



Norbert C. Sanchez

June 1, 1938 - August 1, 2024

1938-2024

Norbert C. Sanchez, age 86, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on August 1, 2024, at the New Mexico Veterans Home in T or C, NM, after a long battle with Parkinson's. Services will take place on Friday, August 30, 2024, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning with a Visitation at 9:00 A.M., followed by a Rosary at 10:15 A.M., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 A.M. interment will take place at a later date. Pallbearers will be Ryan Sanchez, Jason Sanchez, Kevin Sanchez, Joseph Sanchez, Nicholas Becker, Matthew Becker, Caleb Baca, Caden Baca, Justin Wooten, Breanna Sharon and Danica Sanchez. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Linda Sanchez; children - Robert (Camillia), Michael, LeeAnne Becker (Ralph), Christine Hernandez (Nick), Catherine Baca (Cliff), and David; grandchildren - Ryan, Jason, Kevin, Joseph, Nicholas, Matthew, Caleb, Caden, Justin, Breanna and Danica; siblings - Alex (Millie), Sophie Baldonado, Dolores Garcia, and Lillian Ortega. Norbert is preceded in death by his parents, Rafael C. Sanchez and Maria Concepcion Chavez Sanchez; siblings - Ida Rios, Jack Lawrence Sanchez, and Mary Sanchez; and grandchildren - Sabastian Walter Sanchez, Kierstin Marie Sanchez, and Claire Felicitas Baca. He was a remarkable man who touched many lives. Many will remember Norbert's warm smile and caring nature, and will recall his 26 years of dedicated service as a Deacon at Our Lady of Belen Parish, fully retiring from the diaconate after 43 years of service. His professional life included 27 years at the NM

Highway Department and he served in the U.S. Army. He had a love for gardening and enjoyed spending time with his family. Thank you to the community for honoring Norbert's memory and supporting his family during this difficult time. Please sign Norbert's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhome.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

AUG 30. 10:15 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

AUG 30. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Interment

AUG 30.

Interment will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ We have very special memories of Deacon Norbert when we served as Mayordomos for Our Lady of Guadalupe mission church in Los Chavez. He guided us through our term with such knowledge and love of our Lord. He helped us fulfill the community traditions and build the community involvement. He will always be in our thoughts and prayers. God bless dear Linda and the family.
Anthony and Marla Carrejo

Marla Carrejo - September 03, 2024 at 02:50 PM

LF

“ Dear Norbert was a deacon at my wedding! He gave half the homily which was beautiful! I remember him, our cousin, as such a faith filled Catholic who deeply believed in God, Son, Holy Spirit. He was a huge example of faith. My mom & him were such close first cousins and friends. They are now both in heaven sharing their love for God & family!



Liz Follon - September 03, 2024 at 02:03 PM

JO

“ Our deepest Sympathy to Deacon Norbert Sanchez wife Linda and the Sanchez family.

Deacon Norbert, I Thank You for your inspiration and Loving example how one should hear the Lord's call! Your life as a Permanent Deacon expressed..." What counts in religion is not what we do, but why we do it. What counts is the love in our hearts, love of God and love of neighbor."

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust Deacon Norbert Sanchez. As the old order has passed away: welcome Him into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Deacon Juan & Sadie Ortiz

Juan Ortiz - September 02, 2024 at 03:55 PM

CG

We were so profoundly saddened to read of our old neighbor Norbert. The most honorable man I knew for a short time as this neighbor on Quaker Heights. I will never forget this gentle man. Thank you for the vegetables from your garden. We have missed you since you all moved away. I know you will be my Guardian Angel. Prayers for you and your family.

Christine & Larry Garcia

Christine Garcia - September 02, 2024 at 06:46 PM

FS

“ *The first Deacon I worked with as a new Priest in 1983, at Our Lady of Belen Parish, was Deacon Norbert. God certainly Willed that Deacon Norbert would help form my Priestly Service from the beginning of my 41 years of Priesthood as a Mentor and a Guide. Deacon Norbert was demanding, firm and led by example, but I never once questioned his love and concern, it was the penultimate ‘Sanchez Way.’ I never told you directly, yet I am certain you always knew: I love you, Deacon Norbert. Pray for me from that Celestial High Altar you now Serve at in Eternity. Thank you, thank you, thank you.*

-Father Bill Sanchez y Chavez/ Maestas.

