



Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez

October 28, 1948 - October 30, 2020

Roland K. "Doc" Sanchez M.D. was born at home in Pueblitos, New Mexico, to Adolfo and Nancy Sanchez. He was their firstborn son, a red headed boy who came from humble beginnings with no running water in his home. Dr. Roland was raised in a farming community and was influenced by his grandparents, relatives, and neighbors who brought him up in the old ways of New Mexico that stretched back to his old Spanish traditions of strong Catholic faith in Christ, family, and community. Roland served as an altar server, sacristan, and lector for Our Lady of Belen Church.

Roland was a little guy with a big heart and a hard work ethic. As a young man, he was hired to hoe chile in Jarales and would work as day labor for the local farmers baling hay and digging trenches along with his siblings, Joan, Adolph and Fred. He and his older sister, Joan, would carry water from their grandparents' home every day, as they had no running water.

He challenged conventional thinking, as well as his schoolteachers in their knowledge and had a unique gift for making friends with all types of people. He coached little league and was elected to Student Body President of Belen High School. In high school, he participated in football, wrestling, academics, National Honor Society, Boy's State, and 4-H. He was an alternate to the Navel and Air Force Academy. Roland always tried to make a difference in his community. He latter borrowed a suit for an interview at New Mexico State University, where he was accepted in the College of Engineering. He then continued hitch-hiking back home to help with his family farm, where he would

leave his mark on New Mexico history.

In college, Roland was instrumental in helping other New Mexicans successfully bridge the gap from poverty through hard work and education and go on to obtain degrees and pursue great careers. He hungered for knowledge and wisdom and overcame numerous barriers along the way. Roland walked on to the Varsity Wrestling Team at NMSU and he established Chicano Studies. He graduated from NMSU as a Civil Engineer and was a member of Blue Key. However, he desired to better serve his community which lead him to attend medical school at the University of New Mexico. Roland worked hard and was one of the first groups of Hispanics to complete Medical School at UNM. His drive was not only for himself but to also open doors for other Hispanics and New Mexicans to be given a fair opportunity to enter medical and law school. During medical school, he met his wife Elia Padilla from his hometown of Belen. From that moment forward, their lives moved at a fast pace. The two dated briefly and were soon married. They moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where he completed his Residency at John Peter Smith Family Practice Program. Dr. Roland would transform into a great physician in his Residency Program. He was always eager to learn and work long hours caring for his patients. Dr. Roland and Elia were then blessed to have their first child Jessica while in Texas. He graduated as a Board-Certified Family Physician, and despite many job opportunities to stay in Texas, he and Elia chose to move back home to Belen.

On February 2, 1979, he established his private practice despite the near 20 percent interest rate at the bank's reluctance to loan the couple money to build their clinic. Roland trusted in God and soon he served as Chief of Staff at the Belen Hospital until its closure in May 1990. He delivered several babies and saved and served several lives while the hospital was opened. Roland remained after the hospital's closure and retooled his practice to remain viable during the physician buyouts on the 1990s. He along with his wife Elia continued to grow their practice and family over the years. The practice continues to serve the community as well as patients throughout the

state.

They had six children including Jessica who preceded Roland in death on September 5, 2020; Alicia, Dr. Adolfo, wife Christina; Dr. Roland II, wife Valerie; Dr. Florian, wife Stephanie; and Emilio, wife Ronda; who all continue serving their community as a physician, dentist, veterinarian, insurance principal, and farm/rancher manager. He loved and enjoyed his nine grandchildren (Lucia, Roland III, Emilio II, Viviana, Celia, Elsie Jane, Inez, Elena and Catarina) who he went by as "Papa".

Dr. Roland Sanchez was a multidimensional man, upon his return to New Mexico, he and Elia started farming and raising Santa Gertrudis cattle. He had seen the beautiful red cattle when he was a young man at the New Mexico State Fair and later in a magazine while in Fort Worth.

