



Libby M. Sanchez

April 27, 1925 - November 9, 2013

1925-2013

Libby M. Sanchez, age 88, a life-long resident of Belen, left this world to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday November 9, 2013. After graduating from Belen High School and marrying her high school sweetheart she lived with her parents while her husband went to serve in the armed forces during World War II. She and her first-born son, Ernest Jr. waited for three years before finally being reunited with her husband. In modest surroundings they began a life long commitment of raising a large family, which was her dream being an only child. During the first part of her life as a mother and wife she was involved in the Home Maker's Extension Club of Valencia County. The Homemaker's Club was a vehicle of creativity that influenced the way she cooked and decorated her home. She served as Treasurer for the club later earning an Associates Degree in Home Economics from New Mexico State University. Many in the community still remember her by the ceramic classes she taught, and enjoy having something she made for them. She also hosted several University of New Mexico Peace Corp volunteers in her home. This brought many memorable experiences for her children and for the Peace Corp Volunteers it was a home away from home. She also became interested in promoting women's skin care becoming a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant. This was not only a tool by which she enriched other women's lives, but also a way she connected with the many new daughter-in-laws that were suddenly expanding her already large family. She never placed any limitations on herself and when it came to traveling with a large family she just looked at it as just one more fun thing to do with her children and husband. Libby took advantage of every cubic inch of the family station wagon packing it with both food and children. Many family vacations were taken which in time covered most of the fifty states. She and her husband continued to travel after the children were gone and they enjoyed parts of Europe, the Caribbean, Central and South America. After 66 years of marriage her husband passed away and Libby found herself lonely and without purpose. She began to write short stories as a way to remember the full life she had experienced. She began to share her stories while taking a writing class in California. She was encouraged by her instructor to write a book. Her book, "It's Possible It Happened to Me" chronicles the joys

and hardships of raising a large family, and how life is all about attitude and faith. Shortly after the book was printed she suffered from a stroke, losing a substantial amount of her vision, which was already diminished by macular degeneration. She left for California to live with her daughter, Carla, where she attended the Southern California School for the Blind and learned how to overcome being visually impaired. While attending she learned how to be more independent and learned how to make neck pillows. She graduated and received her diploma and returned home to live on her own. With the help of her family she lived on her own, and made neck pillow to bless others. Generosity was one of her many gifts. The neck pillows she made and gave away brought comfort and happiness to those around her. Libby was a longstanding member of Calvary Chapel Rio Grande and was active in several ministries within the church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest G. Sanchez; her infant daughter, Ramona Elizabeth Sanchez (Mona Lisa); her parents, Alberto and Trinidad Moya; and her grandson, Armand Sanchez. Libby is survived by her nine children and their spouses, Ernest Sanchez and his wife, Marylou, Sylvia Williams and her husband, Mason, Audrey Garcia and her husband, Gene, Andy Sanchez and his wife, Cheryl, Leroy Sanchez and his wife, Cecilia, Michael Sanchez and his wife, Margaret, Clyde Sanchez and his wife, Dorothy Jo, Carla Madrid and her husband, Dennis, Albert Sanchez and his wife, Linda, and 48 grandchildren and 76 great-grandchildren. All services will be held at Calvary Chapel Rio Grande Valley in Belen beginning with a Viewing on Saturday, November 16th, at 9:30 a.m. with a Funeral Service to be held at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be held at Fairview Memorial Park in Albuquerque on Saturday, November 16th at 12:30 p.m. Sign Libby's online register book at www.romerfuneralhome.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen

Cemetery Details

Fairview Memorial Park

700 Yale Blvd SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 16. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Calvary Chapel Rio Grande Valley
19381 New Mexico 314,
Belen,, NM 87002

Funeral Service

NOV 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

AA

“ *Lamento mucho la pérdida de su ser amado. Estoy segura que está pasando por un tiempo muy difícil ya que la muerte de un ser querido deja un gran vacío en el corazón. Algo que me ayudó mucho a mi es el consuelo que da la palabra de Dios, La Biblia. Si tiene una Biblia, le invito a que busque los textos de Juan 5:28, 29, Revelación 21; 3,4 y Hechos 24: 15. Ahí vera que se nos da la bella esperanza de la resurrección. Esto nos deja saber que en un futuro, ¡vamos a poder ver a nuestros seres queridos nuevamente, incluyendo a su ser amado! ¿Se puede imaginar el gozo que tendremos? Quisiera compartir más con usted esta magnífica esperanza. Con dicho pensamiento en mente, le invito a visitar el siguiente enlace: <http://www.JW.org/es/publicaciones/libros/tratado-muertos-volver-a-vivir/> Ahí encontrara un artículo que habla más al respecto.*

AAK - February 07, 2014 at 06:38 AM

OR

“ *Dear Family,*

We have received news of Libby's passing with heavy hearts. She now rests in the sacred dews of the eternal garden where she has found the undiscovered mystery of eternal life.

