



Mary Sanchez Driggers

May 10, 1935 - August 20, 2024

1935 - 2024

Mary Sanchez-Driggers, beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, neighbor, and friend passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at her home in Jarales, New Mexico surrounded by her loving family. Services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on August 26, 2024, starting with a Visitation at 6:00 p.m. and Rosary at 7:00 p.m. a Final Visitation will be Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at the Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Mary was born in Santa Rita (Riley), NM to Cruzita (Baca) and Vicente Peralta and was baptized Merencia Armelinda Peralta. As a child, Mary played in the Rio Salado with her siblings and cousins in the shadow of the Ladron Mountain. She helped with the family garden, cooked, cleaned, hauled water for drinking, helped tend the family livestock, and attended the one room Riley schoolhouse. All this before electricity and indoor plumbing. Mary was very close to her maternal grandmother Sara and learned at a very young age to pray and trust all things to God.

Mary married Jose Pantaleon Sanchez of Magdalena and together they had 11 children. The family settled on a farm in Jarales, New Mexico. After the tragic and untimely death of her husband, Mary raised her young children and maintained the family farm.

Mary was a devoted mother and mother-in-law. She is survived by sons and

daughters: Fred (Cabrini), Mary Lucy (Gilbert Baca), Raymond (Diane), Clarence (Evelyn), Nancy (Steve Raether), Margaret (Dante Berry), Frances (Doug Hoffer), (Sara White), Felipe, and Martin (Jeanette). Grandma Mary is also survived by over 100 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband Jose Pantaleon Sanchez, her daughter and son-in-law Cynthia and Steve Driggers, her son Paul Sanchez, and her grandsons Eddie, Adrian, and Ramon. She is also preceded in death by Frank Giron and Andrew Driggers.

Mary worked for many years at the Los Lunas Training school helping and loving the severely handicapped children who lived there. She called them her Angels. Mary also worked for ARCA caring and assisting adult handicapped individuals who lived independently in group homes. She was kind and protective of her charges.

Mary was generous and authentic with her love and in her life. She loved to exercise, to dance, to laugh, to bowl, to pray, to sew, to travel, and was an avid puzzler. Mary traveled extensively throughout the continental United States and vacationed in Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, and throughout Europe. She was an active member of Belen chapter of the Catholic Daughters of Americas. She was also a member and supporter of The Servants of Mary – St. Julian Community, Belen, The Divine Mercy, The Blessed Sacrament Society, The Legion of Mary, and a proud member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. She faithfully sat with the blessed sacrament one hour per week until her health declined. She received daily communion until she left this earth for her heavenly home. Mary, as her grandmother before her, was a Rezadora - a Prayer Warrior for God.

All her children, grandchildren, in-laws and out-laws will never forget the blessings she gave when saying goodbye. She blessed with the following: I bless you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Then added prayers and words of wisdom for that specific loved one and a stern reminder to pray.

The family wishes to Thank everyone who supported us with love, prayers, visits, and food throughout this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers or donations, please pray a rosary or offer a mass for those in need. Please sign Mary's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 6:00 PM (MT)

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

Rosary

AUG 26. 7:00 PM (MT)

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

Final Visitation

AUG 27. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Mass

AUG 27. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

Interment

AUG **27**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

BT

“ *Billie Alice Sanchez Torres lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers*



Billie Alice Sanchez Torres - September 02, 2024 at 02:59 PM

ME

“ *Heartfelt condolences for Mrs. Mary Driggers family. May her memory always be a blessing and a prayer to those in need of comfort.*

Michelle Ethridge - September 02, 2024 at 11:09 AM

JB

“ *I remember my grandma lived with my family for a year while her home next door was being remodeled. I used to go over, as a kid, and have breakfast with her, watch Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. She and I prayed together and attended Mass together. I visited her almost every day except when I was gone. I helped take care of her, recently started to watch Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune again for old times sake. I continued to attend Mass with her and prayed with her.*

John Berry - August 29, 2024 at 10:03 PM

EB

“ My deepest condolences to all of Mary's family and friends. She was a wonderful person and great friend to my Mother, Rosalie.



Elias Barela - August 28, 2024 at 05:40 PM

MC

“ My deepest condolences. I will always remember Mary's beautiful kind smile. She was always very pleasant and kind. She earned her rest. May your memories of her always be a blessing.

Mercy Castillo - August 28, 2024 at 04:54 PM

AL

“ Mary was a really nice person. I use to work with her at ARCA and I would cover her shift every Thanksgiving so she could be off to be able to spend it with her family. Everytime I saw her she would thank me and tell me how grateful she was that I did that, and she would bless me with the sign of the cross. I will always remember that. My condolences to my Nina and Nino Gilbert and Lucy and my uncle and auntie Raymond and Diane and the entire Sanchez family.



