



## Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez

June 30, 1932 - December 15, 2020

1932-2020

Dionella "Nellie" Maria Lucia Sanchez, age 88, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2020. She was known to all who loved her by Nellie. Nellie married Frank Sanchez at the age of 19. They were blessed with a beautiful marriage of 69 years. Together, Frank and Nellie raised 5 beautiful children. She was a loving and devoted mother to Dodie, Veronica, Ruth, Paulene, and Roland. As their children were growing up, she worked diligently to make sure they had all that they needed. Nellie was known to sew dresses for her daughters and iron clothes to make extra money for her family. She retired as a secretary from the Belen Schools. Nellie was a warm, kind, and loving grandma. When you entered her home, there was a feeling of tenderness and love. Food was always served at noon and there was always enough to go around. Nellie embraced each minute spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was loved by all and her presence will be greatly missed.

Nellie was preceded in death by her parents, Josefita and Nicolas Gabaldon; mother and father-in-law, Pablo and Manuelita Sanchez; daughter, Veronica Garret; son, Roland Sanchez; granddaughters, Rachel Archuleta, Stephanie Sais and Marisa Lopez; and grandson, Justin Sullivan;

She is survived by her loving husband, Frank Sanchez; daughters, Dodie

Padilla (Ruben), Ruth Lopez (Dave), Pauline Chavez (Dennis); daughter-in-law, Janet Sanchez; sister, Margie Anaya (Henry-deceased); and brothers, Nick Gabaldon (Pauline-deceased), Leroy Gabaldon (Stella); 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters-in-law, and countless nieces and nephews.

All services will be celebrated at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, beginning with a visitation at 9:00 AM, rosary to be recited at 9:30 AM, and funeral mass to be celebrated at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Please sign Nellie's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

## Rosary

DEC **22**. 9:30 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

## Interment

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ We just heard of Nellie passing away. She was my secretary while I was the principal at Belen Middle School. A finer individual you could not of found and she will be missed by all who knew her. I am sure she and Callie Chamis are having a great time talking about their time and adventures at the middle school. Rest in peace Nellie you are missed.

James Burke - January 20, 2021 at 08:15 AM

LC

“ My auntie Nellie was one of the most loving, caring, and influential people in my life. In the seventh grade, while my auntie was a secretary at Belen Middle School, I was obsessing about my clothes. Being voted best dressed was very important to me. Each morning I would report directly to my auntie's office so she could inspect and help me with my appearance. My auntie would staple "cuffs" to my pant legs, frayed my bell-bottom jeans, had a bottle of both black and brown shoe shine in her desk for my boots and taught me how to match and size my clothes. Thus, Best dressed in the 7th grade! I will greatly miss her. May the Lord receive her into His loving arms and bless her deeply. Rest in peace auntie. May he also place a hedge of protection around my uncle Frank and all my cousins. Stay safe!

Lorenzo Carrillo - December 29, 2020 at 08:50 PM

TW

“ Tom And Edwina Weathersby lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez



Tom and Edwina Weathersby - December 23, 2020 at 11:59 PM

ES

“ *Condolences to Mr.Frank Sanchez and to the family and friends of Mrs. Nellie Sanchez,*



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**Enrique Sais** - December 22, 2020 at 09:17 PM

BM

“ *Sanchez family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss! May she rest in peace. God bless you all!*

*Bernice & Estevan*



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**Bernice Montoya** - December 22, 2020 at 06:09 PM

EM

“ *Our condolences to the Sanchez family on the loss of your mother. May she rest in Peace. Gary and Estefana.*



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**Estefana & Gary Montoya** - December 22, 2020 at 06:08 PM

TC

“ *May the Lord send his perpetual light upon Nellie. She was an awesome woman, so many memories of her. I pray for Frank and all the family, to have the strength and the guidance from our Lord, during this time.*

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**Teresa and Ron Chavez** - December 22, 2020 at 09:49 AM

LC

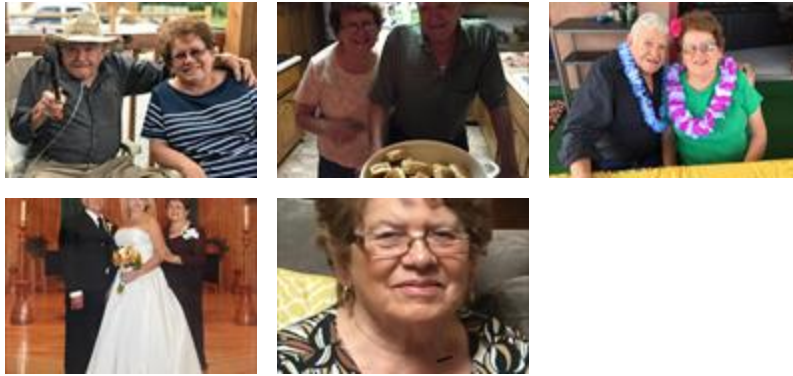
“ *Lawrence And Dolores Contreras sent a virtual gift in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



Lawrence and Dolores Contreras - December 21, 2020 at 04:06 PM

LM

“ *My grandma was the best person I know. She took care of us and taught us a lot throughout her life. I am honored and eternally grateful that God blessed me with such an angel here on earth. I love you grandma ❤️*



Lori Martinez - December 21, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez.*



December 21, 2020 at 12:40 PM

CJ

“ *Charlene Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



**Charlene Johnson** - December 21, 2020 at 10:34 AM

AC

“ *Annette E. Chavez lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



**Annette E. Chavez** - December 21, 2020 at 07:45 AM

PT

“ *Phil And Pauline Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



**Phil and Pauline Tafoya** - December 20, 2020 at 03:23 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - December 20, 2020 at 07:03 AM

