



Roque J. Sanchez

April 23, 1923 - November 22, 2015

Roque José Sanchez

April 28, 1923 – November 22, 2015

Roque José Sanchez, a lifelong resident of Adelino, passed away on November 22nd at the age of 92. He was surrounded by a room of loving family, and passed away peacefully as the sun rose over the Manzano Mountains.

Roque was born in 1923, in the village of Adelino, the third child of Adelino and Francesquita (Baca) Sanchez. His family spent much of his childhood in Willard, NM, where his father, the school superintendent, instilled in him a lifelong love of learning and education. He and his siblings would travel back to Adelino on weekends and in the summer to work the family farm along the Adelino bosque.

After graduating early from Willard High School in 1939, Roque began his college studies with a year at Eastern New Mexico University and then transferred to New Mexico A&M until his education was interrupted by the start of World War II. He served in the U.S. Army at Fort Hood, Texas. Somewhere in all the excitement he met his loving wife, Mary Ann Chavez, in Adelino. They were married at Fort Hood on a whirlwind weekend; over 71 years of marriage she has remained his rock, his friend, and the love of his

life.

After his discharge from the Army, Roque returned to New Mexico and completed his undergraduate education in agricultural science at New Mexico A&M. He graduated with honors, and returned to his hometown to begin a teaching career that would span 38 years at Los Lunas High School and the UNM Valencia Campus. Over four decades he shared his love of learning with his students and shaped a new generation of farmers through his work with the Future Farmers of America and Veterans on the Farm. All the while, he continued his own education, earning masters degrees in agricultural science and educational administration while he worked.

Through years of hard work he forged his own farm in Adelino, as well as the foundation of a growing family. Roque built his own house, and he and Mary Ann filled it with seven beautiful, loving children: Marcella (Nick) Nogar; Eliza Castellano; Matthew (Alice); Debbie; Therese (Robert); Dr. Mark Sanchez, (Janet); and Rose (Dr. Tim) Neuberger. He was loved by fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren: Dr. Anna Nogar (Peter Marlantes); Dr. Joshua Nogar (Dr. Andrea Bedrosian); Carmella Nogar; Daniel Castellano; Dr. Jessica Castellano; Michael Castellano, Andrew Castellano; Angelica S. Gonzalez (Tim); Elena S. Barton (B.J), Nicholas Sanchez (Martina); Christopher Sanchez; Roque Tomás Sanchez; Justine Sanchez; Jamie Neuberger; Nico Marlantes; Eva Marlantes; Oliver Barton; and Aislynn Gonzalez.

His farm was a passion that he shared with his family. He loved to walk his fields and spend time at his ranch at the base of the Manzano Mountains. Roque always said that, "A day when something wasn't accomplished was a wasted day," and as long as he was able to he would take care of his farm and feed his cows.

He was preceded in death by his parents Adelino and Francesquita (Baca) Sanchez, brother Jesús C. Sanchez and wife Trina Sanchez, brother Teofilo Sanchez, and sister Theresa McCurdy. He is survived by siblings Rachel Apodaca; Betty Kiefer; Dolores (Hugh) Eberly; Josie (Bill) Burch; Adelino (Carol); Anthony (Patsy); Lawrence; and sister-in-law Lourdes Sanchez.

Services will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Tomé on Wednesday, November 25th, with visitation at 10:00 AM, Rosary at 11:00 AM, and Funeral Mass at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made either to the Immaculate Conception building fund or the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Tomé.

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Previous Events

Public Visitation

NOV 25. 10:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Rosary

NOV 25. 11:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Funeral Mass

NOV 25. 11:30 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Tribute Wall

PO

“ Sanchez family, sorry to hear of Mr. Sanchez' passing. He was a good man and many students looked up to him.

Pamela Otero - November 30, 2015 at 05:30 PM

AS

“ Dr Mark Sanchez and family please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved father, please know you will be in my thoughts and prayers..Andrew S. Sanchez

Andrew Sanchez - November 28, 2015 at 05:04 PM

RE

“ On this Thanksgiving day, I am very thankful to have had the privilege of meeting and laughing with Roque. While our meetings were usually short and measured, few have had such a lasting impact on me. He has to be one of the kindest souls I have ever met; he had a wonderful sense of humor and wit. My sympathies to the Sanchez family.

Ron Estler

Ron Estler - November 26, 2015 at 12:07 PM

OR

“ *Mary Ann & Family,*

We are saddened by the passing of Roque. This kind man who unlocked so many hearts has now unlocked God's heart and is now being rewarded for his faith and the many good deeds he performed. His love life and fellow human beings mark a wonderful legacy.

Please accept our sincere condolences.

