



John "JP" Perez

February 6, 1960 - August 19, 2024

John James Perez, 64, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Monday, August 19, 2024, at KU Medical Center.

JP was born February 6, 1960, in North Platte, Nebraska. In Topeka, he attended Roosevelt Junior High School and Topeka High School. He was employed by the Menninger Clinic for 19 years and then by St. Francis Health Center for the past 26 years. On August 15, 2015, JP and Jennifer Palenske were united in marriage.

JP was a born and bred Nebraska Cornhusker fan but also a fan of all other teams as well. He was a huge sports enthusiast. He loved playing slow pitch softball with family and friends and he loved watching his daughter, Madison, play fast pitch softball. He was the life of the party person, fun, funny, and caring.

Survivors include JP's wife, Jennifer; his children, Madison Perez, Corey Perez, Nicole Perez, Ryan Perez, and Nathan Perez; 12 grandchildren; siblings, Rita Rider (John), Tina Schall, Thomas Navarrette, Simon Navarrette, Jr., Audrey Navarrette, Lena Crandall (Joe), John Navarrette, Israel Navarrette, Hope Harrison and Marsha Casselberry; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

JP was preceded in death by his daughter, Chelsea McKay Perez, his mother, Mary Perez, and his birth mother, Marina Navarrette

Family will greet friends from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 22, at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church. The rosary will be prayed at 6:30 at the Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at the Church and will be livestreamed on Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home Facebook page. You can use this link to get there, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063672125244>. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the John Perez Memorial Fund (for his daughter, Madison's college education) at Azura Credit Union or Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Rosary

AUG 22. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Mass of Christian Burial

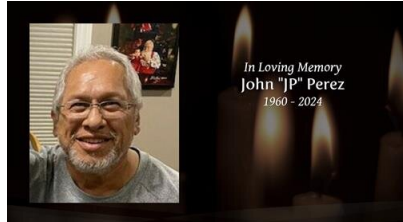
AUG 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John "JP" Perez



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 20, 2024 at 07:10 PM

DS

My deepest sympathy go to the family. Jennifer and Madison will be in my thoughts and prayers forever. Jennifer and Madison will need continued support from everyone they know. I love you and will continue to support you for your journey.

Debby Shiney - August 20, 2024 at 07:33 PM

BP

Sending my sympathy. I worked with JP at Saints. Always so nice.

Becky Presley - August 20, 2024 at 08:48 PM

JS

Such a great guy. You will be missed.

Jane Steffes - August 21, 2024 at 07:48 AM

JB

I worked with John several years at Menningers. Always so friendly and helpful.

Judy Burghart - August 21, 2024 at 09:32 AM

MM

Jen , I'm so very sorry for your loss . I'm certain that his cousin Randy was there to greet him with open arms at the gates of Heaven . I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers

martha monaghan - August 21, 2024 at 08:53 PM

DM

I worked with JP at Saints and he was a great guy! He was so nice and thoughtful and fun to work with!!

D'Amber Mauer - August 22, 2024 at 11:07 AM

AL

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Perez family. May John rest in peace with Uncle Mark and the rest of the family. I'm sure there will be one heck of a ball game up there in heaven. -The Lilly family

Alicia - August 22, 2024 at 08:36 PM

AN

I worked with JP at St. Francis always a happy go lucky guy. Will miss seeing your big smile. R.I.P. my friend Anna Fangman

Anna - August 26, 2024 at 07:09 PM

TP

Sorry to hear about John passing. Fierce competitor in sports but always considered a friend. RIP JP. Praying for the family. 🙏

Timothy J Phelps - September 04, 2024 at 11:16 AM

BG

John was a special person, he was always most respectful, friendly and smiling! He was my friend! Bill Gomez

Bill Gomez - October 01, 2024 at 01:04 PM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John "JP" Perez



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 20, 2024 at 12:26 PM

WK

Sandy and I send our condolences to John's Family. John was one of the most likable guys. We enjoyed working with him a Menninger. In recent years we ran into him in doctors offices where he delivered deliveries.

Wolf Knipp - August 20, 2024 at 07:06 PM

GM

“ *To Jenifer and all of John's family. You all have my deepest sympathies on the loss of my good friend and fellow teammate. We spent many nights on those softball diamonds. He was such an outstanding ball player and great guy to hang out with. He will be missed forever. Rest in peace my brother. Love you.*

Greg Martinez - August 29, 2024 at 04:37 PM

SB

“ *John was a great man. He use to come to Lincoln Center to get specimens for SF and he always had a smile for everyone here. Talked about sports and stuff he had a hug for everyone. He is going to be missed. Jennifer I'm so sorry for your loss. Will be praying for you and your family. Shirley*

Shirley Bouton - August 22, 2024 at 01:39 PM

CC

“ The Cervantez family will sure miss you JP. Our family always thought of you as our family. Playing softball, those where the days. God Rest your soul 🙏 RIP JP 🙏❤️

Carol Cervantez-Martindale - August 22, 2024 at 01:34 PM

AB

“ I was completely shocked and devastated to hear the sad news of JP's passing. We all enjoyed visiting with him when he'd come to our office. He will definitely be missed. My prayers go out to his family.

