



Mary Sue Sanchez

May 30, 1927 - September 14, 2014

Mary Sue Sanchez life-long resident of Valencia County, 87 passed away on Sunday, September 14, 2014. Mary Sue was born to Ignacio and Stella Gallegos from Jarales, she was second oldest of eleven children. Mary Sue was a proud and dedicated member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughters.

She retired in 1983, from the District Court Office in Valencia County after her husband Abelino asked her one morning, "Why are you still working?" Afterwards, they spent their retirement years enjoying life and family together, until his death in August 1992. For the last twenty-two years Mary Sue enjoyed knowing her many grandchildren, the Christmas mornings spent in her living room, much laughter and conversation with friends, trips to the casino as well as numerous travels to see relatives and friends in New York, Michigan, New Jersey, Illinois, Nebraska and California. She most cherished her trip to Rome for her brother's ordination by the Pope and her trip to Hawaii with her sister-in-law and daughter.

Mary Sue was a daughter, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, God mother, co-worker and friend. During community gatherings in Belen, these roles in her life brought her the most joy. She loved talking to people.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Abelino (and his twin sister) Severa Ulibarri, her beloved son Paul Lester, a great granddaughter Kaitlyn as well as her brothers: Moses, Manuel, Nestor, Fr. Albert, Alfred Gallegos her three sisters: Carmen, Diana, Bernadette and in-laws: Bob Flick, and Aurelia Gallegos.

She is survived by her daughters: Sandra (Jim) Sanchez, Phyllis (Rick) Hayes, Mary (Gail Ranshaw) Sanchez, her brothers: Ignacio (Alicia) Gallegos, Fr. David Gallegos; sister-in-laws: Theresa Gallegos, Virgie Gallegos and Frances Gallegos, her grandchildren Wayne (Cecilia) Sanchez, Tammy (Rick) Engler, Francesca (Steve) Waghorn, David (Karen) Sanchez, Bernadette (John) Pulsipher, Maria Sanchez—grandma's angel, Brandi (Terrell) Trantham as well as great-grandchildren: Heather, Abel, Reuben, Brandon, Sydney, Desirae, Desmond, Megan, Emily, Zachary, Aidia, and great-great granddaughter Adriana. She is also survived by many nephews, nieces and close friends.

Mary Sue was most happy when her house was filled with family, friends, stories and laughter. For many years, her beans and chili gathered the family (and many welcomed guests) together in her home weekly. No one ever left her house without a soda and a smile. Her soothing singing voice sang many a lullaby or nursery rhyme. She had an amazing ability to comfort those dealing with the hardships of life. Her traditions as well as her generosity, will carry on through her children and grandchildren.

Thanks to the special people who helped care for her in her home: Kristi Jaramillo, Annette Martinez, and Margaret Molina, also her friend Joanna Salsberry, who enriched her life with kindness, jokes, laughter and love. We are grateful for the gentle care and professionalism the staff at the Anna Kaseman Hospice facility provided. Our family and friends "thank" you.

A Viewing will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. A Final Viewing will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Thursday, September 18th 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.

In lieu of flowers, she asked that donations be made to St. Mary's School a Catholic Grade School in Belen she highly valued. Sign Mary Sue's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 17. 6:00 PM (MT)

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

Rosary

SEP 17. 7:00 PM (MT)

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Final Viewing

SEP 18. 9:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
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Funeral Mass

SEP 18. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

TR

“ Dear Sanchez Family, My prayers and thoughts are with you all. I was saddened when I saw this obituary. your mom was a wonderful beautiful person. May God Bless you all.

Tina Reano (Esther's daughter)

Tina Reano - September 25, 2014 at 03:25 PM

SM

“ Dear Mary,
My heartfelt prayers are with you at this very sad time. I remember when you and your mother, Mary Sue - my cousin, visited me here in Hawaii. She had such a beautiful smile and her love and peace just radiated from her. May she rest in peace. And my God bless and keep her. Thank you, Mary, for letting me know and for always staying in touch.

*Love and Aloha to you and Gail,
Susan Miller, daughter of Eloisa Sanchez Miller*

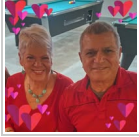
Susan Miller - September 25, 2014 at 04:09 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Sanchez.



September 22, 2014 at 06:38 AM



“ Dear Mary, Sandra, and Phyllis,

I am saddened by the passing of your mom. I'll always remember her warmly and feel lucky that I had the pleasure of knowing her. I hope the coming days will give you rest, give you peace and help you draw strength from the caring hearts around you.

*Love,
Pam Cordova*

Pam Cordova - September 19, 2014 at 07:29 AM

SD

“ Dear Sanchez Family.

My deepest sympathies on the loss of your mother/grandmother. I always enjoyed sitting in her kitchen talking to her. She was a blessing. I am thankful also for the beautiful times, my daughter, Ramona had with her when visiting with Francesca.

