



## Mary Ann Perez

July 24, 1948 - June 11, 2023

Mary Ann Perez age 74 of Six Lakes passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Mary was born on July 24, 1948 in Owosso, Michigan the daughter of Frank D. and Blanche P. (Wilson) Arnold. After completing high school, Mary Ann continued her education earning an Associates Degree, a Bachelor's Degree, and eventually her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. She was very proud and dedicated in being well educated.

Mary Ann always had a heart for family and children and devoted herself to being a Foster Parent to over 250 children, eventually adopting 11 of those children. She took great joy in opening her home and showing love and care to children in need of support and guidance. She always looked forward to the holidays because that would mean family was together celebrating. She was a huge "coffee lover" and with caring for that many children over the years – rarely was without a good cup in her hands. She enjoyed visits to the west side of the state where she could soak up the sun and relax in the waters of Lake Michigan while camping with her family. Mary Ann was always in search of a good bargain frequenting Flea Markets, Garage Sales, and Antique shops. One of her favorite hobbies was found in the peacefulness of fishing.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Blanche; her bonus daughter Jodie Laverty; and her siblings Thomas, Frankie Lou, and Terry Arnold.

Mary will be greatly missed by her children Michelle (Tim) Rufener of Remus, Kristina Perez of Alabama, Nicole Perez of Big Rapids, Andrew (Tiffany) Perez of Owosso, Shannon Perez of Arkansas, Melissa (Terry) McDonnell of Lewiston, Michael Perez, Desiree Perez, Rebecca Perez, Elizabeth Perez, and Mary Ana Perez all of Six Lakes. Julie Dunson of Lakeview. She will also be missed by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her brother William "Bill" Arnold of Roscommon; and her sister Sharon Sloan of Walhalla; Her best friend Karen Selbig of Owosso; along with many nieces and nephews, and hundreds of loved foster children.

A service of remembrance will be held for Mary Ann on Saturday, June 17 at 11:00 am at the Bachelor Cemetery in Fountain.

# Cemetery Details

## Bachelor Cemetery

5940 E Sugar Grove Rd  
Fountain, MI 49410

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Kathleen B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Perez.

Kathleen B. - June 14, 2023 at 04:06 PM

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“ I will never forget the love and care she showed to me. It's so scary to show up on a strangers doorstep, but Mary made me feel safe and cared about the moment she opened the door. She truly was an amazing loving person. God has a special place in heaven for her. Rest in peace.



Tiffany Wallace - June 14, 2023 at 02:35 PM

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“ Linda Parker lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Perez



Linda Parker - June 14, 2023 at 12:40 PM

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I am so very sorry for your loss praying 🙏 for y'all god bless y'all Remember how much your mama love you and how much your grandma Lexs she will always be with them down from heaven message when you see a ladybug and butterfly. No that's grandma mama looking down at you when the wind blows she's giving you a gentle hug.

Grace Cannon - June 17, 2023 at 10:18 PM

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“ *Mary was a very caring person & was a friend of mine after my divorce in 1976. Played pool on women's pool league for years. Also had many good times camping a Silver Lake sand dunes & partying She will definitely be missed. Linda Parker*

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**Linda Parker** - June 14, 2023 at 12:40 PM