Father Bill Sanchez - August 31, 2024 at 03:11 AM

CS

Deacon Norbert you have greatly earned your place in Heaven. We will miss you. Every year we enjoyed walking with you and the large group from OLB to Tome Hill on Good Friday. Thank you for all you did for us. God Bless You!

cliff Sanchez - September 01, 2024 at 11:49 PM

FM

“ *Remembering a cherished class mate from first grade at St. Mary's through High School at Belen High. Always a leader and friend to everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with the Sanchez family. Vaya con Dios my friend.*

Frances Storey Morrow

Frances Morrow - August 30, 2024 at 01:52 PM

TW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss of this very special man. Norbert made my Mom's and Dad's home-bound life more pleasant and spiritual. On this day of celebrating his life, I will be with you in spirit. Sending my love.

Tom & Edwina Weathersby - August 30, 2024 at 11:38 AM

JB

“ I'm really sorry for the loss of your loved one. I don't remember this because I wasn't born yet, but I was told that Deacon Norbert Sánchez was the original St. Michael in the Christmas play called “La Gran Pastorela.”

John Berry - August 29, 2024 at 10:08 PM

PH

“ I don't know when or why but Norbert gave me the nickname Pidge when I was young. My mom (Mary Sue) had no explanation. Came to know that it was a common nickname for a girl which is short for pigeon or dove. He always called me that even as I got older. Boy did I think I was special. May God bless all of cousin Norbert's family.
Phyllis Hayes

PH - August 29, 2024 at 09:44 PM

ML

My name is Mary Sue (Lewis). I dated Norbert for a short time in 1958-59. I'm 82 years old now. I Had one daughter, Kelly in 1961. She passed in 2014. Norbert was one of the nicest people I've known! He called me “ Pigeon”. I don't know Phyllis Hayes.

Mary Sue Lewis - August 30, 2024 at 06:59 PM

JS

“ Celine and I send our deepest condolences to Linda and the Sanchez family. Norbert and Linda were our sponsors for our marriage classes we took almost 37 years ago. The love we felt has carried over to our 36 years of marriage. I remember Norbert and Linda treated us to a hamburger at Circle T after one of our classes. You will be missed Norbert! I trust we will meet again in Gods kingdom my friend!

John Sanchez - August 29, 2024 at 08:05 PM

MB

“ My deepest Sympathy to the Sanchez Family, Linda & Family, Dolores, Alex, Sophie and Lillian. My memory of Deacon Norbert was how willingly he came to assist the priest with my mother's funeral Mass in Torreon (Nicolosita Chavez-Benavidez). He was a wonderful cousin and Deacon who touched many lives. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Love,
Magdalen Benavidez-Baca

Magdalen Benavidez-Baca - August 28, 2024 at 01:32 PM

DB

“ Two sacred memories of Deacon Norbert are when he married us in the Jarales church on December 29, 1982 and when he baptized our youngest son using water from the Rio Grande.



Dante Berry - August 22, 2024 at 07:39 PM

LB

What a wonderful picture of my dad. Thank you for sharing the memory and the photo. God bless.

LeeAnne Becker - August 25, 2024 at 01:45 PM

CH

Thank you so much for sharing this memory and for the beautiful picture

Christine Hernandez - August 29, 2024 at 11:03 AM

RU

“ *So sorry my heart goes out to the whole family from me and my family. Rafael and Carmen Ulivarri and family.*

Rafael Ulivarri - August 21, 2024 at 10:09 PM

LA

“ *Lorraine Montoya Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Norbert C. Sanchez*



Lorraine Montoya Archuleta - August 20, 2024 at 12:31 PM

LA

Linda and family: Our prayers and thoughts go out to your entire family at this sad time. My mom (Rose Montoya) and I had the pleasure of traveling with you and Norbert in 2000 to Rome with Fr. Bill. We have the most wonderful memories of our two weeks together. May Norbert rest in peace.

Lorraine Montoya Archuleta - August 20, 2024 at 12:33 PM

TC

We are so sorry to hear about Norbert what a great man so kind and humble he baptised our son Antonio thank you Decon Nobert for all your Love we will miss you my condolences to Linda and his family

Theresa chavez - August 26, 2024 at 09:40 AM

CG

“ Dear Sanchez family, the Gabaldon family has fond memories of Norbert, but the one we all agree on is when Norbert would visit with Pat Gabaldon after his beloved Ramey passed away. Pat was always happy to see him. Our condolences to you, may his soul rest in peace. Consie and Wilmer Gabaldon

Consie Gabaldon - August 18, 2024 at 04:56 PM

EG

As Consie and Wilmer said Norbert has a special place in our family. He was there for all our most precious moments. From mom and dad's 50th to saying good bye to our parents. God bless you Linda for sharing your beautiful husband with us and so many more. Eileen Gabaldon

eileen gabaldon - August 25, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ Our condolences to all the family. From Stan & MaryAnn Rich



MaryAnn Rich - August 17, 2024 at 05:08 PM

TG

“ Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Norbert C. Sanchez



Tony and Oralia Garcia - August 17, 2024 at 04:53 PM

FW

“ Linda and the Sanchez family, I am so sorry to hear of Norbert's passing. It has been many years since I've seen and talked with Norbert but remember him with great fondness and have many wonderful memories of our high school years. Our family thought a great deal of Norbert and I'm sure he is visiting them in heaven now. He was a wonderful human being. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Frances Romero Woods

Frances Romero Woods - August 17, 2024 at 04:28 PM

SM

“ Linda, And Family We We're So Saddened to Hear of Norberts Passing. God's Blessing to You and You're Family. Stella, Phillip Molina



Stella Molina - August 17, 2024 at 01:31 PM

JT

“ It has been forty years since we attended the weekend for the engaged, with Deacon Norbert and Linda. Thank you for sharing your wisdom and helping to prepare us for this journey as a married couple. He will be long remembered for all the good works he did. Our deepest sympathy is with the Sanchez family at this very sad and difficult time.



John and Donnita Thompson - August 16, 2024 at 04:59 PM

BH

“ Benjamin & Desiree Hodges lit a candle in memory of Norbert C. Sanchez



Benjamin & Desiree Hodges - August 16, 2024 at 02:50 PM

AC

“ Albert & Alice Chavez lit a candle in memory of Norbert C. Sanchez



Albert & Alice Chavez - August 16, 2024 at 12:45 PM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Norbert C. Sanchez



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - August 16, 2024 at 12:09 PM

ML

“ We send the Sanchez Family our deepest sympathies. Without knowing it, Deacon Norbert was a big part of our lives. We are grateful for his service in the Army and more so for his service as a Deacon. May God bless, guide, and protect each of you and most especially Linda. May God grant you all the graces each needs through our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary.



Mark and Crissie Leyba - August 15, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DT

“ Dan & Donna Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Norbert C. Sanchez



Dan & Donna Trujillo - August 15, 2024 at 01:16 PM

BR

“ My deepest condolences to all the Sanchez Family.



Barbara Rodriguez - August 15, 2024 at 12:00 PM

AS

“ Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Norbert C. Sanchez



Adela Sanchez - August 15, 2024 at 10:59 AM

RV

“ Richard And Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Norbert C. Sanchez



Richard and Dolores Vigil - August 14, 2024 at 08:46 PM

DV

“ Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Norbert C. Sanchez



Dolores Vigil - August 14, 2024 at 08:45 PM

ES

“ So sorry to have lost a wonderful human. I've known Norbert a long time he baptized both my daughters and presided over my mother's funeral and I grew up with his family. Prayers and condolences to everyone 🙏🙏🙏🙏! Mr., Mrs. Del Stambaugh.



Elizabeth Stambaugh - August 14, 2024 at 07:14 PM

JM

My condolences to the Sanchez family. I pray that the Lord Jesus will give you peace that is beyond understanding. A wonderful person in my life. God bless his family.
Joe G Maestas

Joe G Maestas - August 15, 2024 at 10:21 AM

TR

“ *Trish Romero lit a candle in memory of Norbert C. Sanchez*



Trish Romero - August 14, 2024 at 07:06 PM

RL

“ *I remember him over fifty years ago working for the state highway department as an inspector, when I worked in heavy equipment road construction he was a very good man and also as a deacon in our lady of Belen my deepest condolences to the family 🙏*

Ruben Lovato - August 14, 2024 at 06:19 PM

RT

“ *My Mom had many favorite cousins but Norbert was certainly one at the top of that list. They spoke to each other often as they moved apart but always maintained a connection filled with love for each other. May his family find peace and understanding as they grieve for him. May perpetual light shine upon him for eternity. 🙏*

Renee Tabet - August 14, 2024 at 03:57 PM

JS

“ *Linda,
My deepest condolences to you and your
family. Norbert will be dearly missed.*
Jackie Sanchez



Jackie Sánchez - August 14, 2024 at 02:42 PM