



SGM Frank Sanchez (U.S.Army, Ret.)

April 26, 1931 - February 22, 2023

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Frank Sanchez, Sr., died February 22, 2023, at the age of 91. He was born on April 26, 1931, in San Antonio, Texas to Carmen Sanchez and Juanita Trevino Sanchez. He joined the Army in 1949 and fought in Korea with the 7th Armored Division and in Vietnam with the First Cavalry. He was highly decorated and retired as a Sgt. Major after 30 years of service. His awards and decorations, included the Army Presidential Unit Citation, Naval Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal with Six knots, Army Occupation Medal, National Defense Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Expedition Medal, Korean Service Medal with Seven Battle Stars, Vietnam Service Medal with Four Battle Stars, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Sgt. Major Sanchez was preceded in death by his sisters, Rita Astorga (Ben) and Catherine Gonzalez (Frank), brother, Ralph Sanchez (Virginia), and great-granddaughter, Marie Gonzalez. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Olga Talamantez Sanchez; son, Frank Sanchez, Jr. (Linaden), daughters, Cynthia Sanchez and Deanna Cervantes (Robert Jr.); brothers, Rudy Sanchez, Edward Sanchez (Susie); grandchildren, Tyffany Gonzalez, Laura Valdez, Matthew Sanchez (Rachel Rodriguez), Kirstin Cervantes (Kyle Law),

Katlyn Guerrero (Matthew), Robert Cervantes III (Chelsea Reed); great-grandchildren, Donavan Gonzalez, Neyomi Gonzalez, Serenity Martinez, Isabella Cervantes, Gia Gonzalez, Luca Cervantes, Azyiah Hernandez, Adalynn Law, Evelyn Guerrero, Greyson Cervantes, Elizabeth Guerrero, Brantley Law and Caleb Cervantes.

The family wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation for the loving care he received by the personnel at Arden Courts Assisted Living and later, Estates at Shavano Park.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association, San Antonio and South Texas Chapter, 10223 McAllister Freeway, Suite 100, San Antonio, TX 78216.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., with a Rosary at 9:00 a.m. and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church, 307 John Adams Dr., San Antonio, TX 78228. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, with Full Military Honors.

For personal acknowledgement, please sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH
3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230
(210) 349-1414

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 8:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul Catholic Church
350 Sutton Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78228

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Tribute Wall

FS

“ *Obituary correction: Dad was also awarded the Legion of Merit medal due to his military service.*

Family of Frank Sanchez, Sr. - June 12, 2023 at 06:41 AM

SR

“ *Frank, thank you so much for spending time with Sheila when I would go visit with Olgita (my Cousin) I remember beautiful memories back when you were at Ft Bliss. Sheila would sit and chat with you and we would catch you both laughing . We will always hold those memories in our heart, and your favorite enchiladas. There are so many memories we hold close to our hearts. Thank you Bunches (my Dad always said that) for your service and for being with my beautiful cousin Olgita and the Kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Love Sylvia and Sheila.*

sylvia Rodriguez - March 08, 2023 at 10:01 AM

KG

“ Hi Grandpa it's me, Katlyn. Grandpa I love you with all my heart. ❤️
□ Grandpa thank you for giving us all such beautiful story's to share, that you've not only shared with us growing up but that we've also made together. I'll forever hold them so dear and close. I'm so blessed to be one of many of your granddaughters. You are so loved by many and made such an incredible impact on so many life's, including mine. You truly are a blessing in itself grandpa. Forever and ever grandpa, with love. It's not a goodbye but just another see you later. I love you cool cat, XOXO



Katlyn Guerrero - March 05, 2023 at 11:17 AM

LI

“ Dad your guiding hand on my shoulder will remain with me forever.

linaden - March 04, 2023 at 09:58 PM

CS

“ Dad, I had to write you one of my mini-novels and break it into 3 parts because it was too long. There were just too many wonderful things I wanted to Thank you for. Here's a beautiful candle. I selected Blue because it is, not was, your favorite color. Give my regards to Jesus and Mother Mary. Have fun Dad with all our relatives (and Butchie and Lucky.) Don't worry about mom because Frankie, Deanna and I will take very good care of her. Have fun Dad and enjoy, enjoy, enjoy.



