



## Benita "Bennie" R. Sanchez

August 11, 1928 - November 17, 2015

1928-2015

Benita R. Sanchez, age 87, resident of Belen, NM, peacefully passed away on Tuesday November 17, 2015. At the age of 17, she married the love of her life, Alfredo Sanchez, after meeting him through his sister, and her best friend, Lucy. They settled in Belen to build their life together. They had two daughters, Dolores and Tina, and their house was always full of nieces and nephews. Bennie decided at the age of 40, to work at the Los Lunas Hospital and training School for the Disabled and continued to do so for 20 years. She loved her job and students dearly and brought joy to the lives of the children she worked with through her nurturing and compassionate demeanor. Bennie and Alfredo shared a passion for dancing! She loved to cook amazing meals for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, all who felt the warmth of her love through her cooking. Bennie will be remembered for her kind soul, warm hugs, and the unconditional love she gave to all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Alfredo Sanchez; parents Prospero and Lenor Romero; loving Nana and Tata, Marcelino and Sofia; and brothers, Higinio, Cleto, David, and Frankie Romero. Benita is survived by her daughters, Dolores Amador and husband, Rosendo, and Tina Noedel; sister, Lou Gonzales and husband Marcos, Gabriel Romero and wife, Dolly; Sylvia Mascarena and husband, Leroy; and her loving sister Lucy Chavez. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. All Services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, on Friday,

November 20, 2015, beginning with a public viewing at 11:15 a.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 12:00 p.m. A Funeral mass will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. The family would like to give special thank you to her niece and caregiver Sandra Lopez and all who gave special care and love to Benita. Please sign Benita's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV **20**. 11:15 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Rosary

NOV **20**. 12:00 PM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

NOV **20**. 12:30 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

Mike  
Silva

“ Dear Sanchez family our deepest condolences for your loss. Auntie Benny was a precious sweet soul. Benny was a wonderful sister and friend to my parents Frankue and Dolores we have a lot of great memories. So many to aay them all but ny favorite is how she made Frankie laugh on the phone or at family gatherings. Benny cared like a mother for her brothers and she never histated to call and make her brother and my mom needed. Benny was extremely welcoming at each visit and loving to my girls. Auntie was so kind and giving and if she heard any of us were sick or going through something I would always find her freshly made sweet rice at my parents house yummy! Bonus was as teen driver I got to go visit and return her dish and get a hug and hear her kind words of encouragement. Also my auntie Dolores Silva worked with her at the training school and she has told me wonderful memories of the fun times they had! In recent years Benny was so thoughtful during the loss of my parents and her love and prayers and support will never be forgotten. God bless her children and grandchildren ect for they were her her pride and joys.. I leaving a card to for Tina and Dolores in the book at today's service from the girls and I live Frankie's step daughter Delora PS RIP uncle and autie in heaven

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**Mike Silva** - November 20, 2015 at 08:27 AM

Mike  
Silva

*Posted from my uncles Facebook even though he also sends his condolences the message is from Delora*

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**Mike Silva** - November 20, 2015 at 08:30 AM

Mike  
Silva

*Love*

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**Mike Silva** - November 20, 2015 at 08:32 AM

RS

“ My dear auntie was a kind and gentle person and a hell of a cook. My mom was her sister-in law but more like a sister they called each other every night to talk it may of been the same conversation sometimes but they were close. My mom Elia said when she married my dad she didn't know how to cook well but my aunt Bennie just taught her the basics and she in my mind was a good cook. Her and my uncle Alfredo love to dance I remember that as a great memory. I will miss her rice pudding. She will always be in my heart and my family's also I love always your niece Roseanna.

Roseanna Sisneros - November 19, 2015 at 10:30 PM

OR

“ Christina, Dolores & Family,

I am a first cousin of your father, Alfredo, thus of your mother. My mother, Lucia, was a sister of tio Francisco, thus your aunt Lucy and I are first cousins. I had the pleasure of meeting your lovely mother in 2008 at a Sanchez Family Reunion held in Jarales. She made me feel, as if, I had known her all of my life! She was charming to no end! How fortunate you were to have had such a lovely mother!



Now the lovely hand of God has been laid on hers so she may once more unlock her heart and speak with your Dad for there were words in her breast waiting to bring further rest to him as they are once more joined together.

On behalf of Sue, our family and myself, please accept our sincere condolences. May time bring solace to your hearts.

Your cousin,

Oscar S. Ramirez

Oscar S. Ramirez - November 19, 2015 at 05:54 PM

MF

“ Mom Jenkins and Anna, Tom and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Benita "Bennie" R. Sanchez .



Mom Jenkins and Anna, Tom and Family - November 19, 2015 at 01:12 PM

AA

“ MY AUNT BENNIE WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART. WE WERE SO LUCKY TO HAVE HER IN OUR LIVES. WE WILL SEE YOU SOON AUNTIE. WE LOVE YOU TINA AND DOLORES. AGGIE AND BERT

agnes aragon - November 19, 2015 at 12:52 PM



“ What a wonderful kind lady. She will be missed.

Paul Holley - November 19, 2015 at 11:22 AM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Benita "Bennie" R. Sanchez



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - November 18, 2015 at 05:15 PM

LC

“ *Bennie was a generous soul. Always ready to help anyone in any way. She will always be in our heart.*

*Love, Lucy Chavez and Family*

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**Lucy Chavez** - November 18, 2015 at 04:11 PM