May time bring solace to your hearts.

Our sincere condolences over your loss.

Your cousins,

Oscar & Sue Ramirez

Oscar S. Ramirez - November 17, 2013 at 01:35 AM

PS

“ *What an amazing life and legacy! Libby will always be remembered for her smiling encouragement and Christ-like example of faith, family, hospitality and generosity. She and Ernest were the anchors in our church - modeling for all of us and training us in how to live & love like Jesus in our homes and everyday lives.*

May the spiritual heritage they nurtured in their family and brothers & sisters in Christ live on and grow in all their generations to come.

Rejoicing and hurting with you all,

*Phil & Wende Schultz
Colorado Springs, Colorado*

Phil & Wende Schultz - November 16, 2013 at 12:39 PM

MV

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Sanchez family. Our family was honored to know Mr/Mrs Sanchez. During our fathers illness...(Dick Gallegos) they came to pray with us in Socorro before his passing. They will always be remembered for their kindness. May you rest in peace.*

*Trini Gallegos and Family
Socorro, New Mexico*

Marie Valles - November 14, 2013 at 08:40 PM

AL

“ *Some of my earliest memories include Ernest and Libby Sanchez and their family. They blessed my parents with many years of friendship. I remember attending most of their childrens weddings and always felt like Libby was like another mother. What a great loss for her family, but knowing she is in a better place, hopefully, is some comfort to all of you. Prayers for all. Ann Lopez-McMillan, of Veguita, NM, now residing in Tyrone, NM*

Ann Lopez-McMillan - November 14, 2013 at 01:19 PM

CL

“ *I'm saddened to hear of Mrs. Sanchez' passing but my heart also smiles because I know she is in a better place with our Saviour and with Mr. Sanchez. My husband and I were extremely blessed to know both Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez. Condolences to the family.*

*With Love and Blessings,
Charlotte Lovato*

Charlotte Lovato - November 14, 2013 at 12:11 PM

KB

“ *What a joy it was to visit with Libby one last time just recently before she returned to New Mexico. I knew it was God's perfect timing that we would enjoy that one last meeting at our home. What she accomplished after her husband's death was a clear testimony and example of how Christians can flourish in their elderly years and end so well for the glory of God. She was, and always will be, a tremendous blessing. We just got her book. It will help us to always remember.*

*All our Love,
Dorcas and Ken Ballew*

Ken Ballew - November 12, 2013 at 11:11 AM

DP

“ *Diana Phillips-Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Libby M. Sanchez*



Diana Phillips-Ulibarri - November 12, 2013 at 10:26 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Libby M. Sanchez*



November 10, 2013 at 04:18 PM

FT

Home at last! Home at last! What a woman of Celestial Royalty! I have seen Libby in action about her Father's business with the love and dignity of a woman of God. Tommorrow we celibrate her entrance into heaven. Not because she was such a great persoh, but because she received Jesus Christ and what He did on Calvary's Cross for us. Libby is joined together with all the saints to spend eternity with our God. You did not need to ask Libby what was special about herself, you could just see it all over her. I am so happy to have had Ernest and Libby as my brother and sister in Christ Jesus. My Rosie was priviledge to have them at our home just a few days before Rosie's graduation into heaven. Thank you Jesus for such a couple as them and family. Ask any of their family how to get into heaven and they will be honored to show you the way. All our love from the Fidel Tabet family fidel

Fidel G. tabet - November 15, 2013 at 01:40 PM

BM

As I sit at my desk looking at Libby's picture I felt this great feeling all over my body...WOW...So many good times. I had the pleasure of knowing Libby & (my friend) Ernest. Oh how I loved for Saturday or Sunday to come because I knew we were off to the Sanchez House for a barbeque and swimming. They were like our 2nd parents as Ann said above. I became the hairstylist for my mom and Libby coz where ever the Sanchez' had a Wedding March to lead...you can rest assured the my mom & dad were close behind... I loved doing their hair...I can say that I believe my friend and my dad were at the gate in heaven waiting for her to join them either for a two step..or perhaps a polka...I pray you all find comfort in each other. Como Siempre Su Amiga Bernadette Lopez Moya God bless You all and may Libby REST IN PEACE

Bernadette Moya - November 20, 2013 at 09:55 AM