



Genevieve "Beva" Gonzaba Sanchez

November 17, 1932 - March 3, 2025

Beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and cherished matriarch, Genevieve "Beva" G. Sanchez, passed away peacefully on March 3, 2025, at the age of 92. She was born on November 17, 1932, in San Antonio, Texas, to Cristobal and Lena Gonzaba. Raised in the heart of the Sunny Slope neighborhood on the city's Southeast Side, Beva's life was defined by family, love, and an unbreakable spirit.

As one of thirteen children, Beva grew up in a household overflowing with love, laughter, and deep family bonds. Despite the age differences among siblings, their greatest joy was simply being together. She and her siblings could often be found within the lively walls of The Jungle Inn, a beloved neighborhood gathering place where family and friends came together. Always impeccably dressed and exuding effortless charm, Beva's vivacious spirit came alive on the dance floor. Her infectious laughter filled the air, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew her.

In the late 1950s, Beva began working at Grayson's Department Store in the children's department, where fate led her to the love of her life, Edward "Buddy" Sanchez. Together, they built a beautiful life, dancing hand in hand along Houston Street, embracing the rhythm of love and adventure. A few years later, they embarked on a new journey, moving to Los Angeles with their growing family of six. It was in California that Beva flourished as a mother and community leader, serving as President of both the Parent's Group for Head Start and the Pen Pal Program at Lillian Street Elementary.

As a mother of ten, Beva was nothing short of extraordinary. She was often praised for her impeccable ability to keep her children well-dressed, groomed to perfection, and instilled with the utmost respect and discipline. She embodied the essence of a “mother hen,” ensuring every need was met, every garment mended with care using her treadle sewing machine, and every meal stretched with resourceful love. A selfless nurturer, she never sat down to eat until she was certain her family was fed.

In 1972, Beva and Buddy returned to San Antonio, reuniting with her beloved family. From that moment forward, she made it her mission to keep her children and extended family close. Weekly gatherings at the park with her sisters and their children were not just tradition—they were sacred. Parades, festivals, and celebrations became cherished events where the family’s presence was always felt. In 1976, Beva and Buddy completed their family with child number 11. No matter the different age groups, she never missed a school event, a game, or a milestone, ensuring her unwavering support extended not only to her children but also to her grandchildren and beyond. Her home was a place of warmth, comfort, and refuge for all. Beva was a guiding force, a mentor to many, and a pillar of strength. With an open heart and open doors, she welcomed those in need, always willing to help however she could.

She was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 60 years, Edward “Buddy” Sanchez, her eldest son Felipe Davila, her parents Cristobal and Lena Gonzaba, and her beloved siblings Chris, Paul, Mike, John, Roland (Boy), Julia Gonzaba, Alicia Estrada, Mary Lou Avalone, Rebecca Perez, and Susie Moreno.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and resilience, carried on by her children: Lena Gonzales (James), Veronica Rivas, Leticia Sanchez (Gene), Patricia Canales (Ray), Edward Jr., Joe (Pattie), Benjamin (Cindy), Bonnie Sanchez, Blanca Lerma (Felix), and Roland (Joann). Her love extends through her 22 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren, each of whom carries a piece of her unwavering spirit.

Genevieve “Beva” Gonzaba Sanchez was the heart and soul of her family, a beacon of love, and a woman whose presence illuminated the lives of all who knew her. Though she is no longer with us in body, her legacy of strength, kindness, and boundless love will endure for generations to come.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Medical Center
8332 Fredericksburg Road
San Antonio, TX 78229

Holy Rosary

APR 3. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

APR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
1710 Clower
San Antonio, TX 78201

Funeral Procession departing from Mission Park Medical Center at 10:30am

Graveside

APR 4. 1:30 PM (CT)

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1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ms. Sanchez was the most kindest and sweetest client i ever had in my 17 plus years i will never forget when i was out for a week she told me she missed me and i truly will miss her sending love and prayers to the family, love Shawntrell* ”



Shawntrell Brown - April 03, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Genevieve "Beva" Gonzaba Sanchez.* ”



April 03, 2025 at 02:49 PM

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“ *Jose & Maria Reyna purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Genevieve "Beva" Gonzaba Sanchez.* ”



Jose & Maria Reyna - April 03, 2025 at 02:25 PM

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“ *From MaryLou Avallone & Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Genevieve "Beva" Gonzaba Sanchez.*



From MaryLou Avallone & Family - March 30, 2025 at 10:37 PM