Cynthia Sanchez - March 04, 2023 at 11:29 AM

CS

“ To my Cool Cat!

Thank you Dad for teaching me how to tell time and later, stressing the importance of being ON TIME. (Don't be late.)

Thank you Dad for teaching me how to ride a bike in El Paso, TX; I still remember it like it was yesterday. (Peddle, peddle, go faster, faster!)

Thank you Dad for saving my Teddy. I was only 6 years old but when I wouldn't stop crying because I thought he was going to be discarded, you interceded and insisted I keep him. I'm 64 years old now and I still have him. I think of you every time I hold him. (Just give her the bear-Dad.) (I'll give it to her after I finish sewing on a button eye-Mom.)

Thank you Dad for teaching me how to fish and shoot a gun in case I would need those skills to survive. And yes, they did come in handy but now I am old and cringe at the thought of killing any creature. (Are we having fun yet?)

Thank you Dad for buying a camper and for many years taking our family to beautiful areas in Alaska; how we loved nature and the wilderness. And then, you set up a permanent camper spot in Port Aransas, TX. How I loved putting my name on your "Sign-up" sheet and trekking to the coast with my friends and on occasion, my dear Aunt Pearl; we always had a blast. (Don't worry about paying for the water or electricity, I'll take care of that.)

Cynthia Sanchez - March 04, 2023 at 11:20 AM

CS

“ Continuation-2 of 3

Thank you Dad for encouraging me to swim "my way" after I came home crying because I failed my swimming test which meant I couldn't get my "R" and that meant I couldn't go swimming unsupervised. I went the next day and "crawled over the water" and was ecstatic when the instructor announced I passed. (I found out later you personally spoke to the man. Did you bribe him?)

Thank you Dad for going with me when I had to buy my first car, a brand new gold 1989 Honda Civic stick shift. Why didn't we go for the Honda Accord automatic or at least a car with power steering? I laugh about this every time I think about it. (You don't need all those fancy gadgets and automatic windows, they'll just break.)

Thank you Dad for teaching me one of the many Sanchez mottos. Because of this, I was able to retire early. (Don't tell me how much you make, tell me how much you save.)

Thank you Dad for being there during the horrific times in my life when I called you for help; you always showed up in a flash. You carried me, protected me and sheltered me when I was shattered and at my lowest point. You never minimized my situation and you gave me hope. For that, I will be ETERNALLY grateful. (If you need anything, just call me.)

Thank you Dad for teaching me to never procrastinate and to be methodical. People think I'm nuts, but who cares! I love living like this-like you. (The sooner you do the job, the sooner you can rest.) (If you aren't going to do the job right, don't do it at all.)

Cynthia Sanchez - March 04, 2023 at 10:57 AM

CS

“ Continuation-3 of 3

Thank you Dad for being a wonderful provider. You always made sure mom never had to work outside our home. You handed your paycheck to mom, a fantastic homemaker, knowing she would make sure we had plenty of food, always had clean clothes, a roof over our head and ensured all our bills were paid. We never wanted for anything. (You never bragged about your part in this but you were very proud of mom.)

Thank you Dad for helping around the house after you retired. Your words are forever embedded in our hearts. (I am every woman's dream.)

Thank you Dad for being a fantastic husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. You were loved immensely. And not only that, extremely admired. What a hero! What a legacy!

Thank you Dad for serving your country. You volunteered at age 18 in 1949, saw combat many times and retired highly decorated, after serving 30 years. Seeing the American flag draped on your coffin, hearing Taps and the 21 gun salute, and watching mom accept the American flag will be extremely difficult but we know you earned it. (Freedom isn't free.)

*And lastly,
Thank you Dad for loving our mother with all your heart and soul. Happily Ever After is real. I know, because I saw it with you and mom.*

I love you Dad! Signing off, Meathead.

Cynthia Sanchez - March 04, 2023 at 10:33 AM

FR

“ *Dad, you will be greatly missed.*

Frank - March 01, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of SGM Frank Sanchez (U.S.Army, Ret.).*



February 28, 2023 at 08:12 PM

LI

“ *Uncle Frank, thank you for always calling me on my birthday. You made me feel special!! Aunt Olga, Frank, Cindy, and Deanna, you are in my prayers.*

Liz - February 28, 2023 at 11:56 AM