



Joe L. Sanchez

July 26, 1929 - December 16, 2020

1929-2020

On December 16, 2020, our Lord called Joe L. Sanchez, age 91, to be by his side. Joe passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Belen, NM on July 26, 1929 and graduated as a proud Belen Eagle. He moved to Albuquerque shortly after graduation and was employed by Sandia National Labs where he started in the photo department and retired as an administrative assistant. Joe also enlisted in the New Mexico National Guard in 1947. By 1953, he was promoted to a 2nd Lieutenant and enjoyed a wonderful career until as a Lieutenant Colonel was transferred to the Army Reserve with a promotion to Colonel, where he retired 5 years later. He loved his time in the Army and serving his country and the different duties he had from a platoon leader to battalion commander to an instructor at the Command and General Staff College. He was honored to travel to many posts across the country and Germany.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Ramon and Delfinia Sanchez; brothers, Patrick, Frank, Ignacio and Ernesto Sanchez; sisters, Lucy Abeyta, Marina Jaramillo, Margaret Saavedra, and Lucila Mitchell and granddaughter Karen Moore. Joe is survived by his wife of 67 years, Sally C. Sanchez; son, Bruce Sanchez and wife Nora; daughter ,Carol Crandall and husband Mark; grandchildren, Danny Moore and wife Andrea, Krista Moore, William Kesten

and wife Alisia, Kathryn Kesten, Elizabeth Sanchez and Rebecca Sanchez; great grandchildren Danny Moore Jr., Kiefer Sordia, Peter Paul Espinosa and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A rosary will be recited for Joe on Friday, January 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm and funeral mass on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church. Interment will follow with a private ceremony. Please sign Joe's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Tribute Wall

NS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nora Sanchez - December 18, 2021 at 12:57 PM

NS

“ Thinking of you, you been gone a year . 🥺
sad you are not here. I love you very much



nora sandhez - December 18, 2021 at 12:55 PM

NS

“ Nora Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of
Joe L. Sanchez



Nora Sanchez - November 28, 2021 at 07:47 PM

NS

“ *Nora Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Joe L. Sanchez*



nora sanchez - November 02, 2021 at 08:46 PM

NS

“ *Thinking of you always*



Nora Sanchez - October 24, 2021 at 03:03 PM

NS

“ *Nora Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe L. Sanchez*



Nora Sanchez - October 24, 2021 at 03:02 PM

BS

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Bruce Sanchez - October 11, 2021 at 12:03 PM

NS

“ *Nora Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe L. Sanchez*



Nora Sanchez - October 05, 2021 at 11:40 AM

NO

“ *Nora sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe L. Sanchez*



nora - October 02, 2021 at 10:06 PM



“ *I miss u grandpa joe and know your with grandma sally now*



Kathryn Kesten - October 01, 2021 at 10:10 PM

NO

“ *I know you are in heaven together now.*



nora - October 01, 2021 at 03:50 PM

NO

“ *Nora lit a candle in memory of Joe L. Sanchez*



Nora - October 01, 2021 at 03:29 PM

NO

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Nora - August 16, 2021 at 02:40 PM



I will miss u grandma

Kathryn Kesten - September 30, 2021 at 09:54 PM

NO

“ *It's been 8 months since you left us. Today, I'm asking for you to be with us . We all miss you deeply. Love ♡♡ Nora ... 🙏📧🌹*

Nora - August 16, 2021 at 02:39 PM

NO

“ *Nora lit a candle in memory of Joe L. Sanchez*



Nora - August 16, 2021 at 02:37 PM

NO

“ *Nora💕💕 lit a candle in memory of Joe L. Sanchez*



Nora💕 - July 16, 2021 at 09:48 PM

NO

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Nora💕 - July 16, 2021 at 09:46 PM

NO

“ *JULY, ITS OUR BIRTHDAY MONTH ...I LOVE AND MISS YOU ...*



nora - July 06, 2021 at 09:12 PM

AC

“ *Sorry that this message is so late, I just heard about Joe's passing. Joe and Sally made a great team. They brought up two fine children, Bruce and Carol. Joe was worked hard, but worked harder as a family man, which made him a real man's man. He will be missed by all those who knew him.*

ARTHUR L CASTILLO - January 25, 2021 at 10:21 AM

SG

“ I would visit Joe and Sally and be reminded of the friendship he and she had for my father and mother. His Army life was shared with my father as both shared officer positions. Joe was fond of Belen, too. Thank you Joe for reminding me to call because you reached from Paradise to let me know you were there.

Susanna Rita Gilbert - January 18, 2021 at 02:54 PM

DM

“ Danny Moore lit a candle in memory of Joe L. Sanchez



Danny Moore - January 16, 2021 at 11:19 AM

WK

“ Our hearts are saddened 🌸. You will be deeply be missed. May God Bless you. 🌹 Thank you for all you wonderful guidance. Thank you for being a Special Grandpa in my life. " God is Sprit, and those who worship him, worship him in spirit and truth" Amen . 🙏❤️



William Kesten - January 07, 2021 at 09:56 AM

PH

“ Joe was a great brother in law! He was more like the real brother I never had. Best man at my wedding. Helped me through my early years in college! Always there to help me through the tough times. When faced with difficult situations he was always available to provide moral support! “You can do it!” Always positive! A great guy! Always there to listen and offer good advice! I appreciated you being there for me Joe! Rest In Peace!
Philip

phil - January 02, 2021 at 03:48 PM

NS

“ Nora Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe L. Sanchez



Nora Sanchez - December 28, 2020 at 12:00 PM

CC

“ Carol Sanchez Crandall lit a candle in memory of Joe L. Sanchez



Carol Sanchez Crandall - December 22, 2020 at 09:56 AM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Joe L. Sanchez



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - December 20, 2020 at 07:04 AM

OR

“ Sally & Family,

It was about two weeks ago that I spoke with Joe. He had not changed. He was still the same lovely and kind cousin. He said me me, "I am ready to go" and he did it with the assurance Heaven was ready to receive him. Now Joe's soul is full of the light, immortal vigor and in keeping with his Catholic faith is in the hands of God where he will dwell in eternity. He has now confirmed that his soul's earthly probation is true at last. May he rest in peace.



I send sincere condolences on behalf of Sue, our family and myself. May time bring solace to your grieving hearts.

Your cousin,

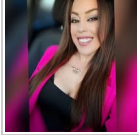
Oscar S. Ramirez

Oscar Ramirez - December 19, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ We could not have wished for better neighbors than our friends Joe and Sally. We will miss him and we are here for her.

Mark Hinton - December 19, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *My sweet sweet Papa. I love you so.
I will forever carry you with me I till I see you again* ❤️



Elizabeth Sanchez - December 18, 2020 at 11:46 PM



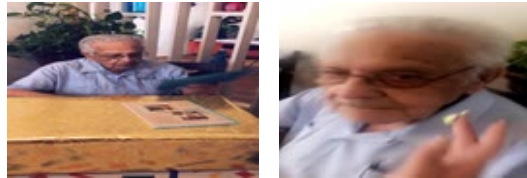
“ *Heaven has received another angel,
As life goes on.
We will treasure the memories We have of
you,
You were a loving, caring, full of laughter.
You will always hold a place in our hearts.* ❤️



alisia - December 18, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ *My papa* 💔



Rebecca Sanchez - December 18, 2020 at 10:57 PM

BS

“ Bruce Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Joe L. Sanchez



Bruce Sanchez - December 18, 2020 at 10:50 PM

NS

“ Nora Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Joe L. Sanchez



Nora Sanchez - December 18, 2020 at 10:41 PM

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Nora Sanchez - December 18, 2020 at 10:39 PM

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You were my Special Father, 🤝👤 Mentor and the " Rock of the family". I will always remember every moment I spent with you . I will "forever" love you ❤️ Thank you for looking after our family.💛God Bless you 🙏❤️

Nora Sanchez - December 19, 2020 at 09:28 AM

KK

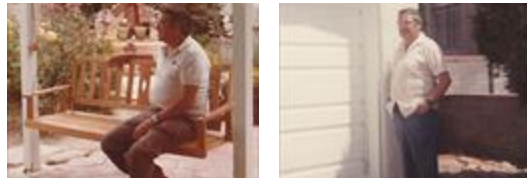
“ *I'm so sad that your gone. I love you. Thank you for being my Grandpa.* ”



kathryn kesten - December 18, 2020 at 10:30 PM

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Hobert Moore (Bud) - December 18, 2020 at 12:41 PM

JA

“ *Rest in peace. God Bless your family. John Abeyta* ”



John Abeyta - December 17, 2020 at 06:25 PM

BS

This is your cousin Bruce .please comment back ..i like to talk and see how you are doing .

Bruce Sanchez - December 29, 2020 at 05:01 PM