Amanda Bunting - August 22, 2024 at 12:30 PM

BL

“ I have known JP for 57 years. We went to grade school junior high together. JP was probably the best all around athlete to ever come out of Potwin. Many days playing basketball and whiffle ball on the grounds of Potwin school. I can't tell you how many times I was doing something with JP be it sports or over on Franklin Street along with Cruz Deltoro. My funniest times is when I told John I could catch him pitching. Now anyone who knew him knew he could throw extremely hard I was eleven so he was fourteen. He said know I don't want hurt you but I messed with him till he agreed. You know what happened next the ball hit the top of the catchers mit and hit me in the chest knocking the wind out of me I thought I was gonna die. We still laughed about it 50 years later. Love ya JP rest in peace my friend.

Ben Landis - August 22, 2024 at 11:52 AM

IF

“ *INE - St. Francis purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John "JP" Perez.*



INE - St. Francis - August 22, 2024 at 11:03 AM

NJ

“ *I have had the pleasure of knowing John for many many years. From playing ball together, to working at Menninger's for many years to working at St. Francis together. It seemed that our paths always seemed to cross. He was a dear friend and one of the nicest people I have ever met. Rest in peace my friend. You will be dearly missed. Until we meet again. My deepest condolences to John's family and friends.*

Nina Johnson - August 21, 2024 at 05:40 PM

GD

“ *John played in alot of my softball tournaments. He was an outstanding player and a really nice guy. RIP JP*

Greg Ditch - August 21, 2024 at 11:13 AM

LY

“ *Lynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "JP" Perez.*

Lynn - August 20, 2024 at 10:37 PM

LY

“ Lynn purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John "JP" Perez.



Lynn - August 20, 2024 at 10:37 PM

FR

“ Had a great time playing softball with you when we visited family. RIP JP Say hello to everyone.

Faron Rodriguez - August 20, 2024 at 09:12 PM

RP

“ My sincere condolences to John's family. I first met John when working @ Menninger. We spent plenty of time in the Menninger gym. My boy's went to school with Nathan and Ryan. I'm so sorry guys. Your Dad was an all around good guy.

Ray and Gail Padilla - August 20, 2024 at 06:32 PM

SP

“ To the Perez family. John and I competed in little league, Legion and Stan Musial baseball. He was a great competitor and teammate.

Steve Peavler

Steve Peavler - August 20, 2024 at 05:03 PM

LS

“ To say that i was absolutely shocked to hear of JP's passing is an understatement. He was the joy of my day picking up labs from our office, he would sit and talk to me about his daughter's softball and what teams she was looking to maybe join he was so very proud of her, you could see it on his face when he would talk about her. I felt highly invested and was so excited to hear about what she was going to do next. I'm so very sorry for your loss. He is now Your Guardian Angle, may he rest in Peace.

Leah Spice - August 20, 2024 at 04:46 PM

BS

“ I can't believe I'm reading this! I've known JP through working at SF, and now SV. He was Always cheerful and friendly, and I will miss Him. God Bless his family and many, many prayers through this difficult time. Barb S. (Cancer Center)



Barb Stearman - August 20, 2024 at 04:41 PM

TU

“ Oh, where to begin? First and foremost, my heart is broken. I have his family in my thoughts in this hard time. The HIM department was so excited to hear about your great news, and then Joe had to tell us the devastating news. We will miss your daily deliveries with some off the wall antidotes. Don't worry Joe is picking up the slack. You carry a special place in our hearts. Till we meet again. Mr., Dr., Preacher, Chief JP. <3

Tish Urton - August 20, 2024 at 04:28 PM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss. RIP my old friend. Will miss you stopping by the office when you come through. Sure you gonna start an angels softball league.

Terri Hubbard - August 20, 2024 at 04:20 PM

CT

“ JP will always be remembered as a fun and caring man. He had nick names for people. Mine was “boss lady”. St Francis couldn't have asked for a better ambassador throughout the years. He was in daily contact with much of the Topeka medical community through his work. Rest in peace friend. Your smile will stay in our hearts. Condolences to family and friends.

Carol Torrence - August 20, 2024 at 03:17 PM

DO

“ I was so shocked and deeply saddened to hear the news of JP's passing. My heart goes out to your family during this difficult time. JP was a special person, and I always looked forward to his cheerful attitude and smiling face each day I worked at the hospital. JP always called me "CAP", which was short for Captain. Sending my deepest sympathy to all of JP's family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Don O'Dell
Security Officer
"CAP"*

Don O'Dell - August 20, 2024 at 02:54 PM