



## Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez

April 12, 1914 - June 12, 2015

1914-2015

Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez, age 101, a resident of her beloved Belen, NM peacefully passed away surrounded by her loving family on Friday, June 12, 2015. She was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, a former member of the Catholic Daughters of the America and also padrinos of Santo Nino in December 1961. Ernestina was an active parent volunteer for over 20 years during her children's elementary days at St. Mary's School. She had a passion for visiting the Belen Public Library and reached a goal of reading every novel on the shelf, even being put on a waiting list for new arrivals. She was preceded in death by her husband, Otoniel "Tony"; son, Michael; infant daughter, Teresa; grandson, Quin; parents, Jose Maria and Teresa Sanchez Baca; father and mother in-law, Alfredo and Carlota Sanchez; and great-grandchild, Hannah. Ernestina is survived by her loving children, Raynaldo, Sandra and husband, Jake, Carlos and wife, Lydia, and Andrew; grandchildren, Damon, Felicia and husband, Charles, Thera, Denise and husband, Chris, Jacob and wife, Cassaundra, Aaron and wife, Diane, Theresa and husband, Randy, Mark and wife, Julie, Steven and wife, Jessica, Angela, Ana and husband, Parker, and Jessica; 20 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Pele Romero and Theo Patton; and sister, Celine Baca. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. A viewing will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, June 14th at 2:00 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 3:00 p.m. A final viewing will be held at Our Lady of

Belen Catholic Church on Monday, June 15th at 9:00 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Andrew, Carlos, Damon, Jacob, Aaron, and Ryan. Honorary Pallbearers will be Ray, Sandra, and Jake. The family would like to give a special thank you to Dr. Mark Sanchez, Presbyterian Hospice, Dr. Kathy Ligon, Nurse Pam, Tina, Bernadette, Dottie and Deacon Manny Trujillo. Please sign Ernestina's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhome.com](http://www.romerofuneralhome.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

**JUN 14.** 2:00 PM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
609 N. Main St.  
Belen, NM 87002  
(505) 864-8501  
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net  
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

## Rosary

**JUN 14.** 3:00 PM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
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## Final Viewing

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JUN **15**. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Mass

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JUN **15**. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Well only met the lady a few times. My astraged adopted father spoke of her a few times. So well hmm the las thing I'll put down as part of this horrific family the Carbajal's that is. Condolences to the immediate family. To the rest NOPE

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**JC** - January 15, 2017 at 02:03 AM

GA

“ It's me again . . . . potato soup, is what she made us. You're grandma was so sweet. Gail Beach

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**Gail** - June 22, 2015 at 09:34 AM

GA

“ Denise, Sweet little Grandma Sanchez . . . I remember her sharing some of her romance novels with us years ago, and she made us some potato when we were over at her house way back when. So, sorry for your loss. We miss our family members so much when their gone. But, it's comforting to know, she is with the Lord Jesus right now!!! Hang on to those beautiful memories. Blessings, Love, Gail

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**Gail** - June 22, 2015 at 09:32 AM

DF

“ My heart goes out to the family. I was the little boy next door. Her and Tony are amongst my best childhood memories. She has a trinket or two from me in that case in the living room. Love you Mrs. Sanchez! Tell my grandmai said hello!

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**Donny Flores** - June 21, 2015 at 09:26 PM

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**Donny Flores** - June 21, 2015 at 09:26 PM

TC

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of little grandma. She gave the biggest hugs. I remember how she would hold Benjamin, and how she always listened to all of our stories. My heart breaks for you... she loved her family - And it was evident by the love her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren loved her back. This community lost a historian. To Denise, Chris, Andre and Jordan....my deepest sympathies - I know you were such a light in her eyes. She was so blessed having you there, helping her throughout the years - especially the last five or six years non stop. All our love and prayers for the entire family. The Carabajal's (Phil, Theresa and Ben)

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**Theresa Carabajal** - June 17, 2015 at 12:54 AM

AM

“ Alice in Memphis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez.



