



Salena Rose Sanchez

August 31, 1994 - January 14, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Salena Rose Sanchez on January 14, 2025, at the young age of 30.

Born on August 31, 1994, in San Antonio, Texas, Salena was the daughter of Lillian Prado and Juan Sanchez. She is survived by her sisters, Natalie, Valerie, and Lillian; her brothers-in-law, Jason and Javier; her godparents, Delia and Henry; as well as dozens of aunts, uncles, cousins; her lifelong friends, Sara, Valerie, Amanda and Emerald; and her pup, Marley. Salena's legacy lives on through her beloved nephews, Jaxon and Myles, and her niece, Zoe, who were the light of her life.

She now joins her grandparents Rafael and Sara Sanchez, and Bertha and Jesus Gonzalez in rest.

Salena's warmth and generosity extended beyond her family to the many friends, colleagues, classmates, and students she worked with throughout her life. As an educator at Armstrong Elementary, Salena poured her heart into shaping young minds, inspiring both her students and fellow teachers with her passion for learning and her unyielding commitment to making a difference.

She was a teacher at Armstrong Elementary for 5 years. In her time there, she was awarded the South San ISD District Teacher of the Year (2023-2024), formed the "Kind Kids Club", and was affiliated with 'Cultivar' at the Tobin

Center in partnership with the Kennedy Center of Performing Arts. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education from UTSA and will be awarded a Masters of Education School Leadership posthumously from Trinity University. Her goal was to work in curriculum and eventually become a principal. Salena was constantly volunteering at her school, helping with the haunted house, spelling bees, and additional tutoring. She absolutely adored her students and wanted them all to know she was so proud of them. While receiving treatment, her class received the perfect attendance award in honor of Ms. Sanchez. Salena also received the Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching, recognizing her for being the best educator in her district in 2024. Receiving all of these awards allowed Salena to ride on top of her school's Fiesta float, a fun memory she used to look back on fondly.

Salena's love for life, her family, and her students never wavered, and her memory will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her. She had a sense of humor that kept her family and friends laughing for hours. She enjoyed teasing her family as a way of showing love, but she was also very caring. Her caring nature rang true throughout her whole life as she was a beacon of light and strength for her sisters through thick and thin.

Salena was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, godmother, teacher, and friend, whose life touched so many people with love, kindness, and joy. May Salena rest in peace, knowing that her legacy of love, care, and dedication will continue to shine brightly in the lives of all she touched. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

San Jose Burial Park

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

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JAN 24. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Holy Rosary

JAN 24. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Final Viewing and Procession

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Procession to start at 10:30 AM

Funeral Mass

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Leonard Catholic Church
8510 S Zamora St.
San Antonio, TX 78224

Burial

JAN 25. 12:30 PM (CT)

San Jose Burial Park
8235 Mission Rd
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-0272

Tribute Wall

UN

“ I was a student. She made us feel loved, and she helped me in my hard times. she was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and fought for a while. they said she was just sick. we brushed it off. Thursday, December 19. We had gotten on a call, and we had said hi. She was doing better, but, after our last goodbye, she died. Everyone didnt know. They were cutting lessons and tests, nobody did work. A classmate told me. I was in denial. In PE, the news came. she died. everything was blurry, it was messed up. my friend, i rarely see cry, shoved me in a hug so tight. "i cant believe she died" i said. She was gone too soon. I just wish we'd get to be there for her.

Unknown - January 14 at 10:24 PM

SM

Ms. Salena loved you guys very much. She would work so hard to show each of you how special you were to her and to make everyone feel welcomed in her class. Never forget her, but also make her proud by doing great in school and show kindness to others. She will always be with you guys💜

Sara McCain - January 23 at 05:04 AM

DS

“ Dr Kinberly Stephenson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



Dr Kinberly Stephenson - January 24, 2025 at 08:33 PM

RP

“ Rosita Palacios purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



Rosita Palacios - January 24, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



January 24, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



January 24, 2025 at 12:06 PM

SR

“ Samantha, Stephanie, and Roger Rodriguez purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



Samantha, Stephanie, and Roger Rodriguez - January 24, 2025 at 10:29 AM

FL

“ From Ryan & Regina Longoria purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



From Ryan & Regina Longoria - January 23, 2025 at 02:51 PM

OU

“ Office of the President, Trinity Univ. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