*Yours in love,
Serena Douglas*

Serena Douglas - September 18, 2014 at 11:49 AM

CR

“ Dear Mary, Gail and Family, My heart goes out to you all, with the loss of Mary. What a Beautiful person she was. When ever we visited, she was always so happy to see us and was always smiling and laughing. Her Love of life was contagious, she always made you want to smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Hopefully knowing others care will bring you all some comfort. May God Bless Each Of You! Carolyn Ranshaw From Michigan

Carolyn Ranshaw - September 18, 2014 at 08:01 AM

GL

“ our thoughts and prayers are with all the family during this most difficult time.

The Luna family, Sylvestra, Gilbert, and Elvira . May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Gilbert Luna - September 17, 2014 at 09:56 PM

SC

“ Dear Mary, Sandra, and Phyllis,
I want to extend my deepest sympathy to each of you as well as to all of your extended family on the loss of your Mother. I didn't know her very well personally but I must share that each and every time I encountered Mary Sue, she always had a smile on her face and greeted me with a friendly and sincere "Hello, how are you doing?" She asked in such a way that I believed she really wanted to know and I felt comfortable enough to tell her. But, as a testament to the kind of person she was, all one has to do is see how her daughters and son turned out. Undoubtely, she left a great legacy. May God open his gates far and wide for your Mom.
Sincerely, Sharon Cordova

Sharon Cordova - September 17, 2014 at 09:34 PM

TR

“ I love you Mary Sue.... I have nice memories of Mary Sue from my visits to New Mexico over the years, I remember visits filled with laughter, dinners and lots of family....I know that everyone that knew Mary Sue loved her kind ways... She will be missed dearly. I will pray for the family that Jesus is with you. Love Teresa Ranshaw

Teresa Ranshaw - September 17, 2014 at 09:07 PM

JH

“ With sincerest thoughts to you Mary.Gail,and Family. We are praying that you will find comfort in knowing that the lord is with you in this time of great sorrow. You are in our thoughts daily, Hoping that you will find strenght to get throught this timem Sending our love Mom & Jerry

Jerry and Carrol Hanner - September 17, 2014 at 08:48 PM

JD

“ Dear Aunt Mary, Aunt Gail, (and family), I am very sorry to hear that your mom has passed. Praying God will bless you with comfort and peace, and that you will feel His love around you all. I love you--
Jamie

Jamie Davis - September 17, 2014 at 05:44 PM

LS

“ Sanchez family, Mary Sue was a special friend to many. I was happy to be one of those lucky ones. I would look for her so that I might sit by her at the 8:00 Mass in Belen. We once sat in front of a gentleman neither of us knew and he greeted us with the sign of peace "Shalom". Thereafter, we loved to greet each other that way. I loved knowing her and I will miss her. God Bless your family. Lucille Sais

Lucille Sais - September 17, 2014 at 02:12 PM

PJ

“ *Mary Sue was always very kind and sweet the few times we were able to have the pleasure of her company, as are her daughters. She leaves a beautiful, close, loving family. We are blessed to have known Mary Sue. Her sweet nature lives on through her wonderful Daughters and family. Prayer for love, strength and peace continue for her family, Doug -n- Pam Johnson and Lawrence Zamarron of Michigan*

Pam Johnson - September 17, 2014 at 02:04 PM

AR

“ *Siento mucho. May God comfort and bless you all.*



Al Romero - September 17, 2014 at 12:26 AM

BC

“ *Mrs. Sanchez, Fran & family,*

Your mother/grandmother was such a beautiful radiant woman. You are the brilliance, strength, and determination you no doubt learned from her. If anyone went straight to Heaven it most definitely is your mom/grandma. May God bless you all!



Bernice Montoya y Chavez

Bernice Montoya y Chavez - September 16, 2014 at 10:34 PM

AS

“*“Lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue Sanchez”*



*To The Family of Mary Sue Sanchez,
We'd like to extend our most sincere
condolences on your loss of your Mother, Grandmother, Great-
Grandmother, & Great-Great Grandmother. Mary Sue will be missed
by everyone who knew her. May God Bless all of the Family at this
most difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Adam & Ruby Salas & Family*

Adam & Ruby Salas - September 16, 2014 at 02:40 PM

AC

“*“Sandra, Phyllis and Mary---I was saddened to hear of the passing of
your mom, Mary Sue. I remember back in 1983, me and my friend
Lorraine Mendoza went to Las Vegas on vacation and your parents
were on the same flight so we got to know them and they took us all
around Las Vegas showing us the different sites since it was our
first time there. Please know your family is in my thoughts and
prayers.*

Annette E. Chavez

Annette E. Chavez - September 16, 2014 at 08:21 AM

WD

“ *My sincere condolences to the family on Mary Sue's passing. She was a wonderful person whom I got to know when we worked together at the courthouse. She was always so kind and helpful to me when I was new there. I also remember how much she loved playing the slot machines when she and Virgie and I would take the train up to the casino. May she rest in peace.*

Wendy Max (Tabet) Dunford - September 16, 2014 at 07:42 AM

TG

Mary, Carmen and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom, we are happy to have had the pleasure of knowing her at least for a short time. Our prayers are with you and your family. Tony & Carmen

Tony Gallego - September 16, 2014 at 02:04 PM