He had a desire for a sustainable farm and ranch and was a pioneer in Valencia county working with experts to pioneer rotational grazing, laser leveling and modern cattle genetic practices for beef cattle in the area. He and Elia developed Red Doc Farm which was named for Doc's famous red hair that matched the Santa Gertrudis cattle. Red Doc Farm is now an internationally known source for top quality genetics and the highest average seedstock producer in New Mexico. Doc and Elia along with their six children and now grandchildren run Red Doc Farm headquartered in Bosque. Red Doc Farm, under Doc's guidance, has grown into a modern sustainable farming and ranching operation including vegetables and Red Doc's flood irrigated Pinto Beans. Doc loved being on the farm, ranch and practicing medicine and always found time for everything. He met many, many people in his years of service as a physician and in business as a cattleman.

He loved spending time with his family and friends. He loved people most of all and made lifelong friends in serving his patients and through all who passed through his life on the ranching side of his business. Faith in God and family is what he believed in most. Roland was a man of vision a man who followed his convictions, unapologetic, a soldier for Christ and made a

difference in this world. He enjoyed life and dancing with Elia in his arms. He enjoyed attending Mass, keeping the old traditions alive within his family, the Spanish language, the Catholic faith, Matanzas, Novenas, his history, hard work ethic and the American Dream of hard work success and religious freedom. He and his wife Elia were proud member of the Knight of the Holy Sepulcher. Doc supported several organizations including the local 4-H, FFA, National Santa Gertrudis Junior Association, Saint Mary's Catholic School in Belen, NMSU, UNM School of Medicine, New Mexico Hispanic Medical Association along with several other organizations.

Many people lives were touched by Doc. He was a mentor to many young men and women in the community. He took care of those in most need and always worked to accommodate his patients. He lived every day with joy, peace, and happiness, always knowing that everything will work out if you trust in God.

Roland was the cornerstone of his family who leaves behind a legacy of love, hard work, sacrifice, old world traditions, compassion and dedication to God and family. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Funeral arrangements for Doc and Jessica are scheduled for Saturday, November 28, 2020, at Our Lady of Belen Parking Lot, beginning with a Viewing from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, AM, Rosary at 11:00 AM, Eulogy at 11:30 AM, and Funeral Mass at 12:00 PM. Pallbearers are Dr. Adolfo V. Sanchez, Dr. Roland K. Sanchez II, Senator Joshua A. Sanchez, Adolph Sanchez, Fred Sanchez, Bill Buckley, Wilfred Chavez and Joe Ramirez. Honorary Pallbearers are Joan S. Romero, Esther Sanchez, John Keck, Gilbert Sanchez, and Tim Ott.

The Sanchez family would like to thank the community for all their love and support during his lifetime. They are beyond grateful for the outpouring of love from people bringing food, sending cards and flowers, gifts, and heartfelt phone calls and prayers during this very difficult time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Jessica Sanchez Enlighten Your Life Foundation, which sponsors scholarships at St. Mary's Catholic

School in Belen, where the family attended school. Donations can be mailed to:

Jessica Sanchez Enlighten Your Life Foundation

P.O. Box 657

Bosque, NM 87006

Please sign Roland's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com

Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **28.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

NOV **28.** 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Mass

NOV **28.** 12:00 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Just heard today of the passing of Dr. Sanchez. Our hearts are heavy with this news. We pray our Lord's peace and comfort for Elia and rest of family. Dr. became a dear friend and treated wife and me as family. Lewis and Judy Williams.

Lewis and Judy Williams - April 11, 2021 at 02:05 PM

JM

“ WE JUST HEARD ABOUT THE FAMILY DEATHS.
WE WERE SHOCKED AND SADDENED AT THE EVENTS
WE HAVE MANY ENJOYABLE MEMORIES OF OUR TIME WITH
THE FAMILY AND OUR VISITS TO RED DOC FARMS
MAY THE PEACE OF THE LORD VISIT AND STAY AND
COMFORT THE FAMILY
WE WANT TO OFFER OUR SYMPATHY TO ALL THE FAMILY
CON CARINO
ANN MARIE AND JOHN MCAULEY

john mcauley - March 12, 2021 at 06:31 PM

“ To Elia and the Sanchez family,

There are no words to express the sadness we feel. There are probably no words that can ease the pain of the tremendous loss to your family. What we humbly offer is love from the New Mexico Hispanic Medical Association Family.

