



## Maria H. Peck

January 21, 1956 - February 14, 2009

Maria Peck Nee Zamora

Lifetime resident of Waterford

Passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2009 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak

Age 53 Born January 21, 1956 in Pontiac, MI A 24 year employee at the GM Pontiac Truck Plant as an assembler

Loved to garden and spend time with her grandchildren

Beloved wife of Donald Kinner Jr. Loving Mother of Michelle Daniel VanSteenkiste

Proud Grandmother of Lauren, Haley, and Ethan

Dear Daughter of Otila and the late Jose Zamora

Sister of Raul Lupita Lopez, Jose the late Marlene Zamora, JesusPatricia Zamora, RobertoEileen Zamora, RodolfoDiane Zamora, ArnoldoKathleen Zamora, DanielJulie Zamora, and the late Rogelio Jauregi

Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. 3 Blks E. of Van Dyke Utica Tuesday 2pm to 8pm with prayers 7pm

Instate Wednesday 9:30am at St. Isidore Church 18203 23 Mile at Romeo Plank Rd. Macomb until time of Mass 10am

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# Tribute Wall

SA

“Chel, Chel -I don't know if these messages still come through three years after your mom's death. I knew your mom and your mom's family way back and I used to take care of you when you were about two or three years old. Your mom was a tough gal; she and your dad loved you more than anything. I remember when I took care of you going into your drawers to find your clothes for the day - you had nothing but the best clothes and "accessories." Mike and Mari did not mess around when it came to their little girl. You were the jewel of the Zamora family - doted upon by uncles and Otila and Jose. It's hard to believe you have three children of your own. I'm really sorry that your mom died at such an early age. I must say, I would have loved to see her in her "gardening" phase. God bless you and yours. Sharon Riley Alheit

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**Sharon Alheit** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“Michelle, I was so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a strong beautiful friend, mom and grandmother. She loved you and your children so much. She would do anything for anyone. We had some good times together. I remember she loved to cook, be outside, take care of her yard and most of all take care of her family I know when she couldn't do that she wasn't happy. We know she is in a better place and know longer in pain. Michelle take care of yourself and your family. I know there is nothing I can say to make you feel better, but I do think about your mom and you and your family alot. Be strong. Love You

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**Sherri & Randy Fessler** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My dear Michelle, Dan, Lauren, Haley and Ethan, Being so far away from you at this time is so very hard for me. You are like a daughter to me and I hate to see you going through this. Yes your Mom is in a better place - probably having a great conversation with Eddie on what a wonderful daughter you are. He also loved you so very much. My prayers are with you but I know you will get through this like I am trying - my Mom died 90 days before yours. Love and keep close to your wonderful husband and great kids. Cherish all the memories that made you what you are today and know that she is smiling down on you and saying to herself 'I did good' and she certainly did bringing up a wonderful, kind, loving daughter that knows what she wants. I love you very much my sweet girl and know that I am here for you. Becky

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**Becky Matatall** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Michelle, I am so sorry for your loss. The bond between a mother and a daughter is undeniable and when you are the only child it does seem to make the loss even more unbearable. I know your mother had to be so proud of the exceptional woman you turned in to. and knowing that her 3 beautiful grandchildren are in your care. She can enjoy heaven and watch over you all.

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**Susan Krause** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Michelle, Words cannot express the pain I feel for you. The first time I remember meeting your mom was when I helped you move. Though I didn't know until recently that she referred to me as that Pollock? I feel honored that she had given me a nickname with only meeting her so few times. Though I didn't spend much time with your mom the times I did I could plainly see that the two of you are a lot alike!..beautiful, caring, loving, and feisty. I will remember her as a fireball. Her and my Dad are now watching over us both. May all the good memories you have comfort you at times of sadness. I love you like a sister Debbie

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**Debbie Staten** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ To Our Great Family Friends The Zamora's So sorry for the loss of Maria what a very beautiful woman she was.I remember the time my brotherRonasked if I could be a chaperone for a Mott field trip to the zoo,like an idiot I said yes.Spend the whole day at the zoo with a group that included Maria I can tell you that I had a great time especially flirting with Maria.She was such a beauty.

