



## David Martin Sanchez

May 21, 1952 - March 9, 2026

David M. Sanchez

1952 - 2026

David M. Sanchez, age 73, a resident of Los Lunas, NM, and a member of San Clemente Catholic Church in Los Lunas, NM has entered eternal rest on March 9, 2026. Services will be held at San Clemente Catholic Church in Los Lunas on Thursday March 19, 2026, beginning with Visitation at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Rosary at 10:00 a.m., and Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Los Lentos Catholic Cemetery.

About David.... A baby boy was born on May 21, 1952. He was adopted by his loving parents, Jose and Viola Sanchez, and was given the name David M. Sanchez.

David grew up in Albuquerque and Santa Rosa, New Mexico. He was known for killing rattlesnakes and placing their rattles in his guitar. For this, he was given the name "Rato" by his lifelong friends Chuko, Davy, Tutor and numerous others.

David graduated from Highlands University. It was at Highlands where he met the love of his life, Roberta. He liked to joke that he waited outside the home economics building and she was the first one to come out. For her, he earned the name "Sweetheart." David and Roberta recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

David and Roberta were blessed with four children-Veronica (James),

Christina, Noelle (Andres), and little David (Adrienne); six grandchildren- Victoria (Cevin), Vanessa, Viola, baby David, Mateas, and Cyra; and two great-grandchildren, Jeremy and Vayla. For them, he proudly carried the name of Dad and Grandpa.

David placed great importance on education and the pursuit of knowledge at every level. Throughout his life, he achieved many accomplishments: he was drafted and served in the United States Army, earned a master's degree, was an environmental scientist, worked at Notre Dame, retired from state government, read grant proposals for the federal government, served as a college professor, and was also a business owner.

If you asked David about his greatest accomplishment, he would say it was his family. He showed his love in simple ways-fixing a broken can opener, checking to make sure the garage door was shut, taking care of those darn dogs, getting his grandkids off the bus, answering every phone call and so much more.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church  
244 Luna Ave SE  
Los Lunas, NM 87002

## Rosary

MAR 19. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church  
244 Luna Ave SE  
Los Lunas, NM 87002

## Funeral Mass

MAR 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church  
244 Luna Ave SE  
Los Lunas, NM 87002

## Graveside Service

MAR 19. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Los Lentes Catholic Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

NG

“ *My dearest family... you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all, always.*

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**Nicole Chavez Gurule** - March 18 at 03:25 PM

MI

“ *Bobby our deepest sympathies for you and your family for your loss, your primos from Taos Michael and Sylvia*

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**Michael** - March 17 at 09:09 PM

VC

*Thank you for your condolences.*

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**Veronica Sanchez Cordova** - March 18 at 12:20 PM

RC

“ *Sorry for your loss, prayers for family*



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**Raymond De La Cruz** - March 16 at 10:25 PM

VC

*Thank you so much for your condolences.*

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**Veronica Sanchez Cordova** - March 17 at 05:23 PM

JG

“ *Roberta, Veronica, Christina, Noelle and David, Our sincere condolences. May God guide you in this difficult time. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May your husband, dad, grandpa rest in peace.*



*Rick and Jo Ann Griego*

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**Jo Ann Griego** - March 13 at 11:22 PM

VC

*Thank you so much. We appreciate your condolences.*

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**Veronica Sanchez Cordova** - March 14 at 02:41 PM

FO

“ *Frank Otero lit a candle in memory of David Martin Sanchez*



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**Frank Otero** - March 13 at 07:35 AM

VC

*Thank you so much for thinking of our dad.*

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**Veronica Sanchez Cordova** - March 13 at 02:51 PM

MC

“ *Roberta and family sending thoughts and prayers.*



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**Mary Chavez** - March 12 at 11:35 PM

VC

*Thank you so much for thinking of our dad.*

**Veronica Sanchez Cordova** - March 13 at 02:51 PM

VC

“ *Viola And Jerome Chavez lit a candle in memory of David Martin Sanchez*



**Viola and Jerome chavez** - March 12 at 10:42 PM

VC

*Thank you so much for thinking of our dad.*

**Veronica Sanchez Cordova** - March 13 at 02:51 PM

VG

“ *Vivian Garcia lit a candle in memory of David Martin Sanchez*



**Vivian Garcia** - March 12 at 09:45 PM

VC

*Thank you so much for thinking of our dad.*

**Veronica Sanchez Cordova** - March 13 at 02:52 PM

JT

“ *Roberta and family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.* ”



Jacob Tafoya - March 12 at 08:35 PM

PB

“ *My condolences my favorite memory I have of  
David is when at family gatherings the love in  
his eyes for his family was immense.* ”



Paty Baeza - March 12 at 07:44 PM

VC

*Thank you so much for thinking of our dad. He did love his family.*

Veronica Sanchez Cordova - March 13 at 02:52 PM

RT

“ *Raquel Torres lit a candle in memory of David  
Martin Sanchez* ”



Raquel Torres - March 12 at 07:31 PM

VC

*Thank you so much for thinking of our dad.*

Veronica Sanchez Cordova - March 13 at 02:53 PM

BF

“ *Eternal rest grant unto David, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



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**Baca Spiers Family** - March 12 at 06:29 PM

VC

*Thank you so much for thinking of our dad.*

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**Veronica Sanchez Cordova** - March 13 at 02:53 PM