



Tomas Sanchez

October 22, 1933 - October 21, 2008

After fighting the good fight, Mr. Sanchez finally succumbed to prostate cancer on October 18, 2008 at his home in Willis, TX. Mr. Sanchez was born on October 22, 1933, in Laredo, TX. Since birth, he was raised by his paternal grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Sanchez. He attended Martin High School in Laredo participating in sports while excelling in football where he lettered three years in football as team quarterback. After graduation from his high school, he attended two years of college and served in the U.S. Navy. Upon completion of basic training, Mr. Sanchez was selected Honor Recruit from out of about one hundred other recruits. He later served aboard the U.S.S. Princeton (CV5-37) as a Yeoman Third Class Petty Officer. After leaving the U.S. Navy, Mr. Sanchez received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University in College Station, TX. After becoming registered as a Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor and employed by several firms in Houston, TX, he started his own practice and became successful. Some of his clients included the City of Houston, County of Harris, Texas Dept. of Transportation, City of West University Place, Metropolitan Transit Authority and Friendswood. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, of 40 years and the following family members: daughter, Sandra Sanchez; son, Rodrigo T. Sanchez; daughter, Diana Mari Sanchez Taylor and Husband, Christian; daughter Lisa Julia Sanchez; daughter Toni Joanna Sanchez; son, Tomas J. Sanchez, Jr. and wife, Amber; and the following grandchildren: Lee Ann, Douglas, Jezyca and Stevie. Rosary was held Monday, October 20 at 7

PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. A Mass of Christian Burial officiated by Rev. Daokim Nguyen will be held Tuesday, October 21 at 11 AM at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Waverly, with interment following services at Elmina Cemetery. You are invited to leave a written condolence to the family on our website at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Tomas Sanchez*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Beth and the kids: I have rarely, if ever, come across a person with such a sharp wit and such an accurate perception of his environment--so much so that to this day I find myself emulating Sonny, in large measure, more specially his intellectual approach to events as they unfold. Please accept my prayer for the repose of his soul.*

Tete

Tom R. Sanchez Jr. - October 22, 2008 at 08:38 PM

JB

“ Dear Beth, and family,

Please accept my condolences.

Tomas and I had a strange (to others) sense of humor that was probably led to our friendship. He and I were forever playing jokes on one another that we both could laugh at. One of our favorites was a fake newspaper headline fax we would send each other that would show each other being revealed as a bungling fool.

I always enjoyed rehashing events over morning coffee with him here in Laredo. We would usually do lunch a couple of times a week.

I will keep you all in my prayers.

Jim Battaglia

Jim Battaglia - October 21, 2008 at 09:09 PM

FM

“ Tom we had a run. to your family my deepest sympathy.
I have fought the good figth, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2Tim 4/7.. que Dios /keep you always..

frank mckinnis - October 21, 2008 at 01:49 PM

SG

“ Dear Sanchez Family,

I will remember Sonny fondly as the funny, intelligent, sensitive older brother of my youth. I spent many happy moments with him and will always love him.

You are all in my prayers.

Tati

Sandra Sanchez Gray - October 21, 2008 at 09:03 AM

RP

“ Beth, Rod, Sandy and Children:

So sorry to hear about Tomas. He is resting now, and at peace. He will be in my prayers.

We had some great hunts together. Good memories.

Richard Palacios

Richard Palacios - October 21, 2008 at 08:58 AM

NH

“ Dear TJ-

We are so sorry to hear of your father's death. We just want you to know our prayers and love are with you and your family at this time. Please remember us to your mom. We think of you fondly - Fran and Numsen (Charlie's mom nad stepdad)

Numsen and Fran Hail - October 20, 2008 at 10:03 PM