



## Maria Esperanza Gamez

December 16, 1978 - February 1, 2026

Maria Esperanza Gamez, 47, of Hardee County, passed away on February 1, 2026, in Lakeland, Florida.

Born December 16, 1978, in Winter Haven, Florida, she was the daughter of Juan Gamez and Maria F. Garza. Maria was a Residential Service Associate with Lakeside Neurologic and worked part-time at Walmart. A lifelong resident of Hardee County, she was cherished by family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Juan Gamez.

Maria is survived by her mother, Maria F. Gamez of Zolfo Springs, Florida; her life partner, Jose Gonzalez of Arcadia, Florida; her son, Elias Javier Montoya of Zolfo Springs, Florida; her daughter, Josephine Marie Gamez, and her fiancé, DeWayne Martin, of North Port, Florida; brothers Juan Gamez of Wauchula, Florida, and Antonio Gamez of Lakeland, Florida; grandchildren Isaiah Arnez Martin and Kehlani Hope Martin; step-grandchildren Kahmia Martin and Janeiah Martin; and her nephew Jacob Gamez and niece Miranda Gamez.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 28, 2026, at the Pioneer Park Grange Building from 1:00-5:00 P.M.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **28**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

pioneer Park  
231 Wilbur C King Blvd  
Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

# Tribute Wall

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“ *she was a very good staff and person and she was loved by everyone and she will always be in our prayers* ”

maylynn fejeran - February 09 at 06:17 PM

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“ *maylynn fejeran lit a candle in memory of Maria Gamez* ”



maylynn fejeran - February 09 at 06:13 PM

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“ *maylynn fejeran sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria Gamez* ”



maylynn fejeran - February 09 at 06:12 PM