



Ernest Luna Sanchez Obituary
December 12th, 1943 – December 20th, 2019

Ernest Luna Sanchez passed away on December 20, 2019 his final days were spent surrounded by family and friends he loved so much.

Ernest was born on December 12, 1943 to parents Manuel Bernal Sanchez and Margarita Luna Sanchez (both deceased).

Ernest was the middle child of 13 children. Siblings: Guadalupe Carréon, Manuel Sanchez (deceased), Maria Alicia Sanchez (deceased), Deanna Sanchez, Roman Gabriel Sanchez, John Frank Sanchez, Milton Sanchez, Elizabeth Francis, Annie Romero, Federico Sanchez (deceased), Jimmie Joe Sanchez, and Betty Jean Sanchez (deceased).

He had 3 sons, Ernest Eugene Sanchez (deceased), Steven Sanchez, and Edward Wayne Sanchez, who looked up to him and appreciated the moments he spent with them.

He was known as a hard worker. In his younger years, he mowed lawns and shined shoes to earn money. He was known for his orderly manners and very heavily starched clothes. Some would say his clothes would stand up on their own if you stood them on the floor.

He had a motto, "Strike fast, Kick ass", which came from his many years of serving in the military. He was most proud of his service in both the Marine Corps and the Army Infantry, Third Battalion company A. He was a Vietnam War Veteran who was awarded 2 Purple Hearts. His pride of serving showed as he proudly displayed his service on his truck and baseball caps. And speaking of hats, he had quite a collection of cowboy hats.

After retiring from the military, Ernest worked for Texas Department of Transportation where he was proud of designing the Adopt a Highway sign as well as being a Courtesy Patrol. He volunteered his time as an usher at St. Matthews Catholic Church and annually at the Jimenez Thanksgiving dinner. His favorite things to do were dancing, watching movies, running at Woodlawn Lake and working on his

lawn. He loved to play card games with his opponent, Brianna. She said he cheated sometimes and sometimes she would let him win.

Ernest loved watching comedy. His favorites were George Lopez, Richard Pryor, Cheech and Chong, and Steve Harvey. He also loved to watch game shows and novelas with his companion and dance partner of 23 years, Emma Garza. Kahlua, the family dog would keep him cozy as they watched TV.

He always knew he was a lucky man for all the love that surrounded him and because he had so much luck, he just knew he was going to win big with the lottery someday.

Ernest is survived by his companion, Emma Garza. Sons: Steven and Edward Wayne Sanchez. Siblings: Guadalupe Carréon, Ernest Luna Sanchez, Deanna Sanchez, Roman Gabriel Sanchez, John Frank Sanchez, Milton Sanchez, Elizabeth Francis, Annie Romero, and Jimmie Joe Sanchez. Grandchildren: Nicholas Edward Sanchez, Anissa Monseratte Sanchez, Lillianna Rose Sanchez, Gia Sloan Sanchez and Brianna Monique Gonzalez.

Services are as follows.....

Monday, 1/6/2020 from 4-8pm
at Funeral Caring USA, 2621 Mossrock, San Antonio TX 78230
- Viewing 4pm - 8pm
- Rosary 7pm

Tuesday 1/7/2020 @ 10am
at St Matthews Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230
- Mass 10am
- Refreshments immediately after mass

Tuesday 1/7/2020 @ 1pm sharp
at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery, Pavillion 1, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209