Roland was, and his spirit still is, a family doctor. The care he provided will have a positive impact on generations of New Mexico families to come. Community health was the driving force behind Roland's approach to medicine. He was committed to providing opportunities for a career in medicine to all young people, especially those from humble beginnings.

That is what he fought for. We'll miss the enthusiastic power and presence of his contributions to Board meetings and strategy sessions designed to create those opportunities. There's no way we can replace his presence, but we'll do our best to continue the legacy of his spirit in our work.

We will do this by establishing the Dr. Roland Sanchez Memorial Scholarship to be offered to a deserving student attending the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. When our gatherings resume and we host the next New Mexico Hispanic Medical Association Gala, we will award the first of many annual scholarships in Roland's name.

Your family has been on this journey with us from the beginning of the New Mexico Hispanic Medical Association and we are forever indebted to Roland for his vision as a founding member of this organization. From the entire New Mexico Hispanic Medical Association, we love you! We've been with you in spirit. We choose not to say goodbye to Roland, but to continue working with the legacy he has so lovingly given us as we continue providing opportunities for those students interested in community medicine.

NM Hispanic Medical Association - February 18, 2021 at 08:53 AM

BL

“ *Dr. Roland and Elia were my neighbors while I lived in Bosque. I Remember my husband and I also raised Cattle and we purchase 6 Bulls from them during their Bull Sale. The Calves were Beautiful and I'll ALWAYS Carry Sweet Memories of Roland and his Beautiful Familia. He has been my pcp for years and He Will Truly be Missed. God Bless Your Soul Roland Until we meet Again 🙏🙏🙏*

Brendalee Luceto - January 19, 2021 at 05:33 PM

BL

Brendalee Lucero

Brendalee Lucero - January 19, 2021 at 05:37 PM

CC

“ To all the Sanchez family in their time of sadness,

Condolences from the Candelaria family of Concho, Arizona. We had learned of Jessica's passing. However, my wife, Tracy, and I were shocked to learn that Dr. Sanchez had passed.

His was quite a legacy of confidence and achievement. My father not only purchased bulls from him but we had the added pleasure to be invited to meet his family and partake in their celebration of the New Mexico culture. I still remember playing La Bamba on the guitar with his granddaughter slowly getting into the rhythm and swaying back and forth. I think she had just learned to talk. Grandma Elia was there having a chuckle.

He was never a man to let any other person tell him how he should feel about himself. God Bless his soul and provide comfort for his family.

Criss and Tracy Candelaria and family.

Criss Candelaria - January 18, 2021 at 01:57 PM

MG

“ I remember my mom, Lorraine Viola Gutierrez, telling me we were related to Dr. Roland. She used to take food for the Cuaresma to his office for him and his staff. Dr. Roland was our doctor for a long, long time. Elia told me parts of my mom that I didn't know, and for that I'll be forever thankful. Foster Care left a void in my life, and that helped me know my mother a little bit more. Doctor Roland, thank you for the many times you took care of me and my brothers Leroy and Anthony and Jose, and thank you for helping us when my mom died in 2014. The City of Belen should put a Statue to Honor Your Long Years of Dedication to Belen. My hope is that your office will be open for years to come and your grandchildren will follow in your footsteps and know the meaning of hard work to reach success. God Bless Dr. Roland and The Sanchez Family.

Monica M Griego - January 10, 2021 at 05:09 AM

RA

“ Many years ago my wife and I were invited to come over to Doc Sanchez's home with my Uncle Robert and Aunt Julie Gonzales. They were friends and neighbors. I remember Doc and his family were so gracious. I am a Banjo player and My Uncle Robert and I played a few tunes for the family and we shared stories... sending my sincere condolences to Doc, his Daughter, and comfort to the family. Richard Ahrens, Washington State.

