



Ursula Sanchez

October 21, 1927 - September 19, 2025

1927-2025

Ursula Sanchez, a life-long resident of Belen, New Mexico, passed away in the loving comfort of her home, on the morning of Friday, September 19, 2025. She was 97.

Ursula was born on October 21, 1927. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School, Belen Junior High School, where she met Bennie Sanchez, and in 1944 she graduated from Belen High School. They married in 1946 after Bennie returned from the War in Europe. Ursula was educated and employed as a secretary, and Bennie established Hub Furniture and Carpet Co. in Belen. Together Ursula and Bennie raised a family of six children and lived in the same home for 60 years. They were avid travelers. They visited Europe, Mexico, Hawaii and many cruises including Alaska. Together they enjoyed motor-homing around the Southwest and beyond, until Bennie passed away nine years ago in 2016.

Ursula was a parishioner of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, where she was a member of Our Lady Catholic Daughters and supported St. Vincent de Paul, Joy Junction, and the Boys' Ranch of New Mexico.

She was predeceased by her parents, Carlos and Felipita Garcia, her siblings Dolores (Lola), Orlando, and Lorenzo, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is survived by her sister Eva and brother-in-law Bernard Sanchez and by her sister-in-law, Erlinda Garcia.

She is survived by her children, all of whom also attended St. Mary's Catholic

School and cared for her in her final years: Marti (Jeff) Perry, Jeanette Garcia (Ric), Michael Sanchez (Kim),

Dori (Pete) Nichols, Elley Sanchez-Lifke, and Cyndi (Paul) Bleicher.

She is survived by 13 grandchildren: Garrick, Juliette, Marleigh, Jenalee, Nicolette, Jordyn, Brendon, Kristina, Nicholas, Lauren, Ariel, Lily, and Rylee; and great-grandchildren: Parker, Naiala, Owen, and Oliver.

Heartfelt thanks to faithful Communicants who served her Communion every Sunday, Marianna and Michael. Thank you to High Desert Hospice, Becky, and Lynae, and John. Also thank you to Sarah, a part-time caregiver, who was always on call when we needed her.

Final funeral services for Ursula are arranged by Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen. A mass for Ursula is scheduled at the San Clemente Catholic Church in Los Lunas on Monday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m., with visitation at 8:30 a.m., and a rosary at 9:30 a.m. An online tribute for Ursula is available at romerofuneralhomenm.com. Those who would like to remember Ursula may make donations to her favorite charities mentioned above. The Burial for Ursula will take place at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Garden. Garrick, Brendon, Nicolette, Kristina, Nicholas, Lily, Lauren and Rylee will serve as pallbearers.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 8:30 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Rosary

OCT 6. 9:30 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Funeral Mass

OCT 6. 10:00 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Interment

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Cynthia Romero sent a virtual gift in memory of Ursula Sanchez



Cynthia Romero - November 13, 2025 at 09:33 AM

RS

“ Ursula and Benny were my godparents they named me Roseanna because they watched a movie named Roseanna McCoy it brought peace to 2 fueding family's always loved the story and my name. She was always glad to see me and I her. The family was close to our too. She and Benny will be missed.

Roseanna Sisneros - October 20, 2025 at 02:45 PM

ME

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Ursula, what an amazing and rich life she had and how she raised such a close and beautiful family. May your memories console you now and always.

Michelle Ethridge - October 07, 2025 at 01:16 PM

LM

“ Sending our most sincere condolences to the family. Michael and Linda MacEachen

Linda MacEachen - October 06, 2025 at 05:45 PM

AR

“ *Annette Romero lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez*



Annette Romero - October 04, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ *Kara Sachs lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez*



Kara Sachs - October 04, 2025 at 10:57 AM



Deepest condolences to Cyndi and the entire Family at this difficult time. May Ursula's new life in Heaven with Bennie & our Lord Jesus be Joy-filled! Ursula was always so kind to me, a special part of my childhood. What a beautiful long life she lived surrounded by her wonderful children. God bless her and may peace be with the Family knowing she is happy.

