



Steve H. Sanchez III

April 1, 1932 - November 27, 2022

Steve H. Sanchez III, born April 1, 1932 in San Antonio, Texas came before the grace of God on November 27, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents Steve H. Sanchez II and Irene Garza, son Vincent Sanchez and brother Edward "Buddy" Sanchez. He attended Central Catholic and Fox Tech High Schools before joining the Marine Corps. At the age of 19 he was deployed to the Korean Conflict with the 7th Motor Transport Division. An avid boxer since his days at Central, his amateur career continued at the Moon Glow Boxing Club, where he got to participate with his little brother, and during his service with the Marines. After his discharge he would again serve his country as a United States Postal Service letter carrier for 38 years, being one of the last letter carriers to begin his career delivering mail by bicycle. He also continued to serve his country in the United States Air Force reserve. He met his loving wife, Olivia Ramos, after they caught each other's eye at a local jewelry store. One blind date and six months later he knew he could find no greater love and they married. They started their family in a new two-bedroom home in Loma Park. He wanted the best for his young family. After outgrowing the home with six sons, they moved to Monticello Park. Together they worked hard and made sacrifices to provide a Catholic education for their children who wanted it. Steve served his church faithfully for twenty years by being an active member of the St. Paul's Knights of Columbus. His Catholic faith was something he instilled in his children, for he did not want death to separate him from those he loved. The holidays were a special time for Steve and

Olivia as they began the celebration with a large Thanksgiving feast and ended with a yearly Christmas party where friends and family would all make their way over to celebrate. After retiring from both, the USPS and USAF, Steve and Olivia would settle into a garden home where he could still tend to his yard. Having the nicest yard on the block was something he took personal pride in, no matter the neighborhood. To the embarrassment of their young children Steve and Olivia shared a love like no other. Never shy to show affection, whether it be holding hands, a kiss, or locking pinkies on their drives, they were the definition of 'madly in love'. Being away from his beautiful Olivia, whether it was for hunting, fishing, or on deployment, pained him. If he wasn't with her, he missed her and could only think of getting back to her. She was his one and only.

Steve is survived by his loving wife of 67 years Olivia R. Sanchez, sons Steve H. "Butch" Sanchez IV, John J. Sanchez (Leticia), Gilbert Sanchez, Rene J. Sanchez (Lilliana), and Orlando R. Sanchez (April), sisters Dora Guenther, Yvonne Jimenez (Roy), Julianne Geigenmiller, Arlene Sanchez (Frank) and eleven grandchildren, six great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and his compadre of seventy-five years Lt. Col. Jesse Lozano ret. (Dolly).

Services Wednesday, December 14, 2022 9:30 am Rosary and Mass to follow. St. Matthew Catholic Church 10703 Wurzbach Rd. San Antonio, TX 78230

11:15 am Gravesite Burial Shelter #2 Ft. Sam National Cemetery 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd. San Antonio, TX 78209

12:00 pm Reception St. Paul's Community Center 1201 Donaldson Ave. San Antonio, TX 78228

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Mathew's Catholic Church in the name of Steve H. Sanchez III.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 14. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral Mass

DEC 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230

Interment

DEC 14. 11:15 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HS

“ *Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni. Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever. Thank you Steve for your service to this nation. U.S. Marine Corps. Rest Steve, until you hear at dawn, the low, clear reveille of God. Thank you for your service to this nation. U.S. Air Force Reserves.*



Harry Simpson - August 14, 2023 at 02:27 PM

EJ

“ *My deepest condolences to my cousin Olivia and family. I had the privilege of getting to know Steve when we both worked as letter carriers at University Park Station. He was a really good person. May he rest in peace and may God bless his family. -Emilio Resendez Jr and Family*

Emilio Resendez Jr - December 12, 2022 at 10:08 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Steve H. Sanchez III.*



December 12, 2022 at 05:49 PM

SW

“ Sherry L. Warren purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Steve H. Sanchez III.



Sherry L. Warren - December 12, 2022 at 03:12 PM

MQ

“ My fondest memory of Mr. Sanchez is his big smile and a hug when we would see each other. One of the kindest persons I ever met. My very sincere condolences to you and your Mrs Sanchez. May Mr Sanchez rest in our Lords peace.

Mike Quiroga - December 09, 2022 at 11:54 PM

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“ My heart felt condolences to the Sanchez family. Mr Sanchez was my brother Bill's (RIP) godfather. He also worked at the post office with my Dad (RIP)

Gerald S Garcia (Gerry) - December 09, 2022 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ Deepest condolences to the Sanchez Family, my fondest memory of your Dad is he always had a smile, I bet there's not one kid on Woley Dr., who would disagree. I remember he'd come to our ballgames to watch Vince and he'd still be wearing his post office pants, with the blue line on the side. . Straight from work to the game. I have to take this moment to offer special condolences to your Mom, give her a big hug and tell her this one is from Jerry Martinez. God Bless.

Jerry Martinez - December 09, 2022 at 12:22 AM

JS

“ *I remember growing up and Steve was our mailman. when he would come with our mail, he would eat breakfast with us. He was the nicest man! We would even go to house and play with all his boys. Great memories!*

Janna solar - December 07, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Steve H. Sanchez III.*



December 02, 2022 at 01:01 PM