Richard Ahrens - December 29, 2020 at 08:10 PM

SG

“ Our deepest condolences to Elia, Dave Romo, Adolfo Sanchez and Christina, Alicia Sanchez, Florian Sanchez and Stephanie, Roland Sanchez II and Valarie, and Emilio Sanchez and Rhonda on the loss of your husband/father Dr. Roland Sanchez and your beloved daughter, wife, and sister Jessica Sanchez, M.D. It is with a heavy heart and deep sense of loss that we said good by to Dr. Sanchez this past week, until we meet again. The services were beautiful and done in a classy and tasteful manner, a well deserved tribute to Drs. Roland and Jessica Sanchez. Adolfo did a beautiful summary in his eulogy of his dad's life and the many accomplishments both personally and professionally of this family man and his wife Elia. A role model indeed for his humble beginnings and success through persistence and focus. Alicia brought a sense of family and closeness in her remarks regarding Jessica. Dr. Sanchez, a rancher and dedicated and committed shepherd and servant of Christ through his many works and sensitivity in taking care of his flock of patients as a medical doctor; there will be few if any that can achieve this ranking in the medical field or as a person of God. There is no greater man than the one who gives up his life for his fellow man. Dr. Sanchez gave all he had including his life to serve his patient community. His practice was open five and a half days a week giving him exposure to the coronavirus from hundred of patients on a weekly basis, thousands by the month and yet, had a smile and kind word for everyone. Two themes will stick with me that Adolfo pointed out during the eulogy and that was that "failure was not an option." He demanded the best of each of his six children and they delivered the best. The second theme was the 'legacy' that his father left and that he hoped to carry out. True, both Dr. Sanchez and Elia created and lived a legacy through hard work and commitment to the family, but also remember that all six children and their families contributed to the legacy that has national and state recognition. You made it better and will make it greater. You have lost a husband/father, daughter/sister, wife and we all feel your loss deeply. Personally, we lost a great man, a religious man, outstanding doctor and most of all a true friend. We will miss you doc. Respectfully, Stephen G. & Yolanda G. Garcia - Los Chavez,

New Mexico

Stephen G Garcia - December 03, 2020 at 01:43 PM

LO

“ *All our prayers for you all. God Bless you all. Liz and Eddie Baldonado Ortega*

liz baldonado ortega - December 02, 2020 at 03:02 PM

CG

“ *Cynthia Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez*



Cynthia Goodwin - December 02, 2020 at 01:25 PM

PS

“ Dr. Sanchez was my doctor from age 5 until 25 when i moved away. When I was 16, he saved my life just before the Belen Hospital closed. He always remembered me & showed concern. I have seen many docs since & I know I was blessed to have been his patient because none ever measure up to the care both physically & emotionally that he gave me even though he had many, many patients. As a teenager I saw him flipping burgers at fiestas with a smile. I was shocked & inspired, a doc flipping burgers, how humble and kind, never putting himself above me & others. I am sorry we all lost such a good man as Dr. Sanchez but we are blessed that God gave him to us for a time. He was a great blessing in my life and a hero in my eyes. May God Bless his family for sharing him with our community. May God Bless us all of us in these hard times of losing our loved ones. Thank you Dr. Sanchez for making a difference in so many lives and risking your life for ours. Surely you will be with Jesus in our Fathers Kingdom.



Patricia Gurule Stuart - December 02, 2020 at 11:07 AM

EA

“ Ernest And Priscilla Alvarado lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Ernest and Priscilla Alvarado - December 01, 2020 at 12:19 AM

TH

“ My condolences to the family. He was a wonderful caring doctor.

Tina Hernandez - November 30, 2020 at 01:33 PM

EC

Dr Roland was my Dr for many years and he was a very compassionate man .. he will be missed!