LM

“ *Lora Marez lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



Lora Marez - December 19, 2020 at 09:52 PM

EH

“ *Elliott & Eva Hogue lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



Elliott & Eva Hogue - December 19, 2020 at 09:36 PM

EH

*Very Sorry for your Loss.*

Elliott & Eva Hogue - December 19, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez.*



December 19, 2020 at 09:25 PM

Janet Sanchez

“ I love you Nellie 💕💕



Janet Sanchez - December 19, 2020 at 07:39 PM

JL

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Nellie. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all during this difficult time. Love & hugs, John, Julie, Kaitlin and Dylan Lopez

Julie Flack Lopez - December 19, 2020 at 03:31 PM

CS

“ Our condolences to the family of Nellie, especially her husband of 69 years, Frank. We were fortunate to have met Nellie and we remember her as a quiet, Christian lady of faith. Faith we are sure that carried her through the good and difficult times of life. Great-grandchildren Elias and Cristiana were blessed to have known her and to have had her for as long as they did. Our prayers are with all the family, that they cherish their memories of this lovely lady!  
Sincerely,  
Clara & Gilbert Serafin

Clara & Gilbert Serafin - December 19, 2020 at 01:07 PM

MT

“ *My heartfelt condolences to all who loved and will miss her. May your memories sustain you during this very sad time.*



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**Michelle Tafoya** - December 19, 2020 at 12:57 PM

RL

“ *Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



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**Ruth Lucero** - December 19, 2020 at 12:23 PM

LS

“ *Sanchez family, we are so sorry for your loss. Nellie was a special friend to know, and she will live in the hearts of many. We will never forget her. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. God bless your family. Lloyd and Lucille Sais*

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**Lloyd and Lucille Sais** - December 19, 2020 at 10:55 AM

PM

“ *Phillip. Stella Molina lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



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**Phillip. Stella Molina** - December 19, 2020 at 10:05 AM

PM

*My Best Memories We're Spent At Nelly's house. With Pauline and the Family she Always had a Smile on Her Face She Always Made me Feel at Home. She and Frank Raised a Beautiful Family. She was Angel here on Earth and Now in Heaven. God's Blessings to all of you Stella*

**Phillip. Stella Molina** - December 19, 2020 at 10:13 AM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



**Jennie Mascarena** - December 19, 2020 at 02:42 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez.*



December 19, 2020 at 12:10 AM



“ *Anna Zamora Torres lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



**Anna Zamora Torres** - December 18, 2020 at 10:34 PM

AS

“ I’m so sorry for the loss of Nellie. May her soul through the Mercy of God Rest In Peace. God bless all the family. Prayers for comfort at this most difficult time in your lives. Amen.



Adela Sanchez - December 18, 2020 at 09:38 PM

BC

“ Bernie And Jean Chavez lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez



Bernie and Jean Chavez - December 18, 2020 at 06:09 PM

JU

“ Jeanette Chavez Urtiaga lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez



Jeanette Chavez Urtiaga - December 18, 2020 at 05:33 PM

AV

“ Our most sincere condolences, the family is in our thoughts and prayers.  
Steve & Audrey Vallejos

Audrey Vallejos - December 18, 2020 at 04:20 PM

MS

“ *Maxine Barela Schmock lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



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**Maxine Barela Schmock** - December 18, 2020 at 03:29 PM

JO

“ *Judy & Stevie Otero lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



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**Judy & Stevie Otero** - December 18, 2020 at 01:47 PM

TP

“ *Tony F Padilla lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



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**Tony F Padilla** - December 18, 2020 at 01:47 PM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



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**Glen & Mary Gabaldon** - December 18, 2020 at 11:32 AM

EC

“ Elizabeth Chavez lit a candle in memory of  
Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez



Elizabeth Chavez - December 18, 2020 at 10:51 AM

TJ

“ Tina C Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of  
Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez



Tina C Jaramillo - December 18, 2020 at 09:18 AM

RU

“ Ruben&BeckyJaramillo lit a candle in memory  
of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez



Ruben&BeckyJaramillo - December 18, 2020 at 09:17 AM

ST

“ STEVE&MAGDALENSANCHEZ lit a candle  
in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez



STEVE&MAGDALENSANCHEZ - December 18, 2020 at 09:16 AM

RS

“ *Rowena Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



Rowena Sanchez - December 18, 2020 at 08:16 AM

RS

“ *Prayers to everyone with LOVE Rowena and Armando*

Rowena Sanchez - December 18, 2020 at 08:16 AM

RS

“ *Rey Sais lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



Rey Sais - December 18, 2020 at 12:13 AM

MJ

“ *To all the Sanchez Family,  
We are sorry for your loss, prayers for the family during this difficult time and the years ahead. God Bless all of you.  
The Jojola Family*



Marty & Beatrice Jojola - December 17, 2020 at 11:07 PM

LS

“ *Lori Molina Silva lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



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**Lori Molina Silva** - December 17, 2020 at 09:43 PM

TG

“ *Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



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**Tony and Oralia Garcia** - December 17, 2020 at 09:25 PM

PM

“ *Phillip. Stella Molina sent a virtual gift in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



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**Phillip. Stella Molina** - December 17, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ *Roberta Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Dionella "Nellie" Sanchez*



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**Roberta Sanchez** - December 17, 2020 at 07:18 PM

JE

“ *We love you grandma we will miss you. Love  
Elias and Cristiana*



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**Jessica** - December 17, 2020 at 12:04 PM