Kara Sachs - October 04, 2025 at 11:02 AM

MZ

“ *Keeping you and your family in our prayers Mike 🙏 Our deepest condolences.. Eternal Rest Grant onto Her Lord, and Let Your Perpetual Light Shine on Her 🙏 May She Rest In Peace*



Marty and Bernadette Zamora

Marty and Berna Zamora - October 03, 2025 at 04:23 PM

MD

“ I am sending the family of Mrs. Sanchez my love at this very tender time. Mrs. Sanchez was and is forever a beautiful and gentle soul.



Mary Dezember - October 01, 2025 at 12:31 PM

MD

“ Mary Dezember lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez



Mary Dezember - October 01, 2025 at 12:28 PM

DK

“ Michael and family, my condolences to you at this time of sorrow. My prayers go out to you knowing how much you loved your mother. She is surrounded by God's loving arms, no more suffering, no worries just happiness. Wishing you peace and happiness.
Darlene Kilmer and Family

Darlene Kilmer - September 29, 2025 at 10:27 AM

CR

“ Carol Maestas Romero sent a virtual gift in memory of Ursula Sanchez



Carol Maestas Romero - September 26, 2025 at 02:00 PM

CR

Ursula was such a sweet and lovely lady! We were neighbors and she always waved as she drove by. Sometimes she stopped and talked and she was such a positive person! She never had anything bad to say about anyone or anything! She was truly an example of how we should all be in life! We sometimes talked about her and my mother being cousins. I was happy to know we were connected by family. I will miss her smile! 🦋

Carol Maestas Romero - September 26, 2025 at 02:06 PM

BS

“ *Betty Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of Ursula Sanchez*



Betty Sanchez - September 26, 2025 at 01:51 PM

JT

“ *Dear Marti and family
We would like to share our condolences and tell you we are all thinking of you during this most difficult time. Sending you love and prayers.
Sandra, Donna and Judy*

Judy Torres - September 25, 2025 at 10:39 PM

LF

“ I remember the beautiful, soft spoken, kind person my Aunt Urcela always was when I talked to her growing up and at other family gatherings. Her & Uncle Bennie were so loving and fun giving us rides in their dune buggy and their Winnebago and being a part of our birthdays growing up and our 8th grade graduation 3-day adventure in Albuquerque. Prayers of peace for her children: Marti, Jeanette, Michael, Dori, Elley, Cyndi!



Liz Follon - September 25, 2025 at 02:14 PM

MJ

“ Marty & Beatrice Jojola lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez



Marty & Beatrice Jojola - September 25, 2025 at 01:05 PM

IB

“ IdaMay Ballejos lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez



IdaMay Ballejos - September 25, 2025 at 11:01 AM

DB

“ Denise Tafoya Braun lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez



Denise Tafoya Braun - September 25, 2025 at 10:55 AM

JT

“ James Tabet lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez



James Tabet - September 25, 2025 at 09:51 AM

TR

“ Trish Romero lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez



Trish Romero - September 24, 2025 at 11:56 PM

ET

“ Eloy & Deborah Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez



Eloy & Deborah Tafoya - September 24, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SR

“ I have so many great memories with Mrs. Sanchez and Mr.B. My prayers and condolences . I will miss them both always as well as Lola. God bless your family during this difficult time 🙏🙏🙏



Sarah Romero - September 24, 2025 at 04:03 PM

TF

“ Tony F Padilla & Family lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez



Tony F Padilla & Family - September 24, 2025 at 11:10 AM

GG

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



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - September 24, 2025 at 11:09 AM

BS

“ My condolences to Marti, Jeanette, Michael, Dori, Elley, Cyndi and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. We will miss Aunt Ursula. My mom, Eva, and her sister, Ursula, recently enjoyed looking at pictures and talking about the old days. God Bless the family during this most difficult time 🙏



Barb Sanchez - September 23, 2025 at 11:37 PM

JG

“ *Josie Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez*



Josie Gutierrez - September 23, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JG

“ *Johnny Josie Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Ursula Sanchez*



Johnny Josie Gutierrez - September 23, 2025 at 09:06 PM

RO

“ *Deepest condolences to all the family. Our prayers are with you.*



Ron&Debbie Ortega - September 23, 2025 at 06:36 PM