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**Len & Sheila Crowley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Michelle & Family - I am truly sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I never got the chance to meet your mother, but I am sure she was just as caring, beautiful and vibrant as you are. Your family will be in my thoughts. God Bless - Jill Bettini

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**Bettini Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My eyes are filling with tears as I read the other guest book entries... Michelle, I know right now that you are hurting terribly. When my dad died unexpectedly the day after Christmas, I had never felt a hurt the way I did then. My heart felt literally broken. It hurt to breath. My stomach was one giant knot and I could barely eat. I had never experienced such an empty, incomplete feeling. Everyone tried to comfort me, but it was just so hard to accept how little time together on this earth it seemed we'd had. There are still many days, even now after 8 years that I look up to the heavens and I cry because I miss my daddy. BUT! I \*KNOW\* that he is with God! I know that someday I will see him again in Heaven. I know that there is nothing on this Earth that can ever hurt him again. And I \*KNOW\* that the same is true for your beautiful mother as well! She has such a wonderful, loving, caring daughter. Daughters are a reflection of their mothers and I know she is looking down at you from heaven with such pride and love and someday you will hold each other in your arms again surrounded by the glory of the lord! Thank you lord for bringing Maria home to your kingdom and that she may now watch over and protect her loving family as their guardian angel.

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**Beth Miller** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Michell and I have been friends since the age of 5. When I first met Maria, well lets face it you scared me! you were such a powerful women who commanded respect. As time went on I could see the love you had for your daughter and you showed it by making her drive that huge brown tank!: I loved your quirky sense of humor, even when you were the only one who thought it was funny. You had a contagious laugh and a beautiful smile. You always made me feel welcome and was sincerely glad to see me.ok, I am her daughters favorite friend :Your devotion and unconditional love for your grandchildren was always evident. I will always love your daughterlike a sisterand promise to keep your beautiful memories alive in your grandchildren. Michelle look for your mother in your dreams and in the everyday moments of your children, she will always be there. All my love, Dawn*

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**Dawn Nahat** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Michelle & family, I believe that everything in life is for a reason. Although I didn't know your mother I just know that she must have been a remarkable women because, she raised you! You are very kind & caring and you have become a very good friend and I treasure that. Remember the good times and know that she will always live on in your heart. Love you, Sue & Steve Fritz*

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**Sue & Steve Friz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mom I want to thank you for the very special gifts you've given me all my life. You've given me the gift of sweet childhood memories. You've given me the gift of dreams: the ones you've made come true and the ones I achieved myself because of your encouragement. But most important of all, you've always given me the gift of your love, the most precious gift of all. There's no way I could possibly thank you enough for these gifts and so many more. I will always be so grateful, and you will always have a special place in my life and in my heart. My favorite memory of you was when I was 18 years old and we were in the book store together shopping for our latest books to read and you couldn't find me, so you starting yelling out "PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN, Where are you?" I remember my face turning bright red from the embarrassment. Now I would give anything to have you yell that out to me again. I Love You Mom so very much. I miss you so much it hurts, but I am glad that you are finally at peace and are not suffering anymore.

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**Michelle Peck Van Steenkiste** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

Oh the wonderful memories I have of Maria. All of the laughs. One of the first and few women that I met in the factory that I completely bonded with. She didn't pretend to be anybody but herself and she never expected anything of her friends besides honesty and trust. A genuine good person. Thank you for being part of my life Maria and for being my friend.

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**Suzanne Brown** - June 06, 2022 at 12:03 PM

RH

“ To Michelle and family my deepest thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Stay lifted up in prayer, and it will get you all through the tough times.

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**Raina Haynes** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I miss you. I want to play Cowboys and Indians with you again. Dita, I LOVE YOU more than the tallest Moon. You the Best Grandma in the world!

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**Ethan Van Steenkiste** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Michelle and Family, We know your family is hurting right now But always know your loved one is with GOD and she is having the time of her life. Your hearts will be filled with Joy everytime the sun shines knowing that she is watching over you. God Bless you all, The Oddo's

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**The Oddo** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ My favorite time with my Lita was when I would spend the night with her. Before bedtime we would walk around her neighborhood to make sure everyone was safe and tucked away in their houses. I will miss spending the night with her. Now she is in peace in heaven. I LOVE YOU LITA.

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**Haley Van Steenkiste** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My grandma was a great woman. She was so giving and lovable. Everybody loved her very much. I will miss her. One of my favorite things I did with her was go shopping. She would always buy me everything in the store I wanted. We had a lot of fun together. I LOVE YOU LITA.

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**Lauren Van Steenkiste** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ To the Family of Maria, I am very sorry to hear about your loss. I went to St. Ben's with Maria. Mary wrote that Maria taught her how to put on mascara, well Maria taught me how to roll the waist band of my school uniform. Maria helped all of us girls to become glamour girls. Reading the other notes about her, I am sadden I did not keep in contact, but I can see she had a wonderful life and beautiful family. She will truly be missed. Peggy

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**Peggy Loviska-McLaughlin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ I love you Maria. I said goodbye to you today and my heart is so heavy. I know you are with God and I will soon rejoice. Thank you so much for all that you have given to our family. You have a very special place in our hearts and will forever. Thank you mostly for loving my brother so much and for so long. The happiness you brought Don leaves me eternally grateful to you. Only you could have made him so happy. Please continue to watch over him. You are very precious and will be never be out of our thoughts or our hearts. My love and prayers will be with you and your beautiful family always. Love Reet XOX

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**Rita** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I have the fondest memories of Maria . Her blue jean jacket , her laugh and smile . Always something smart to say . She would be serious for a minute and ask hows your mom and dad doing and everybody in the family . Then go back to being Maria . She was class all the way and a true friend and sister like . My thoughts and prayers go out to the rest of the family . Rick Rodriguez

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**Rick Rodriguez** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Maria had the best laugh!!! Maria was my first friend when I went to St. Ben's in the 4th grade. I remember walking to her house every morning. After a tortilla with mustard - we would walk to school. Everyone loved Maria - she was smart, friendly and so beautiful. Maria was always so nice to everyone and she had the best laugh. Maria taught me how to use mascara - it was great. She was an awesome person - she is sure to stir things up in Heaven and get everyone laughing and smiling. I know she will be greatly missed by many. I hope the memories everyone leaves for you, her family, will help you through this difficult time. Mary

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**Mary Gaukler Widen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My heart goes out to my best friend Eileen and her husband Robert, I remember the times when we were young and hung out with Maria. I remember the time she took us to see the movie Aillien, that is the best memory, it was so fun when weezie and me would hang out with her she was great and never took nothing from anyone. Maria was just herself and that was great. I'am so glad I got to meet her and I will never forget her. My prayers are out now for Robert,Eileen,Arnold,Rudy,andthe rest of the Zamora family that I I have known for a long time. God calls every one home so take care and keep in your hearts Maria is with the best now. Sandi

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**Sandi Czerwinski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ What a sad loss.As a neighbor to Maria for many years, we learned of her family, her humor, and her love of caring for her home and yard. Maria was always quick with a laugh and a smile and that will be missed. Maria has always been the best neighbor anyone could ask. Our sincerest condolences to the entire family. Larry, Debbie, and Allison Golden

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**Larry Golden** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ My condolences to Maria's entire family. We were like sisters, from sleepovers as children to her being part of my wedding. The most recent memory of Maria is when my mother passed away almost 2 years ago. She was the first to arrive and the last to leave. Her support and comfort on that day will always be remembered. She had a heart of gold, and most of all I knew how much she loved her family. Love always, Your cousin, Tudi

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**Teresa Zamora-Garcia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I had the honor of caring for Ms. Peck during her final stay at Beaumont. She had an amazing sense of humor and always brought a smile to my face. Patients such as herself make me look forward to coming to work each day. My thoughts are with her family and friends. God bless.

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**Michelle Jenkins** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Robert & family, I'm very sorry for the loss of your sister.

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**Jamie Champlin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I am so sorry to read about Maria in today's newspaper. It has been many years since I spoke to her and wish that I had maintained contact with her and her daughter Michelle. Unfortunately, we all get caught up in our own lives and don't think about these things happening until it is too late. I am happy however, to read that Maria had spent her life with such a loving family.

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**Toni Estrada Peck** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ My deepest condolences to the Zamorra family. I've known Maria for 35 years. She will be missed greatly. We all shared great memories and she will always be in my heart. May her find peace with God now. Kitsa Mina

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**Kitsa Mina** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Michelle and Danny I am so very sorry to here of your loss, you now have an angel to watch over you all...God Bless

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**Carrie Smith** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Jose, I'm so very sorry to hear about Maria, I remember her fondly. I'm just so sorry for all your losses. I know it's been about 40 years or so since we've talked but I wanted you to know I read about this online in the newspaper and that I care. Love, Kathy

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**Kathy Danic Caldwell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ What a terrible loss for all of us, we'll miss her for the rest of our lives. She was a big part of our family that cannot be replaced. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with her family and everyone that knew her. With all our love.....

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**Dave and Lori Kinner** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM