



Raul Jimenez Sanchez

July 23, 1930 - August 28, 2022

Raul Jimenez Sanchez, age 92, entered into rest on August 28, 2022. He was born on July 23, 1930 in Crystal City, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents Federico C. Sanchez and Amada J. Sanchez; daughters Rachel S. Cortez and Rose Marie S. Mendoza; daughter-in-law Janie L. Sanchez; sisters Virginia S. Hatch and Delia S. Guillen; brothers Amador J. Sanchez, Fred J. Sanchez and Hector J. Sanchez. He is survived by his loving wife Maria R. Sanchez; sons Raul R. Sanchez Jr. (Orie) and Robert R. Sanchez (Linda); sons-in-law Ray Cortez and Benjamin P. Mendoza Jr.; sister Tina S. Hatch. He is also survived by his grandchildren Steven Sanchez (Dana), Jacob Sanchez (Amanda), Charlotte Sanchez, Benjamin Mendoza III (Cindy), Michael Mendoza and Victoria Cortez; great grandchildren Alyssa Sanchez, Bianca Sanchez, Casey Sanchez, Anastacia Mendoza, Benjamin Mendoza IV and Isabella Mendoza; numerous nieces and nephews; many other family members and friends. He was loved by all and will be deeply missed.

His Life Story

Raul was born in a small south Texas town of Crystal City on July 23, 1930. He came from a family of 7, 3 girls and 4 boys. Raul was 2nd from the youngest. His dad worked with the local ranchers. Every summer the entire family would migrate to the state of Montana to work the crop fields. The

young Sanchez family moved from Crystal City to the border town of Eagle Pass, Texas. And here is where the Sanchez / Benavidez Legacy began. Raul and his primos would run wild and play in the countryside, hunting small game, swimming and fishing in the creeks and rivers. What more could a boy ask for.

Around age 13 the Sanchez family moved again and this time to the city of San Antonio, Texas. Not knowing at the time that later in the coming years that move would enrich his life forever. This is where the Sanchez Family begins to set roots. Three years later, both in their teens, Raul meets Mary Ruiz. Two years into their courtship they are wanting to marry but are told they are both too young and need to wait. In 1951 Raul was drafted into the U.S. Army and goes off to basic training. Upon returning they plan their wedding. While on furlough, both now aged 21, Raul J Sanchez married the love of his life Mary Ruiz on September 2, 1951. Shortly thereafter he is shipped overseas to serve in the Korean War. Upon his discharge returns home to await the birth of his first born Raul Jr. Later Robert, Rosemarie, and Rachel.

He enrolls in trade schools for auto mechanics and paint & body. Always eager to learn he would assist his older brothers on whatever project they were working on. Which helped him become a jack of all trades. Raul was an accomplished mechanic and paint/body which led him to be employed by almost every major trucking company in San Antonio. He devotes 40 years of working in his profession.

While still working he decided it was time to start planning for retirement. Raul always held onto the memories of his childhood living in a small town, out in the country. So the search began and ended with the purchase of acreage in Johnson City, Texas. Here he builds his own house, with his own hands. He builds his house high on a hill overlooking the Pedernales River. He would tell everyone, my house with the million-dollar view, and yes it was. Raul lived out

his dreams, living in the Hill Country for 30 years.

Those of you who were fortunate to know and meet Raul you were greeted with a big smile, strong handshake, or a big hug.

Very creative man who could see something and build it.

Hard and strong work ethics. He will be truly missed until we meet again with our (Lord and Savior Jesus Christ). Amen.

Cemetery Details

San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-0272
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary
3711 S Zarzamora St
San Antonio, TX 78225
(210) 924-4568
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

SEP 7. 6:30 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary
3711 S Zarzamora St
San Antonio, TX 78225
(210) 924-4568
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Mass

SEP 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
4401 S. Flores
San Antonio, TX 78214

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raul Jimenez Sanchez.*



September 06, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raul Jimenez Sanchez.*



September 06, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ *Benjamin Mendoza Jr. and Michael Mendoza purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Raul Jimenez Sanchez.*



Benjamin Mendoza Jr. and Michael Mendoza - September 03, 2022 at 11:47 PM

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“ *Dad / Grandpa Sanchez*



Sanchez - September 03, 2022 at 10:26 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sanchez - September 02, 2022 at 10:06 PM

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What great memories. Sending our prayers 🙏 to Mrs. Sanchez, Raul , Robert & all the family.

Rose M Gonzalez - September 06, 2022 at 09:22 PM

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Sanchez - September 02, 2022 at 04:17 PM

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“ In 1962, my family moved to 205 E. Edmonds, and right across the street lived the Sanchez family. In no time our families became lifelong friends. Fast forward to 2007, I no longer was just a family friend, I had joined the Sanchez clan. One day, earlier this year my father-in-law said to me, in the most tender voice, “Who would have known that the little girl in braids who lived across the street, would end up taking care of us in our old age.” My eyes swelled up with tears. That was my father-in-law, he always made you feel so special. I will miss your voice, your words, your hugs and your smile. Save me a place up there.

Love,
Orie



Orie - September 01, 2022 at 02:34 PM

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This is for my friend from 7th grade Raul Sanchez jr.i will never forget when I was invited to go on a hunting/ camping trip with Rauls family back when we were young teenagers and Raul Jr shot a 🐰 rabbit.we had rabbit stew and it was good.what a memory

Carlos Trujillo - September 01, 2022 at 06:53 PM

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I will always remember my uncle Raul for his kindness and sensitivity. His love of animals and his generosity . He will leave an empty space in our lives due to his demise, but more important some beautiful memories. I'm sure he's in heaven with all the rest of our deceased loved ones, in glorious peace.

Carol Hatch - September 01, 2022 at 08:44 PM