



Maria Llerena

August 20, 1962 - April 20, 2017

Maria Llerena (Ramirez) from Bangor, MI, formerly from Lake Station, IN died at the age of 54 after a long courageous medical battle. Maria was born on August 20, 1962 in East Chicago, IN to her parents Jose D. Ramirez and Elena De La Torre (Ramirez).

She is survived by her husband Jorge Llerena of 29 years, her daughter Abigail Llerena, son Pierre Pirtle, mother Elena Ramirez, siblings Jose (Maria) Ramirez, Antonio (Anna) Ramirez, Guillermo Yerena, Lydia (Luis) Hernandez, Michelle Balaban, Maria (Ricardo) Yerena, Pam (David) Phelps, and Margarita (Socorro) Mata.

Beloved family: Leonor Plath, Leticia and Isabel Martinez, Angeles (Beto) Reyes, Efrain (Jenny) Mata, Brenda (Roberto) Rios. Eva (Valentin) Llerena, Paula Brown, Gema Rodriguez, Joseph Duron, Hamiltons, Whittinghills, and countless family, in laws, cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father Jose D. Ramirez, grandson Sebastian Pirtle Godmother Amparo Guerra, best friend Rae Norton, Dicie Ford, and primo Ismael Rodriguez.

Maria loved to read novels, bake cookies, and cook Mexican food for her family during the holidays. Maria was an active member of La misa de español at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church prior to moving to Bangor, MI where she became a member of Sacred Heart Church.

The family will meet friends 5-8 PM Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home with a Rosary Service at 7:30 PM. Mass of

Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM Monday at the Sacred Heart Church, Bangor, MI. Interment will follow in Monks Cemetery, Geneva Township, MI. A memorial service will take place Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at St Frances Xavier Catholic Church, in Lake Station, IN at a time to be determined.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
201 S. Walnut
Bangor, MI

Service

APR **25** (CT)

St. Frances Xavier Parish
2447 Putnam Street
Lake Station, IN 46405

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *My condolences to Jorge and Abigail and the entire family. I met Maria working for Lake Park Residential Care in Lake Station. This was a lady who had such personality and heart. I will always remember her with great fondness and my heart is breaking to learn that she is gone...but never forgotten by many!*

Catherine Bloom - May 12, 2017 at 06:47 AM

RO

“ *Robin lit a candle in memory of Maria Llerena*



Robin - April 25, 2017 at 09:34 AM

RH

“ *RIP Maria, your smile always made me smile as well, you will be missed
Rhona, Bronson south haven*

rhona - April 24, 2017 at 03:57 PM

CD

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the Llerena and Ramirez family. So very sorry to hear, our thoughts and prayers are with you George and Abi during this difficult time. Rip Maria. Mark, Connie and Steven Dacey.*

connie dacey - April 23, 2017 at 11:43 AM

JZ

“ Julie, Esther, Nena & Zoey purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Maria Llerena.



Julie, Esther, Nena & Zoey - April 23, 2017 at 03:38 AM

TF

“ George and Abi, so sorry to hear about Maria, both of you will be in our thoughts and prayers. The Alamo family

The Alamo family - April 22, 2017 at 03:17 PM

 Ashley Nicole

“ Rip Maria. Gone but never forgotten. You fed me my very 1st fast food, (Burger King) when i was 1 yr old. Probably why ill always love bk. You used to babysit me all the time. I, too, loved getting to eat your tamales. Maria, you were a great woman who touched the lives of so so many. May you rest in peace.



Ill be keeping your whole family in my thoughts and prayers.

Ashley Nicole - April 22, 2017 at 12:03 AM

TH

“ The Hamilton's purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Maria Llerena.



The Hamilton's - April 21, 2017 at 11:03 PM

GB

“ I was pregnant with my daughter and staying with her and Jorge and she spoiled me she had Jorge to go get me ice cream in the wee hours and she cooked tamales for me because they were my favorite. She was one of the most loving persons I've ever known my Aunt Maria was the greatest and I will miss her more than any words I could ever be able to express. She came to Tennessee to visit once and she thought the tobacco field across the road from my house was a field of Palm trees it was so funny and when she found out what it was she laughed at her mistake and wanted to take one home with her.

Georgia late brown-bishop - April 21, 2017 at 10:57 PM

HP

“ Abi I am here for you if in any way I can I am 🙏 for you and your ,family did not get a chance to meet your mom in person only on FB she was a very nice person so you have now take one day at a time I have sat in your shoes it gets better with time and prayer so know I love you be blessed

Helen Pirtle - April 21, 2017 at 10:12 PM

MB

“ A few days before her passing, Maria told me that her "circle was complete". I told her it was too soon, but she looked at me with a calm assurance and said she needed to find her Madrina and her Papi. Then she said her grandbaby needed for her to take care of him. Maria was ready and as always, eager to begin her next mission. I miss her, but we will see each other again. ❤️

Michelle T Balaban - April 21, 2017 at 10:07 PM

CS

George & Family. So sorry to hear about your lost. Ill be keeping your family in my thoughts & prayers. Carolyn Shields

carolyn shields - April 23, 2017 at 03:20 PM