



Aaron Sanchez

April 23, 1934 - July 8, 2016

Arroyo City /Harlingen Texas

Aaron Sanchez, 82, loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend went to be with the Lord on Friday, July 8, 2016, after a short battle with Cancer.

Left behind to eternally treasure his memories are his devoted and loving beautiful wife of 61 years, Amalia Sanchez, daughters Jovie Cantu (Ted), Mary Sanchez, Yoli Johnson (Brandon), Letti Sanchez, and 3 grandchildren Sean Cantu, Ethan Johnson, and Parker Johnson.

Aaron is preceded in Death by his Son, Tony Sanchez; Grandson, Caden Johnson; and Brother, Pete Sanchez, Sr.

Aaron was born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He immigrated to the United States with his brother Pete Sanchez at the age of 17 under the United States Bracero Program. After a lengthy courtship, Aaron married the love of his life, Amalia. During this time, they were fortunate enough to meet a wonderful German family, The Eichblatt's, in Arroyo City. Ike and Mary Eichblatt not only became family to them, but were instrumental in helping them build their lives in the USA. With their assistance, the brothers established what became the very well know South Texas fisherman's landmark, Sanchez Bait Stand.

As a man of many talents, Aaron worked tirelessly to start the business to help support their new families. With the countless hours, tireless hard work and dedication, the Eichblatt's guided them to become small business owners. After many years of hard work they expanded their little bait stand to include

the sale of fishing tackle, boat and motor supplies. That expansion also allowed them to purchase a shrimp boat, later known as, "Miss Bobby". Through over the 50 years plus of co-owning Sanchez Bait Stand, Dad & Uncle Pete helped assimilate "Arroyo City" to be one of the best places for South Texas fishing. Sometimes with broken English but always a huge smile and a great laugh, he loved meeting everyone, and proudly became friends with many fishermen all over Texas. It brings great pride to the Sanchez kids to be recognized, whether it be in the Valley or as far north as Dallas, as "one of the Sanchez's from Arroyo City".

All of the children have fond memories of their Dad, from the eldest siblings who spent summer mornings shrimping with him on Miss Bobby, to the youngest sitting with him in the store greeting clients or helping pack shrimp. The family always looked forward to the weekly Friday night crab boils or fish fry's and his Sunday afternoon BBQ's.

Aaron was a very spiritual and religious man. The family attended church every Sunday; where long relationship started, with Monsignor John Nicolau. He is an instrumental part of each of the family member's lives from Baptism, Confirmation and marriage.

When he retired to Harlingen, gardening became one of his biggest hobbies. He had a huge garden of tomatoes, onions, serrano's, jalapeños, peaches, limes, and all kinds of chili's. He enjoyed traveling as often as he could, visiting his kids and grandkids in Dallas, as well as traveling to Las Vegas, California and New York.

We are proud to call him our Father, our Hero. He will greatly be missed. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, July 12th, at Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen, Texas. Viewing will be from 12-9pm, for family visitation. Memoriam will be at 6pm, and Rosary from 7 to 9pm. Mass of Resurrection Mass will be held on Wednesday, July 13th, at 10:00 am, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Harlingen, Texas officiated by longtime family friend, Monsignor John Nicolau.

Cemetery Details

Mont Meta Memorial Park

26170 Texas 345
San Benito, TX 78586
(956) 399-3097

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
1702 E Harrison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-8200
rgfhtx@aol.com
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Rosary

JUL 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

JUL 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
209 S 10th St.
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 428-6111

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Aaron Sanchez.* ”



July 12, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ *Your friends and family at American Southwest Mtg. purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Aaron Sanchez.* ”



Your friends and family at American Southwest Mtg. - July 12, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ *Most sincere condolences to the whole family we pray that God gives you peace you need to go through this difficult time .* ”



Irma chavez and family - July 11, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Aaron Sanchez.* ”



July 11, 2016 at 07:42 PM



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Rudy Garza Funeral Home - July 11, 2016 at 01:58 PM

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Un ángel q los cuidara desde el cielo, están en nuestras oraciones toda la familia SANCHEZ TORRES. Q.P.D TIO Aaron Sanchez. Atte. Carmen Faz y Fam. Alonso Faz y GUADALUPE TORRES FLORES.

Carmen Faz Torres - July 11, 2016 at 04:29 PM



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Rudy Garza Funeral Home - July 11, 2016 at 01:53 PM



“ *Funeral services for Aaron Sanchez of Arroyo City will be held on Tuesday, July 12th at Rudy Garza funeral home in Harlingen, TX. Memoriam service and visitation with family will be held from 6-9pm. Mass of Resurrection will be held on Wednesday July 13th, at 10am at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Harlingen, Texas officiated by long time family friend, Monsieur John Nicolau Ph.D., S.E.L.*

<http://www.rudygarzafunerals.com/m/obituaries/Aaron-Sanchez/Memories>

Letti Sanchez - July 11, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ *I love and miss you Daddy.*



Letti Sanchez - July 11, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Aaron Sanchez.*



July 11, 2016 at 09:57 AM

JD

“ *James D Deane purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Aaron Sanchez.*



James D Deane - July 10, 2016 at 04:40 PM

OD

“ *My sincere condolences to the Sanchez family. God bless you all and keep you in his loving care. Ondina Perales Diaz.*

Ondina Perales Diaz - July 10, 2016 at 01:18 PM