Armon Luna - August 27, 2024 at 10:52 AM

KH

“ Love and blessings. May your Mama rest in peace. 💖🕊️



Kathy Chavez Holland - August 26, 2024 at 06:43 PM

PC

“ Patricia Carreon lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers



Patricia Carreon - August 26, 2024 at 01:40 PM

CM

“ Cindy L Maestas lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers



Cindy L Maestas - August 26, 2024 at 09:14 AM

LP

“ Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers



Lenore Pena - August 26, 2024 at 02:36 AM

PA

“ Patricia sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers



Patricia - August 25, 2024 at 10:32 AM

CL

“ My deepest condolences to all of Mary’s family. Your mom was a warm, compassionate, loving friend to everyone she met. I couldn’t have asked for a truer and more honest friend. Her compassion is beyond words. I’ll miss our conversations and her humor when we talked on the phone. Mary was a beautiful person inside and out. May you rest in peace Mary. 🙏🌸

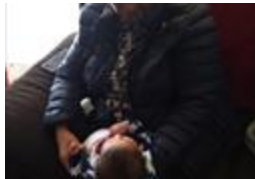


-Your friend and coworker, Christina Lucero

Christina Lucero - August 24, 2024 at 02:49 PM

AD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Amber Driggers - August 24, 2024 at 01:25 PM

AD

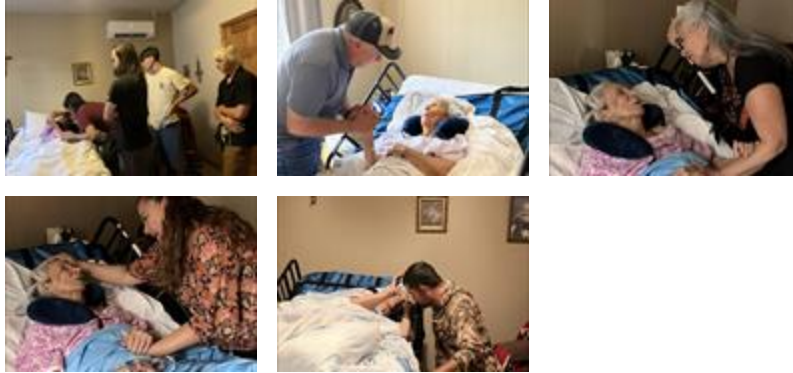
“ This was the day Grandma met my Granddaughter ❤️



Amber Driggers - August 24, 2024 at 01:22 PM

DB

“ Mary blessed family and friends who came to visit her the last few days of her life. It was beautiful to be a witness to it all. She now rests in peace.



Dante Berry - August 24, 2024 at 11:36 AM

MB

“ Martin And Antoinette Baca lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers



Martin and Antoinette Baca - August 23, 2024 at 09:05 PM

DB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dante Berry - August 23, 2024 at 08:21 PM

OM

“ *My condolences to the Sanchez Family. Mary was an extremely nice person. God Bless.....Olga Mosher*



Olga Mosher - August 23, 2024 at 05:59 PM

EM

“ *Erin Melendrez lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers*



Erin Melendrez - August 23, 2024 at 05:25 PM

CE

“ *Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers*



Charles Eaton - August 23, 2024 at 03:52 PM

TF

“ *Tony F Padilla & Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers*



Tony F Padilla & Family - August 23, 2024 at 11:41 AM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers*



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - August 23, 2024 at 11:40 AM

A-

“ *My heartfelt condolences thoughts and prayers are with her family. Knowing Mary Driggers was a true blessing she was always so happy and humble and full of wisdom and knowledge and always smiling. She was a beautiful person and beautiful soul. We love you Mary Driggers and you will be greatly missed. God's Blessings your CDA sister Aimee C Delano -Chavez*



Aimee C Delano -Chavez - August 23, 2024 at 11:04 AM

AS

“ *To all the Sanchez family, I am So sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort to you all. May her soul through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. 🙏*



Adela Sanchez - August 23, 2024 at 10:25 AM

MA

“ Our deepest condolences to Fred, Lucy, Raymond, Clarence, Nancy, Margaret, Frances, Felipe, Martin and Family on the passing of your beloved Mom. May you comfort each other and find solace as you fondly remember your Mom. Mama loved and revered her daily 3 o'clock prayers with her Comadre Mary. She told me numerous times, Comadre dearly loved you all and was so proud of each of you. With heartfelt sympathy, John and Mary B. Anderson