Elizabeth castro - November 30, 2020 at 08:54 PM

TH

“ Thank you for being my Dr for so many years. R. I. P. Fly with the angels I'll miss you

Tina Hernandez - November 30, 2020 at 01:32 PM

CR

“ Chico&Maryjane Rael lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Chico&Maryjane Rael - November 30, 2020 at 11:58 AM

LN

“ Liz Najar sent a virtual gift in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Liz Najar - November 30, 2020 at 11:57 AM

MR

“ Rip Dr Roland Sanchez. Condolences To The Sanchez Family.. Maryjane & Chico & Frank Rael 🙏

Maryjane Rael - November 30, 2020 at 11:56 AM

LN

“ Rip Dr Roland!! I Am Going To Miss You!! So Sorry For Your Loss Elia & Family!! Prayers & Condolences!! 🙏

Liz Najar - November 30, 2020 at 11:51 AM

BC

“ Our prayers are with Dr. Sanchez family💜 what a giving and caring family ❤️ You will be missed💜

betty carpentet - November 29, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ Fair winds and following seas, to a man amongst men. You made a difference. God bless and prayers for all from your Luna family.

Mateo and Mary Luna

Mateo Luna - November 29, 2020 at 12:33 PM

YC

“ Ysidro Najar & JoAnn Crespín lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Ysidro Najar & JoAnn Crespín - November 28, 2020 at 04:26 PM

TH

“ Our condolences to the Sanchez family. He will be missed in this community and as a friend.

Terry and Tracy Howard

Tracy Howard - November 28, 2020 at 03:04 PM

RJ

“ *What a giving generous family that is loved by so many. We offer our heartfelt condolences and will continue to pray for your families.*
Ron and Linda Jones

Ron Jones - November 28, 2020 at 02:32 PM

SG

“ *Serjio Galaviz lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez*



Serjio galaviz - November 28, 2020 at 02:30 PM

SC

“ *Steven Chavez lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez*



Steven chavez - November 28, 2020 at 02:29 PM

JC

“ *Jeannette S Chavez lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez*



Jeannette s chavez - November 28, 2020 at 02:28 PM

DJ

“ With heavy hearts we lift you all up to our Savior, Jesus Christ. May God hold you, strengthen you and bless you. Love, Dale and Susie Jones

Dale Jones - November 28, 2020 at 02:25 PM

RS

“ Our most sincere condolences go to the Sanchez Family. We will miss you Dr. Sanchez, your spirit of always helping and being supportive to all of those in need. May you Rest In Peace.



Rosa Sisneros - November 28, 2020 at 01:35 PM

FG

“ FRED AND MARIA GARCIA lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



FRED AND MARIA GARCIA - November 28, 2020 at 01:24 PM

RR

“ No words can express my feelings for your family's loss. God Bless you all.



Ray Roybal - November 28, 2020 at 12:28 PM

MH

“ I would like to extend our deepest and sincere condolences to the Sanchez family. He was a very good physician and a kind hearted man he always knew how to treat his patients with kindness and respect and he will greatly be missed.



Mary Franco & Jesse Heigher - November 27, 2020 at 09:22 PM

MS

“ I will start by saying to the family of Dr. Roland Sanchez and his daughter Jessica how very very sorry and heartbroken I am to hear about their passing. I am still in shock and disbelief to hear this. Dr. Roland was my doctor for many years, and he will be greatly missed, not only by me, but by the whole community. I respected Dr. Roland so much, because no matter what illness I had and he treated me for, or the referrals to the specialists that he sent me to, I always got well. The last serious illness I had was a life or death situation, and if it hadn't been for Dr. Roland that made an after his office hours to make a phone call to me to get to the emergency room, I wouldn't be alive or writing this today. There just aren't any doctors with his bedside manner and care for patients anymore. He will be greatly missed.

Martha Shaw - November 27, 2020 at 02:11 PM

LR

“ Linda R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez.



Linda R. - November 27, 2020 at 01:50 PM

LW

“ *Linda Riley Warren lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez*



Linda Riley Warren - November 27, 2020 at 01:43 PM

TL

“ *The Riley & Warren Families with Love purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez.*



The Riley & Warren Families with Love - November 27, 2020 at 01:40 PM

RS

“ *"Lit a candle in Memory of Roland K. "Doc" Sanchez."*

*Sincerely,
Ruby Salas & Family*



Ruby Salas - November 27, 2020 at 11:25 AM

EB

“ Dearest Elia and Family,

Our sympathy and warmest thoughts are with you now. We are so sorry for your losses. May God hold all of you in the palm of His hand and comfort you with His everlasting love.

