



## Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez

June 11, 1949 - February 17, 2021

1949-2021

Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez, age 71, loving husband, father, and grandfather went to be with our Lord on February 17, 2021, surrounded by his loving family in Socorro, NM.

Andrew was born in Socorro, NM on June 11, 1949, to Lillian (Baca) Lujan. In 1969, Andrew married his high school sweetheart, Patricia D. Padilla. They were married 51 years and had five children. Additionally in 1969, Andrew joined the United States Navy and was deployed to Vietnam for two years. He took great pride in his service and his patriotism.

After his service in the military, he went to work at the Socorro County Assessor's office as a clerk and worked his way to Chief Appraiser and was then elected as Socorro County Assessor. After his retirement from the county, he joined the New Mexico Tech Police Department as dispatcher, and later as a Law Enforcement Technician, for a total of 14 years.

Throughout his life, Andrew was grounded in his passion for music. From a very early age, his life revolved around performing in variety bands; most notably "Shot of Gold". It was his love of music that inspired him to take it to a higher level, and that is when he began his journey in the service of his God. His dedication extended to the San Miguel Prayer Group, spiritual retreats, and The Men's Acts Retreat. But Andrew will mostly be remembered for his dedication to the San Miguel Church choir leading the congregation in sung prayer, and ministering to the young and old alike. Christmas was always his

favorite because he loved to play all the carols.

He is survived by his soul mate and wife, Patricia (Padilla) Sanchez; their five children, Tracie Sanchez of Socorro; Joni (J.B.) Mauldin of Socorro; Kelly (Dominick) Romero of Albuquerque; Zachary (Dani) Sanchez of Los Lunas, and Mallory (Larry) Leyba of Lemitar, NM.

He was also blessed with eight grandchildren who will always love him and will miss him immensely, Maudie Tabet, Jonah Mauldin, Celeste Sanchez, Roman Romero, Christian Romero, Jasmine Carothers, Drew Lopez, and Charlie Leyba.

Andrew will forever be remembered for his sense of humor and laughter, his strong love of family, music, and his church; his willingness to help others, and his perpetual kindness.

Services will take place on Friday, April 16, 2021, at San Miguel Catholic Church in Socorro, NM, beginning with a Visitation at 10:00 AM, a Rosary to be recited at 10:30 AM, and a Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. Pallbearers: Son, Zachary Sanchez, and sons-in-law J.B. Mauldin, Dominick Romero, and Larry Leyba. Honorary Pallbearers: Grandsons, Jonah Mauldin, Roman Romero, Christian Romero, and Charlie Leyba. Please sign Andy's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 16. 10:00 AM (MT)

San Miguel Catholic Church  
403 El Camino Real  
Socorro, NM 87801

## Rosary

APR 16. 10:30 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

APR 16. 11:00 AM (MT)

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403 El Camino Real  
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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ I have such wonderful memories of spending time with all of you over Spring Break/in the summer and before starting at Tech. You were like my second family. I will always remember Mr. Sanchez singing and making his family laugh. (I loved being in your home). Sending prayers and masses. I am sure he is singing with the angels.

*Love, Kelly Burkholder (Archunde)*

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**Kelly Burkholder** - April 15, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez.



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April 15, 2021 at 12:24 PM

EP

“ *Our Heartfelt condolences to Patricia and Family on Andy's Loss, our thought's and prayers are with you all- Jeff and Melissa Pineda*

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**Eugene J Pineda** - March 04, 2021 at 01:19 PM

GR

“ *Andy was a loving soul who contributed to his community in many ways including raising his next generation of good community members. Blessings to you all. ~ Gwen Roath*

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**Gwen Roath** - March 01, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Andy was was a great guy. Your family is in my prayers.  
*Denise Monette*



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**Denise Monette** - February 26, 2021 at 11:20 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - February 26, 2021 at 09:57 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear of Andy's passing. Our sincere condolences to Patricia and family. May you be consoled that he forever rests with God in heaven. Andy, classmate, band member, athlete and leader. We played in a band during our Socorro Junior and High School days, "The Nightwalkers", we did not have a driver's license or a car so we had to walk everywhere even to the teen hops we played. As time went on he went on with his family and responsibilities and so did I. On his journey he shared his skills and music with others.... he seemed to know that God and his music go together. He led the path and guided many.

*Via Con Dios, Andy my friend,*

*Louie and Rose Barreras & Family*

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**Louie Barreras** - February 24, 2021 at 10:44 PM

JC

“ *Jolene Chacon lit a candle in memory of Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez*



Jolene Chacon - February 24, 2021 at 12:07 PM

JC

“ *My deepest condolences Patricia to you and your family. Andy was a great guy and will truly be missed. May he RIP in peace and may the Lord be with you all during this time.*

Jolene Chacon - February 24, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Ina Carrejo-Lucero lit a candle in memory of Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez*



Ina Carrejo-Lucero - February 24, 2021 at 01:05 AM



*Prayers for you and all your children, Patricia. I know you shared a lifetime together and it will be difficult, but you have many great memories to help you get through your sorrow.*

Ina Carrejo-Lucero - February 24, 2021 at 01:09 AM

SF

“ Prayers for this beautiful family at this time.  
Andy had such a beautiful voice and heart.  
May he rest peacefully.



