



Eloy Sanchez

February 6, 1932 - April 5, 2007

Obituary for Eloy Sanchez

Funeral services for Eloy Sanchez, 75, of Roswell will be held at 10:30 Saturday, April 7, 2007, at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home. Burial will follow in South Park Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the Roswell Veterans' Honor Guard. Eloy passed away Thursday, April 05, 2007, at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center.

Eloy was born on February 6, 1932 to Benito Sanchez and Geronima Matta Sanchez in Yoakum, Texas. Eloy served his country with the United States Army with the rank of Staff Sergeant in the 11th Division Army Air Borne as a paratrooper. He and Josephine Hernandez were married on July 20, 1956 at the Spanish Methodist Church here in Roswell; Josie survives him at the family home. Eloy retired from the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier in September of 1976. He was a land surveyor for the highway department for many years, owned a restaurant in Ruidoso Downs for thirteen years, and one of his proudest accomplishments was coaching his son's baseball team to the State and Regional Championships in the Mickey Mantel Baseball League. Eloy enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting, and camping. Eloy will be remembered as always smiling, caring for others, being witty, and as a good Christian man. He loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and shared him through song and fellowship. Eloy felt very honored when two of his sons became Ministers of the Gospel and all his children serve the Lord through ministry.

In addition to his wife, Josie, Eloy is survived by his children, Helen Sedillo and her husband, Joe of Roswell, Eloy Sanchez Jr. and his wife, Petrita of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Lawrence Sanchez and his wife, Margie of Roswell, and Julian Sanchez and his wife, Robin of Colorado Springs, Colorado; grandchildren, Carissa Mestas and her husband, Ramon, of San Antonio, TX, Jacob Sedillo and his wife, Rhonda, of Roswell, Joshua Sanchez, Esperanza Sanchez, Oliva Sanchez, Matthew Sanchez, Paul Sanchez, Michael Dunn, and Marissa Villegas and her husband, Chris, all of Colorado Springs, CO, Lawrence Sanchez Jr. and his wife, Sandra, Isaac Montoya, Vanessa Casey and her husband, Jonathan, Michelle Sanchez, Lauren Sanchez, and Elijah Sanchez, all of Roswell; twelve great-grandchildren; sisters, Elizabeth (Lisa) Vaquera of Roswell, Erlinda Sedillo of Wilmington, CA, Elvira Lucero and her husband, Sam, of Roswell, and Rose May Lucero and her husband, Martin, of Roswell; sister-in-law, Vickie Sanchez of Roswell; brothers, Efraim (Frank) Sanchez and his wife, Cecelia, of Roswell, Ismael Sanchez and his wife, Sara, of Carson, CA, and Le Roy Sanchez of Roswell; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends. Eloy was preceded in death by his parents, Benito and Geri Sanchez, brother, Eliver Sanchez, and a great-granddaughter, Rylie Sedillo.

Pallbearers will be Isaac Montoya, Larry Sanchez, Jacob Sedillo, Joshua Sanchez, Ramon Mestas, Matthew Sanchez, Jonathan Casey, and Chris Villegas.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Le Roy Sanchez, who went above and beyond his duties as health care giver for his brother, Eloy, to the staff and doctors at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center for their care of Eloy, and to the family and friends who have brought great comfort and support to the family.

To sign the register book online go to www.andersonbethany.com

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eloy Sanchez*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Are Greatest Sympathies and Memories are with you always. I well always remember visiting Roswell, NM and the good food at the restaurant. May rest in peace. Wishing you the best and Family. God Bless and Take Care. (Grandpa Severino granddaughter)*

Melodie & Brian Zimmerman - May 07, 2007 at 03:37 PM



“ *auntie and family: just want you to know how much I love you all, sorry I was not there but I pray that my time with you was a time of encouragement as well as it meant to me. I loved my uncle very much, I consider him the closest uncle I had. He always made me laugh and made me feel welcomed. He will be missed, his smile and his humor! Love you all! Carol Jean*

Carol Jean Blea - Dinwiddie & Family - April 30, 2007 at 01:00 PM



“ *I/WE as cousins have so many great and happy memories of Eloy,many baseball games at the park. Visiting in Ruidoso. Serving him and Daddy, Tio Ben coffee and cinnamon rolls, piggys. Remembering when he was in Korea, and ALL the Tia's crying and sending him stuff. Watching news and reading paper for news. How proud they all were of him. We were old before we knew he wasn't our brother, but our cousin. Tia Nellie sends her Love,and hugs to all of you. Her prayers always.*