Guillermo & Ermelinda Baca



Ermelinda Baca - November 27, 2020 at 11:09 AM

LB

“ To the Sanchez Family.

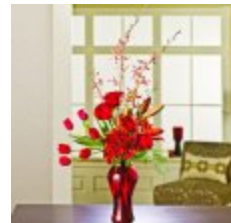
My prayers are with your family. Dr. Sanchez was a good man and will be missed. God needed another Angel to assist him in Heaven. Dr. Sanchez will watch over you. May God bring you Peace.

Laura Baca and Brandon Pinon

Laura Baca - November 27, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ In Remembrance was purchased for the family of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez.



November 26, 2020 at 08:11 PM

BM

“ It was a pleasure to meet dr roland as a patient and was taken care by him, as a diabetic he knew what to do and proper medication for controlling diabetes, I met the family and told Mrs. Sanchez that her and dr. should be proud of their children and also being in medical field, Dr roland will be missed, the Lord is watching over his family, God Bless, Ben Marino/retired New Mexico State Police.

Ben marino - November 26, 2020 at 09:47 AM

RT

“ Our deepest condolences are sent to the Sanchez family. Dr. Sanchez dedicated his life to our community with such a loving and caring heart. He will now receive his rewards in heaven as he rejoices with our heavenly father. May you all find peace and comfort knowing Dr. Sanchez and Jessica are where we all hope to be someday. God bless. Ray & Laura Tafoya



Ray & Laura Tafoya - November 26, 2020 at 01:38 AM

TB

“ Theresa Brawley lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Theresa Brawley - November 25, 2020 at 09:10 PM

AS

“ Anthony Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Anthony Sanchez - November 25, 2020 at 09:09 PM

DT

“ Dan & Donna Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Dan & Donna Trujillo - November 24, 2020 at 11:49 AM

BC

“ Bernie And Jean Chavez lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Bernie and Jean Chavez - November 23, 2020 at 11:16 PM

BC

There are no words to express just how painful the passing of both Roland and Jessica has been. Condolences de todo corazon to Elia and the Sanchez family! Thank you Roland for always taking care of us! RIP... DR. SANCHEZ AND JESSICA

Bernie and Jean Chavez - November 23, 2020 at 11:30 PM

RS

“ We were very saddened to hear that Jessica and Roland had passed away. Our prayers and thoughts will always be with Elia and family.

Raymond and Barbara Sinkew - November 23, 2020 at 10:21 PM

RS

“ Raymond And Barbara Sinkew lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Raymond and Barbara Sinkew - November 23, 2020 at 10:16 PM

RL

“ So sorry for your loss, Dr. Sanchez was my first doctor in Valencia county and my fathers doctor also that passed away years ago. When we both would go in together for are appointments. Dr. Sanchez would make us both laugh telling his jokes, He was a great doctor and friend of are family. God Bless you all. Richard Moya (Lakeview Manor Los Lunas).



Richard Moya Lakeview Manor Los Lunas - November 23, 2020 at 07:08 PM

MG

RIP

Moises Griego - November 25, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ *White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez.*



November 23, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez.*



November 23, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *Maxine Barela Schmock lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez*



Maxine Barela Schmock - November 22, 2020 at 07:11 PM

OR

“ We have felt the loss in our feverish hearts. May our dark days end. May Dr. Roland's and Dr. Jessica's intercedence and love end our fitful dream and bring in the light. They in keeping with their Catholic faith have gained that clear prospect of being whole. Oh, how sweet it must be to feel that nothing in their eternal quietude can impair their love and true affinities of their souls. They are at peace and in the hands of God!



I am convinced Dr. Roland sits by the right hand of God; continues to minister after the poor and sick; loves his family; crosses the sparkling shallows in his ranch; and will ever oversee the rounding of his Gertrudis cattle. He will never be away but just obscured in the tranquility of our memories. He was a traditionalist whose life's work was based on love of family, hard work and respect for humanity. He was all Sanchez, in love with his ancestry and a man of and for all seasons!

