



Maria Elena Vazquez

October 29, 1936 - June 16, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Maria Elena Vazquez, 88, on Monday, June 16, 2025. Born in Puerto Rico, Maria Elena relocated to Detroit, MI after her marriage to her late husband, Felix Vazquez Sr. Subsequently, she lived in Gary, IN and then in Valparaiso, IN, her last place of residence.

She lived a life filled with love, kindness, generosity, resilience, perseverance, empathy, compassion, and dedication for her family and friends. She loved gardening, crocheting, coloring, assembling puzzles, and working on sudoku, her favorite pastime. She also liked to occasionally visit the casinos to play on the slot machines--with lots of luck!

Maria Elena is survived by her five sons from the Vazquez family, including Felix, Jr. (Maggie), Jose "Joe" (Nelly), Edwin, Damaso (Maria) & Wilfred and her two daughters, Maria "Eny" Vazquez & Eneida "Nayda" (Luis) Perez. She is also survived by her brother, Rafael "Fael" Gonzalez, her thirteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, extended family members, including dozens of nieces and nephews, and many long-time friends. She will forever be cherished in our hearts and profoundly missed.

Maria Elena was preceded in death by her husband, Felix Vazquez, her son, Ismael Vazquez, her parents, Felix & Leocadia Gonzalez, and her siblings, five brothers and three sisters.

Visitation for Maria Elena will be on Monday, June 23, 2025, from 3 to 7 pm at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, IN.

A Roman Catholic Christian Mass, officiated by Father Roque Meraz, will be at 10 am on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Saint Paul Catholic Church, 1855 Harrison Boulevard, Valparaiso, IN.

The Burial will be on the same day as the mass. However, it will take place at 1:30 pm. We are to meet at Burns Funeral Home at 1 pm. The procession will depart from Burns Funeral Home (location above) to Calvary Cemetery, 2701 Willowdale Road, Portage, IN. www.BurnsFuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2701 Willowdale Road
Portage, IN 46368

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
701 E. 7th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
(219) 942-1117
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Visitation

JUN **24.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (cst)

St. Paul Catholic Church
1855 W.Harrison Blvd.
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 24. 10:00 AM (cst)

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Procession

JUN 24. 1:00 PM (cst)

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Burial

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Tribute Wall

AY

“ Ada, Michael and Christian Yeomans purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Elena Vazquez.



Ada, Michael and Christian Yeomans - June 23, 2025 at 11:57 AM

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“ Ada, Michael and Christian Yeomans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Elena Vazquez.

Ada, Michael and Christian Yeomans - June 23, 2025 at 11:57 AM

GB

“ Gloria (Cookie) and Jim Byrne purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Elena Vazquez.



Gloria (Cookie) and Jim Byrne - June 22, 2025 at 08:04 PM

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“ Gloria (Cookie) and Jim Byrne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Elena Vazquez.

Gloria (Cookie) and Jim Byrne - June 22, 2025 at 08:04 PM



“ *The Perez Family (Will & Mag) purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Maria Elena Vazquez.*



The Perez Family (Will & Mag) - June 21, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ *From Brother Rafael Gonzalez. and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maria Elena Vazquez.*



From Brother Rafael Gonzalez. and family - June 21, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maria Elena Vazquez.*

June 20, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Elena Vazquez.*



June 20, 2025 at 08:13 AM

YF

“ Your daughter, Eneida & Luis & family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Maria Elena Vazquez.



Your daughter, Eneida & Luis & family - June 19, 2025 at 03:45 PM

RV

“ My apologies I can't be there. Yet, I need to say I love Grandma very much and am blessed to have opportunity to continue to build her legacy. Thank you for giving me the best daddy ever. Grandma continue to watch over your legacy high in the sky.

We love you,

Rosa Felixia Vazquez (grandchild #2! 😊) and Amante Isaiah Vazquez Byrd (great grandchild)



Rosa Vazquez - June 19, 2025 at 02:12 PM