Your cousins,

Oscar & Sue Ramirez

Oscar S. Ramirez - November 26, 2015 at 01:30 AM



TP

“ *Rest in paradise Roque.. I'm sure you received an amazing greeting in Heaven..*

Tom & Michelle Pooler - November 25, 2015 at 11:03 PM



MR

“ *I was a student of Mr. Sanchez at LLHS. I took his Ag classes all 4 years, was in FFA, learned to weld and many other things from this wonderful man. He made a mark on my life and I still use the many things he taught me today on my farm! Blessings to the entire family. He was a very special person.*

Misty Riegel (Marable)

Misty Riegel - November 25, 2015 at 07:24 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Roque J. Sanchez*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - November 25, 2015 at 12:35 PM

BT

“ *Brandon & Christina (Hamill) Tady lit a candle in memory of Roque J. Sanchez*



Brandon & Christina (Hamill) Tady - November 25, 2015 at 12:20 PM

LF

“ *To the family*

I had the pleasure of working with Roque for many years. He was a dedicated teacher and inspired the best in everyone he met. The loving and dedicated family that Roque leaves behind is a testament to his character. May the love of your friends bring you comfort and the love of God give you peace.

Leslie Fluke

Leslie Fluke - November 25, 2015 at 12:08 PM

JL

“ Jessica L. lit a candle in memory of Roque J. Sanchez



jessica L. - November 25, 2015 at 11:40 AM

JL

Prayers for the family . Los Lunas PMG


jessica L. - November 25, 2015 at 11:41 AM

RC

“ Our deepest condolences to the Sanchez Family. Our prayers are with you during this time of sadness and healing. May GOD Bless you all.

Ray & Pauline Chavez

Raymond Chavez - November 25, 2015 at 09:57 AM

 Debra Zurcher

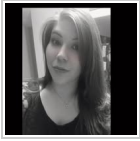
“ I was also blessed to be a student in Mr. Sanchez' FFA and Agriculture classes at LLHS! Because of this wonderful man and teacher I have lifelong memories from attending FFA events that he so graciously gave his time to prepare his students for and chaperon! Thank you Sanchez family for sharing this wonderful man, his influence touched the lives of many! ~ Debra Keller-Zurcher

Debra Zurcher - November 25, 2015 at 08:32 AM

AH

“ *Mr. Sanchez was a great teacher. I was one of the last students at Los Lunas High that had the pleasure of being the FFA president under his advisement. He truly made a mark in my life. Prayers to the entire Sanchez family and thank you for sharing an amazing man with us. Amie Dearing-Harris.*

Amie Harris - November 25, 2015 at 08:00 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss! He was such a wonderful man!
Leroy, Diana, and Sonja Torrez*



Sonja Torrez - November 25, 2015 at 07:40 AM

 Heidi
Clark

“ *My condolences to the family.
He was my ag teacher back in high school.
Heidi krassnitzer clark*

Heidi Clark - November 24, 2015 at 11:11 PM

JM

“ *Our condolences on Roque's passing. he was a good community man and neighbor. The family of Santiago Marquez.*

jim marquez - November 24, 2015 at 09:21 PM

MC

“ So sorry , may God give strength to your family at this difficult time.
Dr mark my friend so sorry.



Michael chavez - November 24, 2015 at 06:17 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael chavez - November 24, 2015 at 06:12 PM

MM

“ Sincere sympathy to an outstanding teacher and friend. He gave so much to many, and his influences still are carried forward today.
Sorry to lose you.
Marjorie McGarrah

Marjorie McGarrah - November 24, 2015 at 04:29 PM

AS

“ *“Lit a candle in memory of Roque J. Sanchez.”*

*Dr. Mark Sanchez & Family,
We'd like to extend our most sincere
condolences on the Loss of your Father. What a Beautiful Legacy
Roque has left to his Children, Grandchildren & Great-
Grandchildren. May God Bless all of the Family at this most difficult
time.*

*Sincerely,
Adam & Ruby Salas & Family*



Adam & Ruby Salas - November 24, 2015 at 03:43 PM

SB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Sanchez Family,
Roque made this community a better place to live and raise a
family. He showed many of us the value of working hard and the
value of an education. His passing saddens me deeply, Roque was
truly one of the good guys. May you rest in eternal peace.*

Steve & Brenda Balok

Steve Balok - November 24, 2015 at 09:37 AM

EC

“ *Coach Nick,*

I am sorry for your loss. God bless you!

Estevan Chavez



Estevan Tomás Chavez - November 23, 2015 at 11:17 PM



“ *Linda Sandoval-Sherman lit a candle in memory of Roque J. Sanchez*



Linda Sandoval-Sherman - November 23, 2015 at 06:59 PM



“ *Flora Perea lit a candle in memory of Roque J. Sanchez*



Flora Perea - November 23, 2015 at 02:21 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to all of Roque's family! I have nothing but fond memories of this wonderful, gentle man. I pray God embrace each of you with His loving peace and comfort!*

Diane Chávez

Diane Chavez - November 23, 2015 at 02:15 PM