



Gilbert Sanchez

January 8, 1941 - November 14, 2014

SANCHEZ, Gilbert R.

Gilbert R. Sanchez, age 73, a lifelong resident of Albuquerque who grew up in the community of Barelvas, died Friday, November 14, 2014. He was a devoted husband and father and is survived by his wife of 46 years, Anita L. Sanchez; sons, Michael G. Sanchez and wife, Angela, Anthony Sanchez and Kathy and her kids, Daniel Sanchez and wife, Valerie, and Joseph Sanchez and Sharon Turano; grandchildren, Steven, Christina, Corina, Arianna, Elena, Luis, Isaac, Elijah, Madison, and Angelina, great-grandchildren, Serenity, Aria, and Serina; sisters, Loretta Lopez, Mercy Gurule and husband Jake, Valentina Ruland and husband Joe, Mary Grossette, Josie Gonzales, and Gloria Sanchez; Sisters-in-law, Evelyn Dominguez, Viola Baca and husband, Joe Morrison, Celia Martinez, Frances Parks, and Becky Tipton and husband Harry; two brothers-in-law, Sam Vivian and wife, Dottie, and Larry Vivian and wife, Donna; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Premitivo and Margarita Sanchez. Gilbert was born in 1941 in Belen, New Mexico and served in the US Marine Corps from 1966-1969 as part of the First Battalion Third Marines Alpha Company. He served in the Battle of Con Thien, Operation Hickory where he was wounded and received two Purple Hearts. Medals also awarded include Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, and a National Defense Service Medal. Gilbert worked for many years as a dispatcher and retired from APS. He was a member of the VFW, Post 99, and PVA. Gilbert never met a stranger and

always felt comfortable in any setting. He loved to meet people and listen to music, watch boxing and surround himself with family and friends. Gilbert will be deeply missed by all who knew him. A Rosary will be held Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 7:00 pm at St. Jude Thaddeus, 5712 Paradise Blvd. NW with a Memorial Mass to be held on Friday, November 21, 2014, 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Thaddeus with interment to follow at Santa Fe National Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Anthony Sanchez, Daniel Sanchez, Elijah Perea, Isaac Sanchez, Joseph Sanchez, Luis Sanchez, Michael Sanchez and Steven Sanchez. Honorary Pallbearers are Ben Martinez, Sr., Fermin Lujan, Harry Tipton, Kenny Castillo and Steven Gonzales. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in Gilbert's name to All Faiths Receiving Home, 1709 Moon St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112-3973. Please visit our online guestbook for Gilbert at www.FrenchFunerals.com

FRENCH - Westside

9300 Golf Course Rd NW

505-897-0300

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

Santa Fe, NM

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV **19**. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
5712 Paradise Blvd. NW
Albuquerque, NM

Memorial Mass

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
5712 Paradise Blvd. NW
Albuquerque, NM

Interment

NOV **21** (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
Santa Fe, NM

Tribute Wall



Richard
Chavez

“ so sorry to here .I worked with Gilbert at APS dispatch he taught me all I needed to know to be a good dispatcher . thank you Gilbert
Richard Chavez

Richard Chavez - November 19, 2014 at 09:40 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Gilbert Sanchez.*



November 18, 2014 at 09:54 AM



“ *Uncle Gilbert always made me laugh and I am happy that he is in a better place with Jesus, he is no longer in pain.*

Love Jacob Brown

Jacob Brown - November 16, 2014 at 10:07 PM

ER

“ Gilbert:

I met Gilbert through my son, Alex Rodriguez, Michael and Angela, Alex's close friends; and of course his wife Anita and all his children and grandchildren over the years. My wife and I spent many hours visiting with Gilbert and listened to all the war stories. Gilbert was a good father, husband, grandpa, friend and most of all a great soldier who fought for his country. I will personally miss his laughter and joyful spirit. Gilbert is now at rest and at peace with our Lord and Savior.

Eduardo & Connie Rodriguez

Eduardo L Rodriguez - November 16, 2014 at 04:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - November 15, 2014 at 04:12 PM