



## Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez

March 21, 1931 - March 11, 2024

ADRIAN- Eustaquio "Benjamin" Pérez, age 92, of Adrian, Michigan died Monday afternoon, March 11, 2024, at Optalis Health & Rehabilitation of Ann Arbor surrounded by his loving family.

Benjamin was born on March 21, 1931, in Puruándiro, Michoacán, Mexico, the son of Josemaría Tapía Cervantes and Catalina Pérez Salace. Benjamin grew up in Mexico before coming to the United States when he was a young teenager.

In July of 1953, Benjamin married Adela Martinez and they shared 26 years together before her death on December 20, 1979.

Benjamin was a talented tailor and started sewing at a young age while still in Mexico. He continued to sew throughout his life and his family and friends were on the receiving end of many beautiful garments. For over 29 years Benjamin worked at Ford Motor Company in Saline, retiring in 1996. He had many skills and could grow anything in his vegetable garden. His family can verify that he was a wonderful cook, with his specialties being tamales and salsa. If there was music playing, it did not take long for Benjamin to start dancing, it was a part of him. Benjamin loved to play the lottery, whether it was scratch off or picking numbers, he always had tickets to look over to see if he was a winner. He may not have owned any pets, but animals were drawn to Benjamin and would come to him for attention wherever he went. Benjamin was most proud of his family and filled the role of patriarch for five generations, he always made time for family.

He is survived by his children, Mary (Arthuro) Flores, Hector (Mary) Pérez, Benjamin (Karen) Pérez, Marilyn (Jim) Duron, and Carolina (Noah Blair) Pérez; grandchildren, Ben (Jen), Vanessa, Marcello (Carrie), Dominick (Misty), Valencia, Steve, Osha (Rick), Antonio (Pam), Angelica (Josh), Hector Jr. (Kirstie Mia), Andres, Jonathan (Julia), Rachael (Jordan), Catalina (Nazar), Reznor, Elizabeth (Jonas); 21 great-grandchildren and 6 great, great-grandchildren; his partner of 44 years, Viola Vasquez and her daughters who he helped raise, Laura and Virginia Atkinson. Benjamin was preceded in death by his wife, Adela; children at infancy, Gloria and Dominick; and siblings, Hector, Amelía, Rosalía and Abel.

Visitation will take place on Friday, March 15, 2024 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Pastor Shirley Valdez officiating. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lenawee Hills Memorial Park

1291 Wolf Creek Hwy.  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

MAR 15. 3:15 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - March 15, 2024 at 08:58 AM

RE

*Mi más sentido pésame para toda la familia*

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**Rebeca** - March 22, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Mi padrino Benjamín, que gratos recuerdos, al leer estas cortas memorias, traen a mis recuerdos como fue, y me gustaba mucho hacerlo desatinar, pues tenía una manera tan especial de molestarse, igual que mi mamá. Y lo tengo aquí presente en mi pensamiento y en mi corazón. Qué bonito poder tener esos recuerdos, que resuenan y hacen que el corazón vibre con un bit muy especial. Y así, con eso me quedo, con su alegría, su gusto por vivir y bailar,*

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**Miguel Angel Maldonado** - March 15, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.



March 14, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ Love, Angelica, Josh, and Adela planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.

Love, Angelica, Josh, and Adela - March 14, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ Love, Angelica, Josh, and Adela purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.



Love, Angelica, Josh, and Adela - March 14, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.



March 14, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.*



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March 14, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ *Sincerest condolences to the Perez family. I was so saddened to hear of Mr. Perez's passing. I'll always remember his smile and how sweet he was whenever he saw me. May you hold onto your precious memories and feel God's arms surrounding you. Love you, Annita Aranda*



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**Annita Aranda** - March 13, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ *Marilyn, Jim, Cata, Rez, and all Perez family and extended family. We are so terribly sorry for your loss. Your dad (grandfather, etc) was such a sweet soul, a real gentle giant. He always made us feel welcome at your family gatherings. I will always remember him fondly. Sending our deepest sympathies, prayers, and love. May he rest in peace. Love, The Bartow Family*

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**Marlie Bartow** - March 13, 2024 at 05:55 PM

MF

“ 1 file added to the album Mary Virginia;s memories of her dad



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**Mary Perez Flores** - March 13, 2024 at 11:12 AM

KM

“ Kelly and Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.

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**Kelly and Mike** - March 13, 2024 at 12:49 AM

KM

“ Kelly and Mike purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.



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**Kelly and Mike** - March 13, 2024 at 12:49 AM

SD

“ Sue, Steve, Osha, Antonio, Hector, Dre planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.

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**Sue, Steve, Osha, Antonio, Hector, Dre** - March 12, 2024 at 11:12 PM

SD

“ Sue, Steve, Osha, Antonio, Hector, Dre purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.



Sue, Steve, Osha, Antonio, Hector, Dre - March 12, 2024 at 11:12 PM

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“ From Garcia Maldonado family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.

From Garcia Maldonado family. - March 12, 2024 at 10:47 PM

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“ From Garcia Maldonado family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.



From Garcia Maldonado family. - March 12, 2024 at 10:47 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eustaquio "Benjamin" Perez.



March 12, 2024 at 07:14 PM