



Juanita Marie Pez

October 8, 1947 - June 3, 2019

Juanita Marie Pez, age 71, passed away on June 3, 2019. Her final days were spent surrounded by her loving family and close friends.

Devoted wife of Peter Pez for 17 years, loving mother to Alexis (David) Howard and Nicole (Robert) Boik. Adoring Nonna to her grandchildren Livia, Vaughn, Lucia, and Marius.

Born October 8, 1947 in Ironwood Michigan to Joseph and Josephine Basso. The family moved to Mt. Clemens when she was 5, she graduated from Mt. Clemens High School, earned her Bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, her Master's degree from Michigan State University, and continued with post-Master's education at Wayne State University. Juanita was a dedicated teacher and guidance counselor in Romeo Community Schools for her 32 year career. She was a proud sister of Sigma Sigma Sigma Alpha Phi chapter, active member in the Catholic Church, avid hiker, skier, bridge player, and discovered a love for pickle ball in recent years. Juanita was an active member of her Sterling Heights and Troy communities, volunteering with organizations such as the Red Cross, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, her church, and could always be found organizing neighborhood events.

Juanita lived her life with grace and compassion, and had a smile that would light up any room. She was a beloved teacher and counselor, fondly

remembered as a mentor and friend to so many of her students.

With a diagnosis of Early Onset Alzheimer's in 2014, she fought to do what she could to advance research for the disease. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Alzheimer's Association to help continue her fight. www.alz.org

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Instate

JUN 7. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
280 E. Square Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Mass of the Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Juanita Marie Pez*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Juanita Marie Pez*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *My Mother is forever in my Heart was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



August 27, 2019 at 08:15 PM



“ *My Mother is forever in my Heart was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



August 27, 2019 at 07:55 PM

MN

“ I take many walks in Monte Vista and numerous times walked by both of you and Juanita always gave a huge smile and greeting. I also saw her working on her creations in the pottery room and riding her bike always with a look of joy on her face. My sympathies go out to a vibrant life taken so early. Marilyn Nyquist

Marilyn Nyquist - June 09, 2019 at 04:02 PM

KW

“ To Peter and family.
We were so sadden to hear about Juanita's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. May happy memories and good times help you during this difficult time. Karin and Al Watson

karin Watson - June 08, 2019 at 08:22 AM

SC

“ Peter,
Jill and I were sorry to hear about the passing of Juanita. Although we only were around her for a few years in Monte Vista she was someone that was easy to like. She will be missed.

Steve Collen - June 07, 2019 at 10:10 PM

JB

“ Peter,

Richard and I are saddened about Juanita's passing. We will always remember her happy disposition. We enjoyed hiking with her and she always gave us a beautiful smile when she rode by on her bike. She gave so much to Monte Vista. Her memory will be cherished. May she rest In peace.

Juanita Bleecker

Juanita Bleecker - June 06, 2019 at 07:30 PM

LI

“ Peter,
I'm so sorry for your loss.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Liana Silvaggi (Pez)

liana - June 06, 2019 at 12:10 PM

LP

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of Juanita. She was truly a lovely person and we were happy to have known her. May God bless and comfort you during this time of grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Vilma Romano, Lucia, Paola and Families

Lucia Prantera - June 06, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.



June 06, 2019 at 11:03 AM

MS

“ Happy Memories of spending time with Juanita at Monte Vista - lots of fun, a great sense of humour, and a beautiful Pickleball player!!! Thinking of you Peter and sincere condolences.
Marilyn Sevenpifer - Ontario

Marilyn Sevenpifer - June 06, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



June 06, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



June 05, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ *Sorry to here of Juanita's passing we got to know Juanita & Peter threw pickleball in Monte Vista. She was a very lovely lady. May she rest in peace.*
Julie & Kim Pearman.

Kim Pearman - June 05, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



mar - June 05, 2019 at 08:35 PM

MA

1972 rhs yearbook this is how I will always remember her

mar - June 05, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



June 05, 2019 at 06:29 PM

JS

“ *Sorry for your lost, we'll always remember the good conversations and a great smile she had. Take care Peter, Jerry & Muriel Smithwick*

Jerry & Muriel Smithwick - June 05, 2019 at 05:35 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



June 05, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



June 05, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



June 05, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ *Juanita will be missed at Monte Vista. She was a joy to play pickleball with and seemed to love the game. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Peter.*

Lois and Jim Wakefield - June 05, 2019 at 04:00 PM



*Carol Ellis and John Bukovec
We will miss your beauty and grace ... Juanita. Our condolences to Peter and her family.*

Carol I Ellis - June 05, 2019 at 05:25 PM



We always enjoyed visiting with Juanita in Monte Vista. She was a beautiful, stylish woman and enjoyed being with friends. We have missed seeing her the last couple years. We give you our sympathies, Peter, and also to her daughters.

