

Harold Perez Fernando

October 16, 1978 - July 30, 2020

Harold Perez Fernando of Grand Ledge passed away unexpectedly on July 30, 2020 in Antrim County, Michigan. Harold was born October 16, 1978 in Makati, Philippines to Rizaldy Fernando and Maria Cielo Perez. He attended Grand Ledge High School, obtained a BS in Education from Central Michigan University, and was employed as a 3rd grade teacher for the Post Oak Academy in the Lansing School District. An outdoor enthusiast, he greatly enjoyed disc golf, mountain biking, snowboarding and kayaking. He also frequently challenged his family and friends to games of table tennis. Harold loved music and displayed his artistic abilities by playing the guitar most often with his step-father, Carl. He always looked forward to home cooked meals, especially Filipino dishes, made by his mother, Cielo.

Harold will be remembered for his love of life and enthusiasm for adventure. He was cherished for his outgoing personality, big smile, and a wonderfully unique sense of humor. Harold enjoyed being with people and had a positive impact on the lives of his family, friends, co-workers, and his many students. Harold cared deeply about his students, who called him "Mr. Awesome." He is survived by his mother and step-father, Cielo and Carl Dingwell; siblings, Sheila (Dingwell) May and Donald "Donny" Dingwell; and niece Clementine Dingwell. Harold will be dearly missed by his immediate family, aunts, uncles, cousins and many close friends with whom he shared some "wild and crazy" memories too numerous to count.

A private funeral service will be held at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral

Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions in Harold's name may be given to the Lansing Promise scholarship program, 200 N. Foster Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912(<https://lansingpromise.org/>).

Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Harold Perez Fernando*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - August 06, 2020 at 03:18 PM

CD

We're going to miss you so much Harold!

Cielo Dingwell - August 07, 2020 at 06:31 AM

KM

Such a lovely human. So sorry to hear of Harold's passing.

Kimberly Meadows - August 23, 2020 at 10:10 AM

KM

“ *Harold, you are so missed! I'm sorry we never finished our conversation about Kurt Vonnegut and other great authors. It is unfathomable that you are gone. What a beautiful human you were. From snow boarding to frisbee golf, from teaching to learning, you always brought such enthusiasm and optimism. Thank you for being a good example of humanity to me. In this crazy world, it was people like you that made life palatable. My sincerest condolences to your family.*

Kimberly Meadows - August 23, 2020 at 10:08 AM

MM

“ *Mr. Fernando was an amazing teacher to my children. Washington and Olivia. My son loved to call him Mr. Awesome. My daughter Olivia adored him and even though she wasn't his student last year she always stopped by his classroom to say hello. He was a happy light in our lives with his sense of humor and kindness. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.*



Monika Mayer - August 07, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ *136 files added to the album Memorial Slideshow*



Sheila May - August 06, 2020 at 07:56 PM

JP

“ *I worked with Mr. FERNANDO subbing before he started teaching at Post Oak. I was on his preferred sub list and enjoyed his classes. My prayers and condolences to his family.*



Joseph Pratt - August 06, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Perez Fernando.*



August 04, 2020 at 09:30 PM



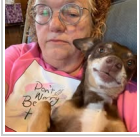
“ *My sincerest condolences to the family of Harold Fernando. Harold was one of my students in Children's Literature at Lansing Community College. I am sorry for your loss of this kind, cheerful young man.*

Teresa Purvis - August 04, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ *RIP Mr. Awesome. I was honored to have meet this wonderful man in 2016 when he became my sons third grade teacher. His style was different than any other teacher and my son Kado adored him. He loved to teacher and you could tell anytime you walked into the classroom. My family's heart aches when we found out that Mr. Awesome's life was ended so soon but I'm sure everyone can agree that his light shines bright still and he will be remembered by so many.*

Krystal Mannor - August 04, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Harold was my intern at Cabanas Elementary School. He was a positive force in the classroom. He loved teaching and threw his energy into it. In February I visited Harold classroom at Post Oak. I was thoroughly charmed and impressed by th obvious mutual respect between students and teacher. The world has lost a bright spark. I am very saddened by his passing.

Dee Eby - August 04, 2020 at 02:08 PM

JO

“ I will never forget all of the great road trips to play disc golf or snow board. I will miss my friend. What a great guy, always smiling. He made people feel like they always belonged. He will be dearly missed! Wish I had taken that last trip or played that last round with you buddy. I'll think of you every time I'm on the course! RIP brother.