Smythe Family - February 23, 2021 at 09:44 PM

JV

“ Our sincerest condolences to all of you on the loss of Andy. His  
legacy will live on in all of you. We will miss singing with him and his  
daughters in Mass. He was truly gifted. May God hold you close and  
send you comfort. Robert & Julie Vega

Julie Vega - February 23, 2021 at 08:51 PM

PN

“ Penny Naranjo lit a candle in memory of  
Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez



Penny Naranjo - February 23, 2021 at 07:58 PM

PN

My Condolences to Patricia and family, Andy will be missed.

Penny Naranjo - February 23, 2021 at 08:04 PM

MR

“ Patricia and Family, we are saddened with the news of “Andy’s” passing. We offer our Deepest Condolences, out Thoughts, our Prayers and Love in this dark trying time. We know that Andy’s voice and music are even more beautiful now that He is in God’s Choir in Heaven. May God hold you close and dear, Andy will always be there with you. Rest in Eternal Peace, let the perpetual light shine upon him. Sanchez Family, we will pray hard for you all. Marty & Cindy Rivera and the Adan Rivera Family.



Marty & Cindy Rivera - February 23, 2021 at 05:53 PM

LO

“ Patricia & Family,  
Sorry to hear about Andy. May god bless each of you and give you the comfort you need at this time. Lifting you all up in prayer!  
L. Ortega



Lorenzo Ortega - February 23, 2021 at 04:14 PM

LR

“ LaVern Robinson lit a candle in memory of Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez



LaVern Robinson - February 23, 2021 at 02:33 PM

LR

*My condolences to Patricia and her family.*

LaVern Robinson - February 23, 2021 at 02:34 PM

BM

*Our sincere condolences to Patricia and family.*

**Bonnie Montoya** - February 23, 2021 at 02:52 PM

MC

“ *Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez lit a candle in memory of Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez*



**Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez** - February 23, 2021 at 07:39 AM

MC

*Condolences to Patricia and family. Andy was a good man. We loved listening to his music*

**Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez** - February 23, 2021 at 07:41 AM

LG

*My condolences to you and your family Patricia. RIP Andy 🥹*

**Larry and Angela Gonzales** - February 23, 2021 at 11:05 AM

EB

*So Sorry For The Passing of Andy Prayers are With Patricia n The Family May God Bless You He Will be Miss in Mass n The Choir May he Rest in Peace*

**Ernest n Lynn Baca** - February 23, 2021 at 06:15 PM

LR

“ *Patricia and Family, Deep sympathy and condolences at this sad time. May God comfort you as he welcomes a new angel.*



**Lauren Ruff** - February 23, 2021 at 03:58 AM

RA

“ *Ruben And Lorraine Archuleta sent a virtual gift in memory of Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez*



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**Ruben and Lorraine Archuleta** - February 22, 2021 at 11:34 PM

RA

*Patricia, Tracie, Joni, Zach, Kelly, Mallory and families: We are so saddened for all of Andy's beautiful family. Your lives were blessed with such a wonderful and loving husband and father. May God help to heal your pain and loneliness.*

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**Ruben and Lorraine Archuleta** - February 22, 2021 at 11:37 PM

IA

“ *Patricia and family, I am sorry to hear of Andy's passing. Andy was a good man. I admired his love and devotion he had for his family, his faith and his community. His joy was contagious. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. May Andy Rest In Peace..*



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**Inez Aguilar-Davis** - February 21, 2021 at 12:08 AM

DP

“ *We were sad to hear about Andy. Our prayers are with all his family during these difficult hours. May God Bless him. Dan and Dolores Padilla*

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**Dan Padilla** - February 20, 2021 at 07:09 PM

BC

“ Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez



Beverly Castillo - February 19, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ Dear Andy: choir director, musician, singer filled with love for God and family and country. I am so fortunate to have sung in his choir and received his faith-filled music into my soul. Susanna Gilbert

Susanna Gilbert - February 19, 2021 at 12:31 PM

ML

“ Mark And Crissie Leyba sent a virtual gift in memory of Andrew B. "Andy" Sanchez



Mark and Crissie Leyba - February 19, 2021 at 11:42 AM

ML

“ Dear Mallory, We are so broken hearted for your loss. Your dad (and mom), by the Glory of God our Father, is the reason you are our daughter-in-law and the mother of our grandchildren. We were blessed to have him as part of our family. His love for you and his dearest ones will never leave, rather it will increase. You now share a birthday with your dad, his birthday into Heaven. Patricia, God lent him to you and your love for one another created a wonderful big family. He will always remain with each and everyone of you in your hearts and all the fun memories. He is now singing Praises to God our Father in a most holy way. I really don't know what to say with my heart being broken. I pray God Will give you all His Strength and Consolation during these hard times. God bless each and everyone of his dearest ones. Mal... We love you. 💜

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**Mark and Crissie Leyba** - February 19, 2021 at 11:42 AM

BC

“ Andy was a kind, sweet classmate. He had a jovial personality and was a considerate, caring person.

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**Belinda Castillo** - February 18, 2021 at 03:27 PM