Gary & Kathy Willmes

Gary & Kathy Willmes - June 05, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



June 05, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ *Leon and Linda purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



Leon and Linda - June 05, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Peter I'm sorry to hear about Juanita. She loved playing pickleball especially on Saturday ladders. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Nicola Panchysak*

Nicola Panchysak - June 05, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *One of the most well loved teachers at Romeo High. RIP "Ms. Basso." Karen (Monahan) Huss
Class of 1977*



Karen Huss - June 05, 2019 at 03:07 PM

J1

“ Miss Basso was my English teacher, Journalism advisor and a good friend. She helped me a lot in working through the sudden loss of my brother. I am sure that she was a fantastic guidance counselor. Rest in peace my friend.

Joe Guimond Class of 1972 - June 05, 2019 at 12:47 PM

RP

“ Romeo & Shelley Persichilli purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.



Romeo & Shelley Persichilli - June 05, 2019 at 09:16 AM

AF

“ Dear Peter, Marisa, Cristina and families,
So sorry to hear of your loss. We did not know Juanita well but through your stories, we came to know her as a loving, caring and vibrant individual. We will keep you and her daughters in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Cherish the many memories of happier times spent together.

Al, Nancy and Lauren Figgins - June 05, 2019 at 08:59 AM

TE

“ Juanita was such a beautiful soul. She and her Husband were neighbors to my parents and when my father died and then my Mother, Juanita was there giving Joan support and comfort. She was such a thoughtful and loving Lady. Our condolences to all of her family.

Tom & Norma Ersin

Tom & Norma Ersin - June 05, 2019 at 07:53 AM

KE

“ *Juanita was always first to participate in jokes and family fun... She gave my dad a book "how to be an Italian".. drew a small little mustache in marker on daddy's face and proceeded to do quotes from the book. I do not think that anyone there that night will ever forget the laughter and fun. Rest in peace sweet Juanita... always and forever "Sam" in our hearts. always, Karen*

Karen M Elchert - June 04, 2019 at 11:07 PM



“ *Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



June 04, 2019 at 07:02 PM




Tabatha
See

“ *Tabatha See purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



Tabatha See - June 04, 2019 at 02:41 PM


Tabatha
See

“ I knew you as Mrs. Loesser, my teacher, my friend, my inspiration. You had your doubts in me at first....but I proved myself and the pride you held for me gave me the encouragement I needed to succeed in life against adversity. Your belief in me gave me strength and courage. Your enthusiasm gave me hope. Your trust gave me security and your jovial nature gave me comfort. You were a gift to me. For three years, you shared your personal book collection with me because you saw I shared your passion. That meant the world to me. I have thought fondly of you over the past years and my heart is saddened by your passing. My condolences to all your loved ones. Tabatha See

Tabatha See - June 04, 2019 at 02:31 PM

JM

“ My condolences to the entire Pez family. Juanita was a wonderful woman and will be missed by many.

John Martin - June 04, 2019 at 10:41 AM

PB

Such a beautiful person. It is so sad for all who knew her. My sympathy to her husband and family. God be with you through this difficult time.
Patricia Bartos

Patricia Bartos - June 04, 2019 at 11:24 AM

GF

“ *Juanita,
We walked together through some very dark times into a period of bright light.
You were always hopeful and engaging. I was blessed to have you in my life.
Now you are in the absolute light and I look forward to walking with you again.*
Gary Fusciardi

Gary Fusciardi - June 04, 2019 at 08:12 AM

BS

“ *Juanitia was one of my favorites, when working at Romeo High School. She was so pleasant and worked well with the students. Sorry to hear this news, you have lost a gem!! God bless all of you, I will keep you in my prayers.*

Betty Schirmer - June 04, 2019 at 12:39 AM

NJ

“ *First knew her as Miss Basso and she was a young new teacher at that time. Imagine my surprise when she was many years later she was our children's guidance councilor. Hugs to her family for losing such vital part of their family always gone too soon*

Nancy Jennings - June 03, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ *Apart from my own mother, Juanita imoacted my life more than any other, and I'm so blessed to have been able to tell her that before the Alzheimer's fully took. Because of her guidance as my journalism teacher and newspaper advisor, I chose my career path: journalism and broadcasting. She was also my friend. An incredible human being, and I am honored to have known her.*

Barbara Toombs - June 03, 2019 at 09:43 PM



“ *Deepest condolences. I remember her as very lively and very engaged. Her eyes were always sparkling.*

Carole Nowicke - June 03, 2019 at 09:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Pez.*



June 03, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ *I am saddened to hear of the loss of a wonderful teacher I knew as Miss Basso, she was a ray of light that always brightened everyone around her. My condolences to her family, may she Rest In Peace.*

Louise DeGraff (Kast) class of 1972.

Louise DeGraff - June 03, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I had her for a teacher over 30 years ago. I was also her student aide my senior year. She was one of my favorite teachers. She will truly be missed. Rhonda Cox Kurkowski. Class of 88*

rhonda kurkowski - June 03, 2019 at 08:13 PM