Tragedy on film

Showtime series follows terminally ill, features Cabrillo student

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SANTA CRUZ — When Nicole Lencioni began losing her mother to cancer, she started videotaping her family’s emotional journey.

Her footage will be featured on Showtime’s six-part series “Time of Death,” premiering Friday.

Lenzioi said her mother, Maria, revealed more to video interviews than she ever did in conversation.

“She said: ‘When we do something for other people, we give ourselves more permission to be more vulnerable because you think it’s for the greater good,’” said Lencioni.

“[Time of Death] was her open door of communication that we had never experienced, my mom and I.”

TIME OF DEATH

WHAT: Dramedy series about people and their battles in the last month and days before death.

LOCAL FAMILY: Hospital patient Maria Lencioni and her three children cope with her terminal breast cancer.

SCHEDULE: Premieres Friday on Showtime, channeled 510 on Comcast, 600 on DIRECTV, 600 on Charter.

INFORMATION: To follow Nicole Lencioni, visit www.facebook.com/ nicolellcarr.

Nicole Lencioni, right, moved back to Santa Cruz from Los Angeles in 2008 when her mother, Maria, left, was diagnosed with cancer.

Nicole Lencioni uses her grandmother, Paul Lencioni, at her mother’s cememntation.

Maria Lencioni, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008, is featured on Showtime’s series “Time of Death.”