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**Alice in Memphis** - June 16, 2015 at 12:37 PM

JM

“ *Sandra, Jake and Sanchez Family, so sorry for your loss. Josephine Chavez & Marlene Pino*



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**Josephine & Marlene** - June 16, 2015 at 12:10 PM

DS

“ *Dom And Dan Sanchez-Stimson lit a candle in memory of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez*



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**Dom and Dan Sanchez-Stimson** - June 15, 2015 at 07:54 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - June 15, 2015 at 10:08 AM

ES

“ *Memories, stories to share, all your love and no regrets. How wonderful of a family for "Little Grandma" and all of you. Dave and Eileen Scott*

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**Eileen Scott** - June 14, 2015 at 01:16 PM

DC

“ *Dolores Contreras lit a candle in memory of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez*



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**Dolores Contreras** - June 14, 2015 at 01:02 PM

JG

“ *Joe A. & Agnes Garcia lit a candle in memory of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez*



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**Joe A. & Agnes Garcia** - June 13, 2015 at 10:17 PM

JG

“ *Jake, Sandra, Ray & families:*

*We are so sorry to hear of your mama' s passing. We met her a few times and she was always so nice & sweet. We will keep you and your families in our prayers,*

*Joe & Agnes Garcia*

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**Joe A. & Agnes Garcia** - June 13, 2015 at 10:15 PM

TB

“ *The Carbajal Family. Dick, Francine, David & BreAnna purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez.*



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**The Carbajal Family. Dick, Francine, David & BreAnna** - June 13, 2015 at 05:01 PM

SS

“ STEVE&MAGDALEN SANCHEZ lit a candle in memory of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez



STEVE&MAGDALEN SANCHEZ - June 13, 2015 at 04:07 PM

RG

“ Regina Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez



Regina Gabaldon - June 12, 2015 at 08:42 PM

RG

*Little Grama and I had the same Birthday!*

Regina Gabaldon - June 12, 2015 at 08:45 PM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez.



June 12, 2015 at 07:01 PM

AC

“ *Angela Sanchez, Reyna and Aidan Kirkpatrick and Robert C purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez.*



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**Angela Sanchez, Reyna and Aidan Kirkpatrick and Robert C**  
- June 12, 2015 at 06:04 PM

 Ruth  
Guttierrez

“ *Our condolences to the Sanchez family. God bless you all.*



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**Ruth Guttierrez** - June 12, 2015 at 05:48 PM

VG

“ *Ray, Sandra, Carlos, Andrew and families, how many people can be blessed to have had their Mom with them as long as you have. Our families grew up together in Belen. I have the most beautiful memories of life on 3rd Street next door to the Sanchez'. I shed a tear her not for sadness but happiness in that I was blessed to have known "TINA".*  
*Vivian Gabaldon*

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**VIVIAN GABALDON** - June 12, 2015 at 04:53 PM

LB

“ I meet this beautiful sweet woman but once not very long ago. She greeted me with the utmost love and graciousness. I will never forget the beauty her eyes held. The loving way she spoke of her family. I am honored I to have met her. We are sending our heart felt love and prayers to you all. May the Peace of Christ rest on you all.  
Love The Butler Family Abq.

Lesley Butler - June 12, 2015 at 03:32 PM

TP

“ Tony F Padilla lit a candle in memory of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez



Tony F Padilla - June 12, 2015 at 03:10 PM

JC

“ Judy Padilla Castillo lit a candle in memory of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez



Judy Padilla Castillo - June 12, 2015 at 03:09 PM

MA

“ Sandra, Jake & Family,  
We are So Sorry for the loss of your Mother. I am so Proud of you for taking such GOOD care of your MOM, You & Your Brothers. May God Bless You & Your Family & Your Brothers. Love, Glen, Mary & Myra

Mary/Glen/Myra - June 12, 2015 at 03:05 PM

MA

“ *Mary/Glen/Myra lit a candle in memory of Ernestina B. "Little Grandma" Sanchez*



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**Mary/Glen/Myra** - June 12, 2015 at 03:00 PM