



The Coseo Family:  
Michele, John, Anthony and Carmella

# UpClose

## Michele Coseo

Michele Coseo grew up in Libertyville, Illinois and Englewood, Colorado. In the 1980's, she moved to the west coast to continue her education at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, where she graduated with honors and received the Francis Courey Award for outstanding achievement in visual merchandising and marketing.

With a mother who is an interior designer and a father who is a contractor, Coseo learned the trade of design and merchandising at an early age. Coseo's interest in design led her to many years in retail visual merchandising and management, which then led her to pursue a career in interior design. During this time, Coseo was fortunate to acquire a position at Design Line Interiors in San Diego and credits Dawn Kearney of Design Line Interiors as a key mentor in shaping her career.

Today, Coseo is founder, co-owner and senior vice president of Savannah Design Group located in Escondido. Savannah Design Group is a small, growing model-merchandising firm with a talented design team that has a passion for interior design. As senior vice president, Coseo is involved in every phase of the design process, from presentation to installation. Coseo takes an active role in several charities through her church and her interior design firm is a member of the Building Industry Association of San Diego.

Coseo shares her life with John, her husband and their two children: Anthony, age 5 and Carmella, 18 months.



### Where is your favorite vacation spot in the United States?

Hiking and kayaking in the San Juan Islands and Puget Sound.

### If you could live in another country for one year, which one would it be?

Italy.

### What book is on your nightstand right now?

I have three: *The Bible*, *Restoring Italy* by Elizabeth Minchilli and *The Enemy Within* by Michael Savage.

### Would you rather be rich or famous?

Famous. I would rather be remembered for my accomplishments and contributions.

### Name three websites you check at least once daily.

Honestly, I check none.

### What is your favorite movie of all time?

The Princess Bride.

### What was your favorite Halloween costume growing up?

A gypsy.

### If you could win a Nobel Prize, in which category would it be?

Peace.

### What would you buy yourself with \$1 million?

A horse ranch.

### What is your personal motto?

"Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough worry of its own." -Matthew 6:34