



Mary Louise Sanchez

July 24, 1926 - March 3, 2019

Mary Louise Sanchez, 92, of Mason City, IA died Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, IA.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd ST SE, Mason City. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at Epiphany Parish-Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Neil Manternach officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery.

Mary was born on July 24, 1926 to John and Simona (Flores) Chavez. Mary's life was filled with much joy and great happiness but also sadness. She lost both her parents at the young age of eight and was then raised by the Leon and Maria Vega family. Mary graduated from Holy Family High School in 1945 and was also a graduate of Hamilton Business College. She married Merno R. Sanchez on December 1, 1951 at Holy Family Catholic Church. They were blessed with six children: Nina, Mary, John, Phillip, Cindy and Stephen. Mary lost her brother Albert J. Chavez in 1951. Albert was captured in the Korean War and died in captivity. Another brother, Alfonso tragically disappeared in Mexico. Throughout her life, Mary worked for the Mayo Clinic, Migrant Action, K-Mart and Northwestern Bell. At the telephone company she was a member of the Communications Workers of America Union and continued to receive the Iowa AFL-CIO newsletter. She was heavily involved in the Democratic

Party; meeting many politicians, from Barrack Obama to John McCain. Mary also stayed active in supporting our Veterans; she attended as many functions and tributes as she could. It was befitting that in her final days, she was cared for at the Iowa Veterans Home.

Mary is survived by one sister, Mercy Chavez; daughter, Nina and Jim Givan, daughter, Mary and Kelvin Jones; daughter, Cindy May; son, John and Julie Sanchez; son, Phillip Sanchez; son, Stephen and Susan Sanchez; brother Peter Vega.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Merno; brother, Fred Arroyo; brother, Albert Chavez; brother, Alfonso Chavez; brother, Raymond "Bun" Chavez and sister Lucy Vega.

Mary was blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City, IA 50401, 641-423-8676
www.Fullertonfh.com [Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes](https://www.facebook.com/Fullertonfuneralhomes)

Cemetery Details

Elmwood-St Joseph Cemetery

Mason City, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Mason City
123 2nd St. SE
Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 423-8676
mail@fullertonfh.com
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Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
714 N Adams Ave.
Mason City, IA 50401

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann—sorry to hear you lost your mom. Mine is still around at 95. I hope you and Kelvin are well and happy. Mary Jane Lapointe*

MJ Lapointe - February 27, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ *Mary Louise Sanchez*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Hello Sanchez family,
We lived down the street from you on Quincy Avenue. Do you remember playing with the Hanson children, Elizabeth and Jeffrey, Jennifer and Paul? I used to go to your home and set your mother's hair every week. She was a wonderful woman, and this morning Ron saw her obituary, so we are writing to say that we are so very sorry you have lost your mother. It sounds like she had a long and mostly happy productive life.
Good memories of all of you.
Peace to you.
From
Sharon and Ron Hanson
Coralville, Iowa*

Sharon L. Hanson - March 08, 2019 at 02:21 PM

PO

“ *Many heartfelt condolences to my dear friend Mary, her daughter Kelly and the entire Sanchez family for the loss of their treasured mother and grandmother. What a full and rich life she led. May you find comfort. Love, Polly*



Polly - March 07, 2019 at 11:21 AM

RR

“ *Rod Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Sanchez*



Rod Rasmussen - March 06, 2019 at 10:53 AM

GR

“ *Condolences from the Green Family.*

Green - March 05, 2019 at 09:39 PM

RF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



rob fitzgerald - March 05, 2019 at 02:44 PM

RF

“ Robert, Erika, Eden & Avonelle Fitzgerald purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Louise Sanchez .



Robert, Erika, Eden & Avonelle Fitzgerald - March 05, 2019 at 10:57 AM

DE

“ Lifting up your family during this time of loss. Mary touched many lives with love through her children, grandchildren and friends.



Denise - March 04, 2019 at 11:02 PM

JS

“ Rest in peace Aunt Mary. You were a treasure and a beautiful soul.

Joe and Sarah Sanchez

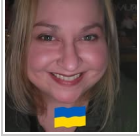
Joe & Sarah Sanchez - March 04, 2019 at 10:34 PM

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“ Love Tina Carmen Dan Clark and Clark 2 purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mary Louise Sanchez .



Love Tina Carmen Dan Clark and Clark 2 - March 04, 2019 at 10:22 PM



“ *Emily Vega lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Sanchez*



Emily Vega - March 04, 2019 at 09:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Sanchez .*



March 04, 2019 at 08:16 PM



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



March 04, 2019 at 07:31 PM