Mary B. Anderson - August 23, 2024 at 09:10 AM

G(

“ Geraldine Marquardt (Chavira) lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers



Geraldine Marquardt (Chavira) - August 23, 2024 at 09:03 AM

HC

“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of your beautiful Mom. May she Rest In Peace 🕊️



Henry & Mary Chavira - August 23, 2024 at 12:07 AM

EH

“ Eva Hogue lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers



Eva Hogue - August 22, 2024 at 11:12 PM

EH

*My Deepest Condolences to the family, May Mary Rest in Peace.
Prayers going out to the Family*

Eva Hogue - August 22, 2024 at 11:14 PM

BZ

“ *Bernadette Zamora lit a candle in memory of
Mary Sanchez Driggers*



Bernadette Zamora - August 22, 2024 at 10:15 PM

BZ

“ *A Beautiful Lady with a Beautiful Soul ❤️
Always had a smile, and a friendly word.. May she rest in peace 🙏
and May Our Lords Perpetual Light Shine on her..
Keeping all the Sanchez family in our prayers 🙏*

Marty and Bernadette Zamora

Bernadette Zamora - August 22, 2024 at 10:15 PM

RL

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Mary's family.
She was a beautiful lady.
May she Rest In Peace. 🙏💜🙏*



Ruth Lucero - August 22, 2024 at 10:09 PM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers*



Jennie Mascarena - August 22, 2024 at 08:00 PM

DB

“ *One of my special memories is July 4, 2020. It was in the midst of COVID and people kept to themselves. I spent Fourth of July with Mary and my mom. My two moms. We shared a meal then lit fireworks. It was a blessing. Amen*



Dante Berry - August 22, 2024 at 06:56 PM

CE

Blessed

Celestina - August 22, 2024 at 11:37 PM

RB

“ *Lucy, my sincere condolences go out to you and your family I pray that our Lord gives you comfort and peace through these painful times. Rose Mary Campa Blakely*

Rose Mary Campa Blakely - August 22, 2024 at 06:45 PM

DU

“ *Diana Phillips Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers*



Diana Phillips Ulibarri - August 22, 2024 at 05:53 PM

JL

“ *Lit a Candle in beautiful memories for her close Family and Friends. She sounds like a beautiful Great Lady, Her simple early life sounds like My own Mom's, Felicitas M. Landavazo, that also grew up in a simple place with nine brothers and sisters as the eldest. I'm sure that they knew each other. Condolences and sincere sympathy for Her family and Friends.*



June Anne Salazar de Landavazo - August 22, 2024 at 03:51 PM

FS

My Mom's Great Grandmother was a Landavazo.

Felipe Sanchez - September 05, 2024 at 08:33 AM

FR

“ *Condolences and prayers for you and your family. Mark and Frederica Chavez*



Frederica - August 22, 2024 at 03:12 PM

BT

“ Lucy, Diane and Family, our sincere condolences go out to all of you on the loss of your Beloved Mother. Prayers for all of you and May your Mother Rest In Peace 🌹

Benji and Angie Torres - August 22, 2024 at 03:06 PM

BF

“ Lucy and Family I am so sorry for your loss of your mother she was one of the most sweetest people in the world. May she rest in peace and God Bless you all.



Bertha flores - August 22, 2024 at 02:54 PM

RG

“ Our sincere condolences go out to Margaret, Phillip, Martin and all the Sanchez family.

She was a beautiful woman. May she rest in peace.

Love always,

Richard and Patricia Garcia



Richard and Patricia Garcia - August 22, 2024 at 01:59 PM

CH

“ Bill & I send our condolences to Fred, Cabrini, & the family. Find comfort in your memories. Xoxo



Carolyn H - August 22, 2024 at 01:45 PM

LM

“ My condolences, love, & prayers go out to the family at this difficult time💔



Lora Marez - August 22, 2024 at 01:41 PM

AD

“ Amber Driggers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers



Amber Driggers - August 22, 2024 at 01:21 PM

AD

“ Amber Driggers lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers



Amber Driggers - August 22, 2024 at 01:18 PM

MS

“ Martin Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Mary Sanchez Driggers



Martin Sanchez - August 22, 2024 at 01:16 PM

MS

I will miss and love you mamma forever rest in peace with dad brother sister and nephews 🙏❤️

Martin Sanchez - August 22, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MS

You are my light and angel in the name of the father and Holy Spirit, Amen 🙏

Martin Sanchez - August 22, 2024 at 01:20 PM

FS

Every morning, I wake up and think about Mom. Take care my brother.

Felipe Sanchez - September 05, 2024 at 08:36 AM