



Domingo Sanchez Jr.

July 7, 1935 - January 12, 2016

Domingo Sanchez, Jr., 81, of Rio Grande City died Tuesday, January 12, 2016, following a lengthy illness. Domingo was born in Rio Grande City on January 7, 1935, where he lived until he joined the Army in January 1953. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Domingo joined the US Air Force, where he served until his retirement in April 1973. He became a Border Patrol Agent in 1975 and was stationed in Chula Vista, California, during which time he earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from San Diego State University. In 1982, Domingo transferred to his hometown of Rio Grande City, where he retired from the US Border Patrol in May 1995. He is survived by his wife, Socorro S. Sanchez of Santa Fe, New Mexico; four sons, Domingo III and wife, Laurie; José Daniel and wife, Frances; and Roy of Santa Fe, New Mexico; Manuel and wife, Patricia of Albuquerque, New Mexico; three daughters, Delia Sanchez of Santa Fe; Diana DeVargas and husband, Paul of Los Lunas, New Mexico; and Susan Benavidez and husband, Edwin of Pecos, New Mexico; 14 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren; brothers, Roberto and wife, Vicky of Harlingen; Leonel and wife, Patty of Edinburg; Ricardo and wife, Maria Elena of San Antonio; and David and wife, Gracie of College Station; sisters, Magdalena Jones and husband, Ray of Edinburg; and Diana Ceballos and husband, Richard of Tampa, Florida; long-time companion, Josefina (Fina) Obregon; and many relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Domingo Sanchez, Sr.; mother, Delia Constantino Sanchez; brother, Ramon Sanchez; sister, Maria Celeste

Sanchez; and grandsons, Shane Gonzales and Adam Benavidez. A rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14 at Sanchez Funeral Home, 301 East Second Street, Rio Grande City. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15 at Immaculate Conception Church, 101 East Canales, Rio Grande City. Interment will follow at Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery, 2520 South Inspiration Road, Mission. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Military Community Youth Ministries (MCYM), 540 N. Cascade, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery
2520 South Inspiration Road
Mission, TX 78572

Tribute Wall



“ Domingo Sanchez Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ Domingo Sanchez Jr.

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ Today is December 20, 2016. I've been searching for "Mingo" off and on for many years. Not mentioned in his obituary was the fact that while he was in the Air Force, he was a highly trained member of the Special Operations Weather Team, and during his dedication in contributing to developing a Weather Net in the "Secret" war in Laos during 1967-1968, he was my trainer and mentor, and I have never forgotten what a courageous man he repeatedly proved himself to be; he wore the Grey Beret proudly. We lost touch after I left the Air Force in September of 1968, and I never knew until now that he had served as a Border Patrol Agent in Chula Vista, California, while I was serving as a Police Officer in San Diego, close by, and it was unfortunately that we never crossed paths. To the member of his family, I am pleased to say that I'm extremely fortunate to have met and worked with this great man, and you should all be very proud of him.

A side note: "Mingo" had to have an Army tattoo removed from his arm prior to departing for duty in Laos; that's just how secret his mission was at the time. Take care!

David Gene Linscheid - December 20, 2016 at 09:15 AM