Josh - August 04, 2020 at 01:29 AM

EV

My family are going to missed you. You have touched our lives. Thank you for being a part of the good memories. We will be our hearts and minds always.

Evergista - August 04, 2020 at 09:59 AM

KB

“ I 1st met harold in 2009 when I bought a stack of used disc from a kid who had stole them out of his car... a couple of friends helped to figure out his number from the blacked out disc and he was thrilled to get them back...
We never did get him his bag back but we started a wonderful friendship with him and he will trully be missed by all of his friends and family...

Krazylarry burnett - August 03, 2020 at 10:53 PM

JR

“ I went to Third grade camp with Harold and my memory of him is us signing Redemption Song with Mrs. Wolf, while he played guitar. None of the kids had any idea what was going on. I will miss the jam session we had planned, getting to know him better, and his dry yet very witty sense of humor. I’m glad to have met the only Harold I have ever known, he was a good one.



Joshua Reed - August 03, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harold Perez Fernando.



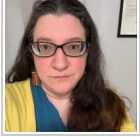
August 03, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Perez Fernando.



August 03, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Mr. Fernando was an amazing teacher for my children, and all the others he taught. He was adored by all the students. He was also a good friend.*

We will miss him terribly.

His memory will, undoubtedly, be a blessing to all who knew him.

Rebecca Froebe - August 03, 2020 at 10:26 AM

NV

“ *He did an awesome job teaching my son for two years, grateful to have had the chance to get to know him, he will be missed dearly.*

Nicole Villarreal - August 03, 2020 at 08:29 AM

LN

“ *I went to high school with Harold. We sat by each other in typing class (yes we are that old. Ha) He was always a great guy that could always make me laugh- ans trust me in that class... you needed to laugh. Over the years, we ran into each other at schools, parking lots, QD's, all over..and we would always stop to say hello Even if for just a minute. I was sad to hear of his passing today and wanted to reach out and say that he became just as nice of a person as an adult as he was as a kid. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*



Lindsey Neal - August 03, 2020 at 01:05 AM

RC

I know Harold from high school. His sweet smile and positive energy I'll never forget! News of his passing is so sad. He offered this world so much joy. Big love to his family and friends. ❤️ RIP Harold.

Rachel Cobb - August 03, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Perez Fernando.*



August 02, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ *Sending love your way. I am deeply sadden to hear about Harold's passing.*

Nicole Powell - August 02, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harold Perez Fernando.*



August 02, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ *Jessica Lindsay and Vicki Roskamp purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold Perez Fernando.*



Jessica Lindsay and Vicki Roskamp - August 02, 2020 at 09:12 PM

 Mary
Corso

“ I knew Harold from Post Oak. He was dynamic and cared deeply for his students. He will be missed.

Mary Corso - August 02, 2020 at 09:02 PM

JK

“ I was so happy to be there and celebrate when Harold got his full time teaching job and qualified for the state disc golf tourney. He worked very hard to achieve both. Thanks for the ride my friend!

Jim Knudson - August 02, 2020 at 08:36 PM

 Matthew
Shannon

“ Matthew Shannon purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Harold Perez Fernando.



Matthew Shannon - August 02, 2020 at 07:46 PM



Matthew Shannon

“ I was always the most excited to see Harold when we worked at Family Video because I always knew I'd be laughing throughout the day. He was the kind of guy that I could always joke with and he was always willing to help out his friends, without a second thought. His encouragement on and off the disc golf courses made my days. The countless games of darts and table tennis, his love of Herbie Hancock and jazz, and his zest for life are things that will never leave my heart. The love he spread will live on in the students he taught, the laughs he shared, and the genuine class he sustained through every interaction with the people he touched. I loved him, and I will miss him immensely. Rest in peace, brother.



Matthew Shannon - August 02, 2020 at 07:23 PM

LD

“ I will always remember the night of guitar and darts and in depth conversation. Always in my heart

Lee Dingwell - August 02, 2020 at 05:43 PM

BW

“ Condolences to the family. If it were not for Harold convincing me to join the teacher ed program at CMU, I wouldn't be a teacher today. He helped me whenever I felt like dropping out, convincing me to stick it out, helping me whenever classes got tough, and being just a good friend. I'll always remember our late night dance parties and how he made everyone feel important. He had such a joy for life. I will miss our annual DEMF run-ins. I'll miss him. Harold was truly a good friend.

Becky Wyatt - August 02, 2020 at 04:19 PM