



Ruben Sanchez

May 26, 1945 - October 29, 2024

Ruben Sanchez, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 29, 2024, in Montgomery, Texas, at the age of 79. Born on May 26, 1945, Ruben was a man of honor, integrity, and unwavering devotion to family and community. A proud veteran, Ruben served his country with distinction in the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard, dedicating himself to protecting and serving others. His commitment to public service extended beyond the military, as he also spent many years as a dedicated member of the Houston Fire Department. Ruben's life was a testament to his selflessness and desire to help others, always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. Ruben's heart was deeply rooted in his family. He was a constant source of support and encouragement to his grandchildren, proudly cheering them on in all their activities. He found joy in nights out with his wife, Diane, and cherished time with their dinner club friends. Ruben had a passion for gardening and took pride in maintaining a beautiful yard, finding peace and

satisfaction in the work.

An active member of his church, Ruben's faith guided him throughout his life, and he remained

devoted to his spiritual community, giving freely of his time and energy.

Ruben is survived by his loving wife, Diane, his sister Beatrice DeLaPena, his brothers Gilbert

Sanchez and Roland (and sister in law Shawna) Sanchez, and sister in law Mary Barta. Their

children: son Christopher and his wife Jennifer Sanchez; son Nathaniel and his wife Christine

Sanchez; and son Rodney and his wife Stacey Randall. His legacy lives on in his grandchildren,

Caroline, Christopher, Chloe, Gunnar, Layla, and Easton Sanchez; Lee and Sara Williams; and

Brodie, Madden, and Carson Randall, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Salome and Esther Sanchez, as well as his siblings, Lou

(and brother-in-law Lee) Robles, Fred (and sister-in-law Carmen) Sanchez, Madeline (and

brother-in-law Ernie) Arciniega, Alex (and sister-in-law Mily) Sanchez, brother in law Victor

DeLaPena, and sister in law Bobbi Sanchez. He was also preceded in death by his son, Robert

Williams.

Ruben's family invites friends and loved ones to honor his life and memory.

His legacy of love,

service, and kindness will forever be cherished by those who were fortunate to know him. You may leave written memorials to his family at www.shmfh.com

Cemetery Details

Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

NOV **14**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery
20850 Eva St.
Montgomery, TX 77356

Burial

NOV **15**. 9:30 AM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery
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Houston, TX 77038

Tribute Wall



“ Chris Benson and Jayne Piana purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruben Sanchez.



Chris Benson and Jayne Piana - November 14, 2024 at 08:13 AM



“ Chris Benson and Jayne Piana planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruben Sanchez.

Chris Benson and Jayne Piana - November 14, 2024 at 08:13 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruben Sanchez.



November 13, 2024 at 11:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruben Sanchez.

November 13, 2024 at 11:58 PM

CD

“ *Charlie and Denise purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruben Sanchez.*



Charlie and Denise - November 13, 2024 at 04:15 PM

CV

“ *R.I.P Mr. Sanchez xoxox*

You were almost like a second dad growing up, and being part of my life for well over 40 years. I could totally remember working at Foot Locker in HS, and getting to see you daily while you worked security jobs at Willowbrook. You are just like your two OUTSTANDING SONS, and a gentle GIANT!!! You should be EXTREMELY proud on how you raised both of your boys, and how they followed your public servant footsteps! You are a BEAUTIFUL HUMAN/DAD/GRANDFATHER/FRIEND, and will greatly be missed and remembered XOXO



Chris Vogler - November 13, 2024 at 03:07 PM

PB

“ *Peter and Pat Benson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruben Sanchez.*



Peter and Pat Benson - November 13, 2024 at 02:47 PM

PB

“ Peter and Pat Benson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruben Sanchez.

Peter and Pat Benson - November 13, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruben Sanchez.



November 12, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruben Sanchez.

November 12, 2024 at 09:25 PM

KS

“ *Our Dear Diane*

Doug and I send our deepest love and sympathy to you and your family. When our Son Jonathon and family moved to TX, it was a blessing that they rented the house right next door to you. After our first visit and we met you and Ruben and IKE :-), we worried no more. Ruben was right there to give support, direction and relevant advice about the new area and culture. Even the art of growing plants in TX...Horticulture. What was top on the list, each time we visited, was to see you and Ruben. Hospitable was another word to describe Ruben. We made many memories, one of them was attending a dinner/dance at the Yacht Club with you and Ruben. We LOVE you SO much and Ruben will always be in our heart. HUGS and KISSES..

Doug and Karen Sherman

KAREN and DOUG SHERMAN - November 12, 2024 at 10:33 AM

TB

“ *The Bairs purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruben Sanchez.*



The Bairs - November 11, 2024 at 12:20 PM

TB

“ *The Bairs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruben Sanchez.*

The Bairs - November 11, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ruben Sanchez.*



November 10, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruben Sanchez.*



November 10, 2024 at 09:18 AM



“ *My condolences 🙏 to the family. Remembering Ruben as a very kind and warm man who shone his light on all those who had the privilege to know him.*



Philip

Philip James - November 08, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ *Mary Barta and Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ruben Sanchez.*



Mary Barta and Family - November 07, 2024 at 06:43 PM