



## John Michael Perez

June 18, 1980 - November 30, 2020

John Michael Perez was born into this world on June 18, 1980 to John and Diane Perez in Yakima, Washington. He received his education from Zillah School District and Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Washington.

After schooling Mike worked in the retail and grocery industry and held management positions. Mike enjoyed customer service and the interactions with his customers on a daily basis. His smile and positive attitude earned him recognitions at the company level which he was always so excited to share with his family. When he wasn't working Mike enjoyed spending time with his family and especially his son Malakai. His favorite pastime was watching his beloved Seahawks and chatting up the team's stats with whoever was as passionate about the team as him.

On November 30, 2020 God sent his angels to escort Michael to his heavenly home.

Michael leaves to cherish his memory his parents John and Diane Perez (Zillah). His son Malakai Perez (Prosser). His maternal grandmother, Emilia De La Cruz. His sister Cindi & Rick Kane (Benton City) and nieces Cheyenne & Michaela Kane. And a host of friends who became family to him through his employment.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Carmen & Aurora Perez. Maternal grandfather Jesus Salvador DeLaCruz and Uncle Arturo Salvador DeLaCruz.

Private funeral services are planned for a later date.



# Tribute Wall



“ *John Michael Perez*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *So young and gone so soon but I know you're now in paradise with our creator and all our love ones. Remember you're always in our heart.*

**Orpha De La Cruz** - December 10, 2020 at 12:57 AM



“ *Soar with the angels our sweet son as we try to move forward without you. You will always live in our hearts and our grandson. Love, Mom and Dad*

**Diana Perez** - December 08, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ *Stephanie Shamek lit a candle in memory of John Michael Perez*



**Stephanie Shamek** - December 08, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Michael Perez.*



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December 07, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ *I can't believe you're gone. You were my very first boyfriend lol. I'm so glad we've kept in touch these last 27 years. Please watch is now from heaven. You will me missed my friend.*



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**Jenifer Harden** - December 06, 2020 at 12:52 AM



“ *Remembering the smile on your face when you came to pick up baby Kai from my home ,first thing you would do was pinch his nose. Kai would look up at you with the same brown eyes and smile the same smile. Years have come and gone and my heart breaks at the news of your passing. But we know that you live on in your son .He has and will always make you proud. Rest in peace Mike.*

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**rose sanders** - December 05, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ To share 30 years of memories of you is impossible. You were the shy quiet guy on the play ground always with Cory teasing the girls and causing mischief. Then you grew to be the quiet, kind guy everyone could count on you to be. I always knew how you felt about someone if you gave them a nickname. You once told me that’s when they became family. Your proposal and vows I remember like yesterday. Your company on my 21st birthday and the entire night when I paid the price. The birth of our son. Remodeling our first home together. Your romantic side when we were a young family and very poor. You would always bring home something to brighten my day. Later when we would stand side by side in blind pride of Malakai. You were always honest in your weaknesses but in that showing your strengths. You made me a mom. You showed me true acceptance and love. How much you loved your mom and dad. How proud you were to be a Perez. You taught me love and heartbreak for the NY Yankees. I am going to miss our late night texts of all the would ofs and could ofs. I’ll miss knowing that you won’t be doing your random drive byes and saying, “just wanted to be close to you guys.” I guess most of all I am going to miss you and watching the complete beam of pride you had for Malakai. To call them memories is an understatement, but when you left you took a piece of me. Rest In Peace Mike. Banium and I will be looking for you in every shooting star and brilliant sun rise.

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**Sonshine Blankenship** - December 05, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ Clarabel Guzman purchased the Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket for the family of John Michael Perez.



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**Clarabel Guzman** - December 04, 2020 at 09:55 PM

CD

“ Mike, I did not have the opportunity to meet. You lived a full ,yet short life as your cousin Eugene Rafael Perez. May God bring you and Eugene together beyond heaven's gate.

My sincerest prayers and condolences to Juan, Diane and the family, there are no words to comfort your pain during this unimaginable time. No parent should ever outlive a child.

God bless you all.

Clarabel Guzman DeLeon

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Clarabel Deleon - December 04, 2020 at 09:42 PM

LE

“ I was so sorry to hear Mike passed away. I can't think about high school without having happy memories of Mike. Even after high school when we reconnected he always checked in with me to chat - I could have done a better job reaching out to him - but he never forgot.