Dr. Jessica was our articulate idealist, our golden flame of intelligence, our fleur-de-lis; our disciple of goodness; the mender of broken hearts and our inspiration of hope. She was the flutter that gave the roses their bloom and their inspiration to beautify the world. She is now the floret that nestles in our hearts!

We take succor her soul enjoys the blessings and joy of eternal life. She will forever remain immortal and dwell in our hearts. May her loving embraces and tears bring solace to the family and those of us who also loved her. She like her father was very special!

Elia, our hearts go out to you and family; as well, to Joan, Adolph, Fred and their families. I submit heart-felt condolences on behalf of Sue, our family and myself. May the intercedence of Roland and Jessica bring a healing and acceptance they will continue to guide and walk with us.

Your primo,

Dr. Oscar Ramirez y Sanchez

Oscar Ramirez - November 22, 2020 at 03:42 PM

RO

“ *Rosalinda lit a candle in memory of Roland.
K. "Doc" Sanchez*



Rosalinda - November 22, 2020 at 02:58 PM

LP

“ *Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of
Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez*



Lenore Pena - November 22, 2020 at 10:09 AM

KJ

“ *Deepest Heartfelt Sympathies to his family..His loss will be felt by all
whose families he's taken care of...He became a family friend to
Many families n took the time to get to know ea of his patients..A
tremendous Loss for our community..His family stood out as a
ROLE MODEL .*

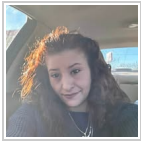
Kathy Jaramillo - November 22, 2020 at 07:32 AM

BJ

“ *Elia & Family,
We are sorry for your loss of Dr Roland &
Jessica. Prayers for the family, God Bless you
and comfort you during this difficult time and
the years ahead.
Marty, Beatrice Jojola & Family*



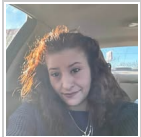
Beatrice Jojola - November 21, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *Pinky Hans-Pena lit a candle in memory of
Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez*



Pinky Hans-Pena - November 21, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ *Dr Roland was a great Doctor is was mine for over 20 years he
cared so much about all his patients if you couldn't afford an inhaler
or diabetic insulin he always had samples for his patients. He is
going to be missed so much his Office will never be the same. My
prayers go out to all the Sanchez family may God be with you and
give you the strength.*

Pinky Hans-Pena - November 21, 2020 at 09:14 PM

MJ

“ *My heart is broken over Dr. Roland's passing. May the God of all
comfort be with his family. God speed Dr. Sanchez.*

Mary Jaynes - November 21, 2020 at 08:43 PM

AC

“ *The sadness is an overwhelming state for y'all and all those who were taken care of by Dr. Roland and Dr. Jessica and they were great mentors of our community and will be greatly missed I pray that God will keep your entire family wrapped up in his loving arms and continue to give you the guidance strength and courage to go on every day and do the things y'all love doing and I know that y'all will find the comfort and peace in your hearts God's Blessings 🙏💙 love y'all always Aimee Delano Chavez* ”



Aimee Delano Chavez - November 21, 2020 at 03:56 PM

CK

“ *Such a great man and his smile tells how helpful he was to the community as a doctor.
Mr. & Mrs Robert Baca* ”

Corine Jim Knecht - November 21, 2020 at 03:47 PM

CK

“ *Our condolences to the Sanchez family. Roland was our doctor and our friend and he always treated us as if we were part of his family. He will be greatly missed.* ”

Corine Jim Knecht - November 21, 2020 at 03:20 PM

KS

“ *Kathleen Sherbondy lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez* ”



Kathleen Sherbondy - November 21, 2020 at 01:29 PM

CA

“ *Dr Sanchez’s passing is a great loss to our community. He will be deeply missed. My condolences to the family. May God bless and help them through this difficult time.*
Cathy Apodaca



Cathy Apodaca - November 21, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Angela sent a virtual gift in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez*



Angela - November 21, 2020 at 12:47 PM

DO

“ *"May the hope of heaven give you peace, and the tender touch of the Father bring you comfort at this difficulty time" With sympathy and prayers to all the Sanchez family.*

