, Bernadette, Sandra, Allen Sr., Paso, Kiska, Fernando Sr., Serva, Guynel, Gigi, Lynne, Marquette, Nevada, and Anthony; Aunts Mary Spriggs, Gwendolyn Geddie, and Regina Richardson; Cousins Sabreena and Shante; Best Friend, Chanel, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her father, William L. Gross and brothers, Reno, Pacey & Paul Sr.

Sema was truly an inspiration for the way she lived her life, staying focused on her goals, being faithful to her Lord and Savior, and never giving up! On Facebook she posted, "One thing they can say about me is that I never gave up!"

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# Tribute Wall



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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - May 24, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *Sema Gross*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Sema lived across the hall from me at Cuvilly Hall while a student at Trinity College. We both worked together at LSSI in the early 2000s. Sema was such a sweetheart and had so much faith that God would heal her. I will miss Sema.*

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**Michelle Hinojosa Melencio** - July 26, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ *To Family of SEMA Gross glad had an opportunity to see and speak to her during caravan drive-by. She was strong will young lady who accomplished her goal in her short journey. Condolences to her Mom Patricia her siblings and her Aunt Gwendolyn and family.*

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**Shealia Tyson** - May 25, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *To the Gross Family.*

*Sending My Condolences and Prayer of strength and comfort to you during this time of the Loss of Sema.*



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**Stephanie Agee** - May 25, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *my Prayers and Condolences to the Gross Family, May God continue to comfort you in this time of grief!*



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**Nikki Hamlin** - May 25, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Nikki Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Sema Gross*



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**Nikki Hamlin** - May 25, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *May the Peace of God be with you with the loss of your daughter, Sema. We're praying for you and your family. Elder Charles & Phyllis Sanders*

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**CHARLES SANDERS** - May 24, 2021 at 05:33 PM

LO

“ *To The Gross Family,*

*Please accept my sympathy and condolences for your family. Sema was my supervisor and also, she was my friend. I knew her for many years since 2010. The first time when we met together, we talk like just friends, instead between boss and a regular employee. She made me feel unique, we chatted together about different topics and now I am not sure if she understood me everything, but she paid attention every word I said. After work together for many years and know Sema how she was. I notice that she was gifted and she made feel everyone especial. She was incredible, fun and very professional at work, there is no doubt why she was playing an important role in LSSI and LOC because she was very wise to solve difficult problems that only she could do it. It was an honor to have known her. I will really miss you Sema.*

*Leyla Osorio*

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**Leyla Osorio** - May 23, 2021 at 10:16 PM

LO

“ *Leyla and Guillermo Osorio purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sema Gross.*



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**Leyla and Guillermo Osorio** - May 23, 2021 at 11:31 AM

SH

“ *Sema’s ready smile and gentle spirit was a testament to her strength and confidence in the Lord. To the family, I pray that God comfort you at this time.*  
*Sheila Clark-Coleman*



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**sh** - May 21, 2021 at 08:37 AM

BE

“ *Sema,*

*You're Home, on your well deserved Throne. Few people get the chance to say their personal goodbyes before their loved one leaves this earth. Had I known about the final blessed caravan, it would have been such a blessing to be able to throw you a special kiss, give you that special smile you always had, or wave to you with a special thank you. Your battle was hard, and you fought it well, reaching heights some never reach. Your job is done, and done with excellence! I love you and our souls will join again.*



*Your oldest sister May 20, 2021*

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**Bernadette** - May 20, 2021 at 12:18 PM

AB

“ *To The Gross Family,  
Please accept my condolences and prayers for your family. Sema was one amazing woman! She persevered through anything that came her way and had such a kind spirit. When I started working with her so many years ago, I was blessed that she took me under her wing and taught me so much. Over the years of us working together, she became so much more than a supervisor but became a great friend. I thank God for sending her my way in life and I am so blessed to have known her!*

*Artisia Burton*

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**Artisia Burton** - May 20, 2021 at 12:15 PM

PW

“ *Pattie Williams lit a candle in memory of  
Sema Gross*



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**Pattie williams** - May 19, 2021 at 07:14 PM

ES

“ *I remember Sema as being a beautiful person with a huge smile. She was a quiet person but fun-loving. We enjoyed her visits here with her Florida family. I admired her strength and all she had accomplished in her short life in spite of her illness. May the Lord hold you, Sema, in His loving arms.*

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**Emma Slackman** - May 19, 2021 at 12:48 PM

ES

“ *Emma and Andy Slackman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sema Gross.*



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**Emma and Andy Slackman** - May 19, 2021 at 12:35 PM

VR

“ *To the Gross Family,  
Sema was truly an inspiration. Her fight, spirit and friendliness will always be remembered. My sincere condolences and prayers for you all.*

*Verniece Rorie*

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**Verniece Rorie** - May 19, 2021 at 11:41 AM

ST

“ *Gross Family,  
Please accept my sincerest sympathy for the loss of your beloved Sema. She always had a beaming smile, no matter what she was going through. She lived life well and was an example to us all. May she rest well in the arms of Jesus, and may you be comforted with the peace and love that only the Father can give.--Shirley Turner and Family*

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**Shirley Turner** - May 17, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - May 15, 2021 at 08:45 AM