He was my first high school boyfriend and I wore his letterman's jacket the whole year. He would drive me to and from school and I would leave it in his car sometimes - and when I would put it back on there would always be candy or little notes in the pocket. If it was candy - he would sort it out and only give me the colors he knew I liked best.

He loved to tell me about his sister and Rick. He just idolized his sister - and always talked about how strong and fierce she was. In my mind, he had convinced me she was this super tough super strict big sister - I was so nervous to meet her, when we got together for dinner I don't think I said a word.

In weight training he was so vocal and crazy on a heavy lift. People would think he was this tough guy - but when you knew him, you knew he was just a nice guy with a huge heart and kind spirit - and a ridiculous sense of humor.

He will always have a special place in my heart - and I am so sorry to see he is gone so soon.

Love to the Perez family, the Kane family, and all of those who knew him.

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Leanne - December 04, 2020 at 03:40 PM

JP

“ I still can't believe your gone! 🥹 My best memories are when we were kids I use to love playing with mikes nightrider car. 😭 Also all the laughs we shared and the nicknames he gave my kids. He was always there to listen and make me laugh. Say Hi to Grandma and Grandpa for me....Rest In Peace primo ❤️

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Jessica Perez - December 04, 2020 at 02:36 PM

MM

“ You are gone way too soon my brother! Rest In Peace bro. Sending lots of love and prayers to your family!

Micheal Molina - December 04, 2020 at 02:33 PM

RK

“ Michael, I've known you since 1993 when I met your sister. You always called me your brother. I know your memory will remain with me till I die. Say hi to my mom, sister and brother for me.

Rick K - December 04, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ I've known Mike for the last 5 years or so and he was always so kind. I had the pleasure of being one of his regular customers at his store and got to know him well over the years. He will definitely be missed and his impact on the world was felt daily. One of the kindest men I knew. Thank you Mike for your caring and helpful heart.



Tony Andrews - December 04, 2020 at 12:17 PM

KT

“ Mike was a bright spot at work, always willing to help a customer with smile on his face. He will really be missed by both customers and fellow employees .



Keith Taylor - December 04, 2020 at 12:23 AM

DS

“ Condolences to the Mike Perez family. So sorry to hear this news. I was a friend of Mikes from high school. Always had good times with him. He will be missed.

Daniel Sanchez - December 03, 2020 at 05:38 PM

GP

“ I met Mike in 6th Grade when I moved to Zillah, he was a good friend. Always had a smile on his face. We had some great times in school! He will be missed. Condolences to his Family, so sorry for your loss...

Gerardo Prieto - December 03, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Michael Perez.



December 03, 2020 at 08:27 AM

MC

“ I meant condolences to his family so sorry for your loss....



mary cree - December 02, 2020 at 10:28 PM

MC

“ Rest In Peace...  
Condolences goes out to all this young mans  
funeral...



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**mary cree** - December 02, 2020 at 10:25 PM

CM

“ What can I say. Mike was my best friend since 6th grade. We spent  
almost every day together until we graduated. I've was the best  
man at my wedding and I at his. We shared so many good times  
and a few rough ones. To the Perez family. Thank you so much for  
allowing me to be part of your family, as Mike was part of ours. I so  
sorry for your loss

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**Corey McCloud** - December 02, 2020 at 08:53 PM

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Corey, you are in my thoughts and prayers as I know how close the two  
of you were. May he rest in peace!

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**Alex Magallan** - December 02, 2020 at 09:21 PM

CM

Thanks Alex.  
Mike and I always enjoyed hanging out with you. We thought of you as  
a good friend. We shared so many fun times with you.

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**Corey McCloud** - December 02, 2020 at 11:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Michael Perez.



December 02, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Always enjoyed going to school with mike. Sending prayers out to all of you . So very sorry

Dolly - December 02, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ Alex Magallan lit a candle in memory of John Michael Perez



Alex Magallan - December 02, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ Mike you were a great person and a great friend! May you rest in peace! My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

Alex Magallan - December 02, 2020 at 06:24 PM

CM

“ *Craig McCloud purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of John Michael Perez.*



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**Craig McCloud** - December 02, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Michael Perez.*



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December 02, 2020 at 05:21 PM