Belia Sanchez Chaparro - April 12, 2007 at 11:35 PM

SB

“ *What an honor and privilege to have known your Dad. How awesome to have been raised by such a faithful man whose love for the Lord is so evident by the life he lived. There could be no greater satisfaction than knowing that he is now walking the streets of gold rejoicing in the eternal life that he has now begun with our Lord. How hard it is to give up one that means so much to us and has touched so many lives. Lives that you will never know were touched by his. However you are able to celebrate his life here on earth and his eternal life in heaven that he has just begun. How quickly time passes, it only seems like just a few days ago that we lived across the alley from one another. You are a wonderful family filled with the love of the Lord and ministries to reach out to others in. You dad was a strong man thinking only of his family and the effect his illness would have on you. May the Lord continue to richly bless each and everyone of you giving you the strength and courage you need during this difficult time. As He was for your dad He will be there for you too. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Sharon Booth (London)*

Sharon Booth - April 10, 2007 at 07:54 PM

TM

“ *Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3*

Theresa Torres Mata - April 09, 2007 at 12:41 PM

RH

“ *Our condolences to your family. May God bless you all.
Robert & Patricia De Herrera Son of Manuel & Thelma De Herrera*

Robert De Herrea - April 09, 2007 at 09:01 AM

CD

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy in the passing of Mr. Sanchez. Mr./Mrs. Sanchez traded at my parents grocery store {Duran's Grocery} many years ago. His kindness and generosity touched our lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Corinne Duran - April 08, 2007 at 08:39 PM

SM

“ Our condolences to your family. May God bless you all. Sally and Lupe Mendez

Sally Mendez - April 08, 2007 at 01:38 PM

TF

“ TO MY FELLOW PARATROOPER, UNCLE, FRIEND: HAPPY TRAILS, TIL WE MEET AGAIN, ABOVE IN A PLACE WE CALL HEAVEN. AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY! TOMAS JJ SANCHEZ, SSG, US ARMY
I love you tio!!! REST IN PEACE. I think you were very nice. I wish I got to know you better. love you always Angel-Marie Sanchez. I'm glad I got to see you. I had fun in your room with my grandpo LeRoy. Love you Arabela Sanchez.
I will always remember you as you were the last time we saw you. You will forever live in my heart in this image. Amor para Siempre, Patricia Sanchez
Tio I will miss you, love Tomasito JJJ Sanchez II

TOMAS SANCHEZ y Familia - April 07, 2007 at 08:12 PM

AV

“ Dear Josie and Family, Thinking of you with much sorrow, My deepest Sympathy to all. Much Love and Prayers, Annie Sanchez Vermeulen. 1Thessalonians 4:14

Annie Sanchez Vermeulen - April 07, 2007 at 03:18 PM

EF

“ *My condolences to the family.*

Esmial Sanchez & Family - April 06, 2007 at 11:43 PM

VA

“ *Eloy and his family have always been very nice to me and made me feel welcome every time I was in Roswell. I am very sad and will keep the entire family in my prayers.*

Virginia Vermeulen-Alvarado and Anthony Alvarado - April 06, 2007 at 10:35 PM

TF

“ *We are sorry for the death of your loved one our prayers are with you we send our condolences. May the Lord be with the family and give comfort in this time of sorrow. God Bless You Tillie Gomez Soto & family*

Tillie Gomez Soto & family - April 06, 2007 at 09:56 PM

HS

“ My dad was the greatest! My life will always be blessed because of him and what he imparted to my family and myself. He had a lot of knowledge and wisdom. He was a man that never complained and always said he was fine or okay in a cheery way, while under trying times. Through all his illness, my father was courageous, spoke positive words, and expressed his thankfulness always! I know he is walking streets of gold with both legs jumping and rejoicing over the glory of God and the reward of his faith! He passed the tests of life by calling on his God with all his heart. The mere mention of God and his word would bring tears to his eyes because he continued to feel God's presence around him. I hope and pray that we could all be like him in all trials and tribulations. When a person truly "knows" the intimacy of God, all things are possible! My father received the priceless gift of Salvation paid for by Jesus Christ. My father was born-again, the requirement that Jesus spoke to be saved in order to enter into heaven...set free to begin a new and clean life that was not brought by religion but by the power of God! The bible says that we are made righteous through Jesus Christ, when we turn from our wicked ways and seek God's righteousness. God bless you.

Helen Sedillo - April 06, 2007 at 11:25 AM