



## Maria E. Fernandez

January 24, 1937 - September 7, 2019

Maria E. Fernandez of Westampton, passed away on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Samaritan Hospice Unit in Mount Holly. She was 82.

Born in Comerio, Puerto Rico, She and her husband lived in the Bronx for many years before returning to Puerto Rico for their retirement 30 years ago. Maria relocated to Westampton with her family because of the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. She enjoyed growing fruits and vegetables, cooking, and cleaning.

She is survived by her son, Roberto and his wife Myrna; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late John Perez, Joseph Perez, Wilfredo Perez, and Anthony Fernandez.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated on Saturday at 10:00 AM at the Sacred Heart Church, 260 High St., Mount Holly. Burial will follow in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family on Friday from 6-9 pm at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. <http://www.perinchief.com>

# Cemetery

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## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Washington St.  
Hainesport, NJ,

# Events

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**SEP 13** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 09:00PM  
Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St., Mount Holly, NJ, US, 08060

**SEP 14** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM  
Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly  
260 High St., Mount Holly, NJ, US

**SEP 14** **Interment** 11:15AM  
Sacred Heart Cemetery  
Washington St., Hainesport, NJ, US

# Comments

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“ Maria Martinez Fernandez was born on January 24, 1937 in Barrio Palomas de Comerio, Puerto Rico. Maria was one of 5 siblings, she had two sisters and 2 brothers. At the age of 16 she migrated to Brooklyn, NY along with her brother Frank whom has also very recently passed away while residing in Florida. Maria was also known as Meri and Mama. While still in NY, she met her first husband Roberto with whom she had four boys: Roberto, a set of twins: John & Joseph and then Wilfredo. As time went on Maria and Roberto separated. At the age of 36 she remarried with Mr. Porfirio Rosario Fernandez on December 7, 1973 at city hall. At that time she helped raise his grandson, Anthony as one of her own. Maria has buried 4 of her 5 sons. With that being said one can only imagine how strong of a woman she was, we have stories for days! Maria was an extraordinary house keeper, her skills in the kitchen were impeccable! But more than that, she always extended herself to help others whether it was food or money that someone needed, she was always willing to help. Once her sons were adults and on their own, Maria and Porfirio relocated to Puerto Rico where Porfirio built their home. In 1993 she became a widow and remained in Puerto Rico for the next 30 years until recently. After Hurricane Maria, her only living son Roberto AKA Papo brought her to New Jersey where she resided with her granddaughter, Ericka, her grandson in law, Miguel, their children, her son Roberto and her daughter in-law, Myrna. Oh and the loving dog, Baby. Soon after, she was admitted into Virtua Hospital and was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. Doctors said there wasn't a cure as the condition was far gone. As time went on the condition led to the decision that hospice was the only option. Hospice was put in place at home where we took great care of her, the way she would've taken care of us. Nurses came from Samaritan healthcare & hospice and provided excellent care. On Friday September 6, 2019 at 1:30am a nurse came to the house after being called due to concerns with her breathing and suggested she be taken to the hospital. 24 hours later on Saturday morning September 7, 2019 at 2:30 am she passed away. She leaves behind one son, 11 grandchildren, 22 Great grandchildren, one great great grandson and another one on the way. Mama, we know you live in heaven now and that we must go on, but our hearts will ACHE for you until we meet again, Rest in Peace MAMA, WE LOVE YOU FOREVER...

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