



Obence "Ben" Perez

November 30, 1942 - January 27, 2016

Obence "Ben" Perez was born on November 30, 1942 in Goliad, Texas to Macario and Maria Eusebia Perez. Ben entered his eternal rest on January 27, 2016, at the age of 73 at his home in Needville surrounded by his loved ones. Ben is preceded in death by his parents, Macario and Maria Eusebia, his brothers, Bernardino "Benny" Perez, Juan "John" Perez, and sister, Lillie Perez Pardo.

Ben is survived by his son, Vaughn Eric of Needville and daughter, Valarie Campos and husband, Ricardo, along with his three beloved grandsons, Ethan, Michael, and Gabriel Campos of Floresville. He is also survived by his brother, George and wife, Susana of Katy, sisters, Seferina "Fina" Rios and husband, Roy of Needville, Dolores Monroy and husband, Ricardo of Beasley, and Sofia Rodriguez of Needville along with numerous nieces and nephews. Ben moved to the Village of Pleak in 1955 and then to Needville in 1965, where he would eventually raise his family. Ben served in the United States Army as a Corpsman from 1964-1966. He then was hired as a male aide at Polly Ryon Hospital and began LVN school at Polly Ryon, five years later. Later he would attend Alvin Community College to obtain his Registered Nursing degree.

After becoming an RN worked at the Polly Ryon Emergency Room for 28 years as manager/supervisor up until his retirement in 1994. He then set out to create Gentle Hand Home Health Care with his then spouse, Vangie. He was a longtime member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Needville,

where he took pride in being a member of the Needville Knights of Columbus - 4th Degree Knight, serving as Faithful Navigator and Commander; longtime member of the Needville Lion's Club; member of the Texas League of Vocational Nurses and Texas Nurses Organization. He also served as Needville City Councilman from 1979-1984, and was one of the Board of Directors for the Senior Citizens Center. Ben also took time volunteering for the local Boy Scouts and was a 4-H Archery project leader.

Along with being an active community leader, he enjoyed traveling across the U.S. as well as abroad. Adventures included trips to Spain. His favorite trip was his Alaskan cruise with his children and grandchildren. He loved exploring his native American heritage and love to collect Native American art and jewelry, as well as dressing in full regalia to perform at Powwows in New Mexico, Oklahoma and around Texas. One of his proudest moments was participating in the processional and opening of the Native American Museum at the Smithsonian. Ben enjoyed taking his grandsons fishing and working in his beautiful backyard and water garden babying his Koi.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, January 31, 2016 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

The funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 1, 2016 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Needville. Interment, with full military honors, will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall

BK

“ Prayers are with you! I went to Polly Ryon vocational nursing school in 1970. Young & naive. Your dad was such a blessing as I rotated through surgery. His sense of humor was such a joy. He truly prepared me for what to encounter but yet made things fun! I was only 18 but he had patience & made everything fun to learn. He will be missed! He is in heaven with his Lord & Savior!

Bea Kalkomey - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Worked many years with Ben at Polly Ryon Mem. Hospital; such a sweet and caring man. Rest in peace.

Pamela Shank - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I will miss him so much. He was my cousin, my buddy and great memories of fun times at the PowWows. Much Laughter. He was a trooper...Asia Nvwato Donadohvgehi...Walk in Peace until we meet again, my dear . Ben...Thank you for sharing so much of your life with us...Will see you in Spirit World.

Rosie Garcia - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ My deepest sympathies. Mr. Perez was a giving and caring person. Heaven has gained another angel.

Florinda Gamez - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Bill and I want to take this time to send you our sincerest sympathy in this great loss in your lives. Mister Perez was a wonderful human being. Heaven gained an Angel!*

Bill and Shelly Sullivan - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Dear Campos Family,*

We are praying strength and peace for your family. May the Lord wrap His loving arms around you as you walk through this difficult time.

Love the Welfel's

Sherrie Welfel - January 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ *I knew Ben for many years, due to my Mom Maxine Vogler worked with him at Polly Ryon. He was a loving man, great nurse, & had the best sense of humor. Saw him last in May 2011 at a party we had at our house - so glad that I had that time with him. RIP my friend.*

Terri Vogler - January 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I worked with Ben for many years at Polly Ryon and was always impressed by his dedication and loyalty to his profession, as well as his friendliness to all he met.*

Betty Holub - January 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Perez family. He was such a kind caring man. So sorry for your loss.*

Linda Kunz Family - January 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Valarie, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May all the memories of your father provide you comfort and bring you peace.*

Kopecki Family - January 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

OT

“ *Ben leaves a legacy of healing to the thousands of lives he touched with his gentle and caring hands and giant heart. A gifted nurse, he provided peace and comfort to the sick and their families. As a friend, he was loving, patient and kind, honest and fun. He saw himself as an humble servant of God. I saw him as the hands of God. He showed extraordinary courage in the face of his own health challenges, exemplifying his abiding faith. He leaves a handprint on my heart and, to paraphrase the lyrics of Stephen Schwartz, my life has been changed For Good because I knew Ben. I suspect many, many others feel the same. Godspeed Obence.*

Olive Talley - January 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM