



Juan Adolfo Sanchez

March 28, 1939 - February 25, 2021

1939-2021

Juan Adolfo Sanchez, age 81, passed away peacefully on February 25, 2021. "To give dignity to a man is above all things" -Native American Proverb. Dignified, loyal, hard- working are only a few of the words that describe our dad. Our dad never allowed his dignity to be taken away. In his illness we took care of him with love, kindness, and the utmost respect. He was born March 28, 1939 on the ranch in Priest Canyon in the Manzano Mountains. They later moved to Belen and he attended Belen High School. Juan was a professional boxer before he met Corrine, the love of his life. He started out in the Golden Gloves and went on to fight professionally at Gene Fulmer's, the middle weight champion of the world, training camp in Salt Lake City Utah. He traveled all over the country and met many famous people including Muhammad Ali. Juan went on to study meat cutting in Toledo, Ohio and worked at Piggley Wiggley in Albuquerque. In true Juan fashion, he decided he couldn't support his family working for someone else. He bought his first big truck and started peddling hay on the side of the road in Gallup and Grants. This lead to his career as a farmer and eventually rancher/ land owner. His dream since we all can remember, was to buy back his dad's ranch in the Manzano Mountains. He realized this dream and acquired his father's ranch and other ranches around New Mexico. Despite being deaf and even though English was not his first language, he was a sharp business man. Juan met Corrine in 1963. Their first date was to a silent movie in Belen. He

married her two years later at 6:00 a.m. at the nuns little chapel in Belen. This 56 year union produced five children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Juan is proceeded in death by his beloved grandsons, Jason Bell and Nicholas Padilla; his father, Felipe; mom, Brigida; his twin, Pipo; brothers, Polonio, Fidel, Sammy, Cristobal, Leroy, and Ernesto; sisters, Viola, and Maria; in-laws, Gilbert Kasner, Manuel Baca, and Bob Hanson. He is survived by sisters, Florinda, Nattie, and Lorencita; brothers, Felipe, Steven, and Gilbert; in-laws. Sandi, Grace, and Willie Lucero; his beloved children, Bernadine, Juanito and wife Theresa, Bridget and husband John, Lenore and husband Matthew, Felipe (Pipo) and wife Stephanie; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The family would like to give a special thank you to the caregivers, nurses and Dr. Joseph Aragon, from Ambercare Hospice for the special love and care they gave to Juan. They were there every step of the way and loved and cared for him and tried to make him comfortable throughout his journey.

Services will take place on Friday, March 5, 2021, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning with a Rosary to be recited at 9:30 AM and a Funeral Mass at 10:00. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, John, Gabriel, Lil Juanito, Cristian, Matthew John, Isaiah, Lukas and Diego. Please sign Juan's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 5. 9:30 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

TB

“ I was friends with Felipe, Juan's brother, and went down to visit my friend at his house and had the honor of meeting Juan. Felipe told me that growing up around his brother one of the things they did a lot was box. Felipe's friends would visit and Juan would make them get into the ring and fight. Felipe and I were in the carpenters union and I enjoyed him telling me what it was like growing up in Belin. I'm the same age now, 81, that Juan lived to be. RIP BROTHER

Thomas Ball - June 07, 2024 at 07:33 PM

RL

“ Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez



Ruth Lucero - March 07, 2021 at 01:16 PM

GV

“ I met Juan in 2001, he was a very smart man and had a huge impact on my life. On his advice I bought my ranch, a place that impacted my own family especially my children. He truly was like a stone dropped in the pool of life. His influence will continue to affect this world positively for generations. A hard worker, who pushed himself and others to succeed, the world was much better because of him.

Glenn Smith Valdez - March 07, 2021 at 07:16 AM

AP

“ Albert, Linda, Darlene, & Dylan Peña lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez



Albert, Linda, Darlene, & Dylan Peña - March 05, 2021 at 03:15 PM

OS

“ Cousin I'm going to miss you ; I can't believe your gone , but we will meet again
Rest In Peace; our condolences to his family .
Olojio & Betty Sanchez

olojio sanchez - March 04, 2021 at 10:12 PM

DM

“ I met Juan back in 1986 when I worked for Soil Conservation Service. We became instant friends on my first visit to his farm in Jarales and he always treated me like a friend. I worked with him for four years and will always remember him. Vaya con Dios my Amigo.
David Manzanares (Española, NM)

David E Manzanares - March 04, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Juan Adolfo Sanchez.