The Ortiz and Eads families



Diana Ortiz-Eads - November 21, 2020 at 12:46 PM

ML

“ Dear Sanchez Family, We are extremely sorry for your loss of yet another dearest loved one. A pillar of our community. He healed and comforted many persons. Best of all, he helped deliver many children into our world. Together with Mrs. Sanchez they helped people in need through donations. They helped put food on people's tables. Yet most importantly, they raised wonderful, respectful, hard working, God Fearing and God Loving children who in turn blessed them with grandchildren. His legacy will live on in at least our Community. The better half of his legacy, Mrs. Sanchez is still with us. You are blessed to have been a part if his life as he was blessed to be part of your lives. May God bless you with all of the strength, healing, and comfort you need. God is a God of Abundance of everthing that is good. Sincerely, Mark and Crissie Leyba



Mark and Crissie Leyba - November 21, 2020 at 12:29 PM

EC

“ Elizabeth Chavez lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Elizabeth Chavez - November 21, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ Lorraine Marquez lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Lorraine Marquez - November 21, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez.*



November 21, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to all the Sanchez family. 🙏*



Adela Sanchez - November 21, 2020 at 07:35 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Sanchez family. Both the community and the family have suffered a great loss. I cannot express in words the sorrow that I feel. Doc was my doctor and also my friend for almost three decades. Seeing him and Elia always put a big smile on my face. May both Doc and Jessica Rest In Peace with our Heavenly Father. Sincerely, Doug Baird.*

Doug Baird - November 21, 2020 at 07:22 AM



*Our deepest condolences to the Sanchez family. Your father left an amazing legacy, a life serving his God, his family, and his community. May God give you peace during this difficult time.
With love and respect,
Dan & Val Yoakum*

Val Yoakum - November 21, 2020 at 07:34 AM

VA

“ Vanessa Armijo lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



Vanessa Armijo - November 21, 2020 at 01:17 AM

MR

“ Marcus Rimorin lit a candle in memory of Roland. K. "Doc" Sanchez



marcus rimorin - November 20, 2020 at 10:50 PM

JC

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. From your neighbor, Janis Carbajal

Janis Carbajal - November 20, 2020 at 10:35 PM

DB

“ Dr. Sanchez was a great Man...He was our family Dr. For 40 years. God's Blessing to your family as they lay you both to rest. Prayers for his Family. WITH LOVE DIEDRA BACA And Family



Diedra Baca - November 20, 2020 at 10:20 PM

LD

“ *Elia and kids words cannot express how our hearts are broken with the loss of your dad and sister. My dad and your Husband/Dad (Roland) were close as brothers and your dad and mom have always been caring and generous to my family and me. Even if time and events have put distance between us we will always be family and share the heartache of your loss, wonderful memories of their fruitful lives, and a love for each and everyone of you.*

*Sincerely,
Little Daniel*

Little Daniel - November 20, 2020 at 10:05 PM

DS

“ *There are no words that I have for this wonderful family. I came I to their family as an employee in their medical office and left as a true family member. I have great memories and I will forever be thankful for all the support you have given me as I have grown in my life. My Dr Roland and my great friend Jessica watch over us and be a presence In our lives. Thank you so much for all you have given me. You know that you are a part of the Gabaldon-Sánchez family for all that you have done for me!*

Dominic Sanchez - November 20, 2020 at 09:38 PM

EC

“ *Dr Sanchez was my brother & my Dr. When I would bring my brother in, he would ALWAYS ask questions like we were husband & wife. I teased that we would wear "this is my brother" T-shirts. God Bless Y'all! He is missed already. Healing sent to ALL.*

Ella Canterbury - November 20, 2020 at 06:16 PM

LG

“*Condolences dear family. I am so sorry. May the peace of the Holy Family bring you comfort. I know many prayers for Dr. Sanchez have been said for him and his beautiful daughter, Jessica. Their journey to heaven must have been beautiful. Be comforted knowing our Divine Mercy Jesus Christ was with them and is with all of you. Be kind to yourself and those around you. Love and prayers for your loving family.*

loretta gabaldon - November 20, 2020 at 05:11 PM