Office of the President, Trinity Univ. - January 23, 2025 at 01:45 PM

-G

“ -Complete Line Glass purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



-Complete Line Glass - January 23, 2025 at 12:06 PM

TD

“ Trinity Education Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



Trinity Education Department - January 23, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.*



January 23, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.*



January 22, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all the Sanchez Family. My prayers are with you. Ms. Sanchez was an exemplary example of what a great teacher should be, she will be missed.*



Angela Moreno - January 21, 2025 at 08:03 PM

AV

“ Antonio Villa purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



Antonio Villa - January 21, 2025 at 02:43 PM

TM

“ Trey and Aubrey Morris purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



Trey and Aubrey Morris - January 20, 2025 at 08:42 PM

SD

“ SSAISD Teaching and Learning Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



SSAISD Teaching and Learning Department - January 20, 2025 at 08:21 PM

DF

“ Deborah Sanchez and Family purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.



Deborah Sanchez and Family - January 20, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.*



January 20, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ *Salena, you were a beautiful person inside and out. I am praying for your family while you are apart, that one day you will be together again. Through your sister Natalie I was able to see the impact you made in her life. The love you shared was so beautiful to see. My vision of you will always be, you with that beautiful smile that always welcomed me. Your family is blessed to have an angel that is you.*



Cassie Maldonado - January 20, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Salena Sanchez*



Harley Arizola - January 19, 2025 at 12:23 PM

GS

“ *Gale Smith lit a candle in memory of Salena Rose Sanchez*



Gale Smith - January 18, 2025 at 12:04 PM

GS

Sincerest sympathy to you and your family. God Bless you all.

Gale Smith - January 18, 2025 at 12:05 PM

EM

“ *Lillian & family, words cannot express my sorrow for you all. May your happy memories and proud moments of sweet Salena soon outweigh the sadness you're feeling. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

Love, Elvia Moreno

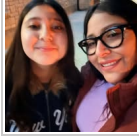
Elvia Moreno - January 17, 2025 at 10:11 PM

SR

“ *My sincere condolences and continued prayers to Salena's family*



Sandie Rodriguez - January 17, 2025 at 10:04 PM



“ *My condolences to family From Patricia and family ... And I light this beautiful pink rose candle for Lillian's beautiful super angel.....* ☐



Puhtrisha Vigil - January 17, 2025 at 09:53 PM

DR

Prayers have gone up to the throne of Grace for Selenas family and our condolences to the family. From Joe n Delia Ruiz friends of Albert Sanchez.

Delia Ruiz - January 18, 2025 at 01:13 PM

SY

“ *Susan Ybarra lit a candle in memory of Salena Rose Sanchez*



Susan Ybarra - January 17, 2025 at 08:31 PM

JL

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends. May you find peace and understanding. She is obviously a super angel for you all.ay she RIP.*

Joie Lecoche & Family

Joie Lecoche - January 17, 2025 at 05:58 PM

SG

“ We would always accidentally twin, especially with our favorite skirts
☐ miss you!



Savannah Guzman - January 17, 2025 at 05:56 PM

BS

“ May pre light 💡 shine upon you beautiful soul 🙏🙏🐝 Cash es
Grama



bea saavedraa - January 17, 2025 at 05:28 PM

CL

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Corinne Loera - January 17, 2025 at 04:14 PM

CL

Having you in our lives was a blessing you made a big impact on my grandson life. You will forever be missed Ms.S. Sanchez RIP. Thank you for all the great memories you gave all our students at Armstrong. My condolences to the family on the loss of such a beautiful soul.

Corinne Loera - January 17, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Salena Rose Sanchez.*



January 17, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Sanchez Family. My prayers are with you.*

Mary Jane Cisneros - January 17, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Salena Sanchez*



Harley Arizola - January 17, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family! Hugs and prayers!*



Sylvia Sosa - January 16, 2025 at 08:38 PM



Salena was a shining light in this life. She had a great sense of humor and a zest for life. She will be sorely missed.

Pat Hernandez - January 17, 2025 at 01:07 PM

JA

My condolences to the family!! She always had a smile on her face. She was a warm kind hearted person. She will be missed at school.

Juanita O Alfaro - January 17, 2025 at 02:13 PM