March 04, 2021 at 05:53 PM

JC

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Sanchez family. May God wrap his arms around you during this difficult time and all the days that follow.*

JoAnne Chavez - March 04, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Multi-Color Standing Sympathy Wreath was purchased for the family of Juan Adolfo Sanchez.*



March 04, 2021 at 02:05 PM

AB

“ *To Corrine & all the Sanchez family...we send our deep condolences & love. Milton & Juan were such good friends...they shared lots of boxing memories & fun together. He was loved by so many & will surely be missed. ...Milton & Annabelle Barela*



Annabelle Barela - March 03, 2021 at 01:18 PM

MG

“ *We will be praying for Mr. Sanchez as he journey's home. Our condolences and heartfelt prayers for his beautiful family. Love, Josh, Michelle and Brandon*



Michelle Garcia - March 02, 2021 at 06:12 PM

CC

“ Country And Dolores Contreras sent a virtual gift in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez



Country and Dolores Contreras - March 02, 2021 at 12:30 PM

MG

“ Mark, Amy, Aidan And Alex Garcia lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez



Mark, Amy, Aidan and Alex Garcia - March 02, 2021 at 11:54 AM

MG

Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Our prayers are with you all.

Mark, Amy, Aidan and Alex Garcia - March 02, 2021 at 11:55 AM

KP

“ Our deepest condolences sent to all of the family... Your in our thoughts and prayers ❤️
May God bless you all...



Kevin & Emma Pena - March 02, 2021 at 11:50 AM

JA

“ James And Annette lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez



James and Annette - March 02, 2021 at 11:02 AM

BN

“ Bobby & Laura Valdez (Española, NM) sent a virtual gift in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez



Bobby & Laura Valdez (Española, NM) - March 02, 2021 at 10:58 AM

BV

Sanchez Family,
Our condolences and prayers are with all the family..
Bobby & Laura Valdez (Española, NM)

Bobby & Laura Valdez - March 02, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - March 01, 2021 at 09:33 PM

AC

“ *To the Sanchez family we offer our deep condolences and may the soul of Juan Sanchez rest in peace .*

Albert & Alice Chavez - March 01, 2021 at 04:46 PM

HV

“ *Henry And Lorraine Vigil lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez*



Henry and Lorraine Vigil - March 01, 2021 at 01:04 PM

RV

“ *Richard And Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez*



Richard and Dolores Vigil - March 01, 2021 at 12:30 PM

SC

“ *Sophia Chavez lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez*



Sophia Chavez - March 01, 2021 at 09:20 AM

DO

“ *Dominic lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez*



Dominic - February 28, 2021 at 08:24 PM

PM

“ *Phillip. Stella Molina sent a virtual gift in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez*



Phillip. Stella Molina - February 28, 2021 at 07:33 PM

PM

Lenore. And Family May God Be With you All During This Difficult Time. God's Blessings 🙏💙🙏

Phillip. Stella Molina - February 28, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *We were so saddened to hear of Juan's passing. We would like to offer our sincere condolences to Corrine and all his family. He was a great friend and we enjoyed many years visiting with him and Corrine and their families. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in Peace in God's kingdom. 🙏🙏🙏*



Connie Baca - February 28, 2021 at 02:58 PM

SC

“ *I have such fond memories of my visits, over the years in Belen, with Juan and Corrine. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.*

Steve Castillo - February 28, 2021 at 02:41 PM

ES

“ *Lenore and the entire Sanchez family, no words can ease your loss, just know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Eric & Lori Silva - February 28, 2021 at 02:04 PM

CE

“ *Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez*



Charles Eaton - February 28, 2021 at 10:58 AM

MG

“ *Corrine, Gennie and Marvin send our deepest sympathy and our condolence to you and your entire family. Our prayers are with all. May God Bless you all and may God Bless my Primo. Years of memories will be cherished for life Thank you Juan*

Marvin and Gennie - February 27, 2021 at 10:54 PM

ML

“ *CORRINE: Thinking of you, your children and grandchildren. R.I.P. PRIMO. I will miss seeing you at the cattle auction. Blessings,*
Marge (Sisneros) Lewis

Marge Lewis - February 27, 2021 at 08:21 PM

EH

“ *Elliott & Eva Hogue lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez*



Elliott & Eva Hogue - February 27, 2021 at 08:06 PM

BC

“ *Bernie And Jean Chavez sent a virtual gift in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez*



Bernie and Jean Chavez - February 27, 2021 at 05:26 PM

CJ

“ *It was an honor to know Mr. Juan Sanchez and a blessing to become close to the family. I will cherish every moment even when he said I talked to much!! You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Carolyn Jaramillo

Carolyn Jaramillo - February 27, 2021 at 03:01 PM

EC

“ Elizabeth Chavez lit a candle in memory of Juan Adolfo Sanchez



Elizabeth Chavez - February 27, 2021 at 11:29 AM

MM

Corrine and Family and all the Sanchez family. With the greatest sympathy for the loss of our beloved cousin Juan, may the memories be your comfort. May God fill you with his Love, Peace and Courage. Love and prayers. Mary Lou Sanchez ,Maestas and Don.

Mary Lou Maestas - March 11, 2021 at 10:44 AM