



Joe Sanchez

June 20, 1946 - February 10, 2025

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we announce the passing of a remarkable man, Joe Arnold “Carnero” Sanchez, who left us to be with the Lord on February 10, 2025. Born on June 20, 1946, in the serene town of Chama, Colorado, to Bonifacio Sanchez and Cleofas Maestas. Arnold’s journey through life was filled with moments that showcased his resilience, love, and dedication.

Arnold took great pride in knowing his father was a Prisoner of War (POW) Missing in Action (MIA) in World War II. Growing up fast and hard after losing his father at a very young age, Arnold took on the responsibility of helping raise his siblings James, Diane, and Vernon, and taking care of his mother, Cleofas.

As a youth, Arnold was one of the original members of the “Teen Tops,” playing the drums alongside Lerry Medina, Freddy DeHerrera, and Marvin Medina. He had a passion for music. Throughout his life, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and working on his classic vehicles, of which he owned many. Arnold cherished being surrounded by family and friends. He found joy in watching WWE wrestling, western movies, and attending Denver Nuggets games with his grandson James Jimmy and brother Vernon. He was an avid supporter of his Denver Broncos on Sundays. He also created special memories with his granddaughter Nicole, taking her camping, fishing, and riding on the ATV.

Arnold valued the time he spent with his son James Sr. in California and Las Vegas and enjoyed driving through the mountains of Chama with his grandsons from California. As a successful entrepreneur, Arnold owned and operated his own construction business for over 45 years, taking great pride in working with his sons and grandson.

He had a passion for arts and crafts, particularly in building things, especially hot rods and fast classic cars. Arnold's love extended to his pets Boomie, Baby, Peanut, Lucy, Teddy B., and Sophie. He always displayed a strong sense of family pride, particularly in his sons and nephews.

Arnold is survived by his wife, Marcia L. Romero; his children Joseph (Vanessa) Arnold Sanchez Jr., Wayne Sanchez, James Sanchez Sr., and Teresa Valdez; his grandchildren James J. Sanchez, Nicole (Timothy) Sanchez-Nelson, James A. Sanchez Jr., Adrian A. Sanchez, Mario A. Sanchez; and his great-granddaughter, Harmony Nelson. He is also survived by his sister, Diane (Steven) Montano, and his nephews Steve Montano, Mario Montano, Daniel Montano, Bonifacio, and niece Bianca Sanchez. Arnold was preceded in death by his father Bonifacio, mother Cleofas, brothers James and Vernon Sanchez and his daughter Andrea Chavez.

Arnold will be remembered as a self-made man who dedicated his life to his family, friends, and passions. Services for Joe will be held at the Chama Catholic Church in Chama, CO with a rosary on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM with the Mass of Resurrection to be held on Monday, February 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM also at the Chama Catholic Church with interment to follow at the Chama Cemetery. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Chama Cemetery

Tribute Wall

LA

“ Rest in Peace, Dear cousin. I remember the days when we were little. Such a great time for all of us growing up together. . You were always so kind and generous. Knowing that we were closer than most cousins because of your Dad and my Dad being brothers and your Mom and my Mom being sisters. has always been a joy for me. A very special bond for all of us. I'm sure your Mom ,Dad,James and Vernon have greeted you with open arms. RIP, Arnold.

Laura - February 14, 2025 at 08:32 PM

SD

“ Joe always had a twinkle in his eye that made me smile. He was a great neighbor that was always willing to help whenever I needed anything. When I first moved to the cul-de-sac, he was the first to make me feel welcome. Go in peace my friend.

Stephanie Dennison - February 14, 2025 at 08:12 PM

RS

my condolences to the family of carnie he was a very dear friend of mine for many years we used to go riding around singing songs with weso you will be missed dearly RIP my dear friend you got your wings and no more suffering

Rebecca (Mercy Rael) Santistevan - February 16, 2025 at 04:23 PM

JM

“ Joe was a good man, a good neighbor, and a good friend. He will be missed but always remembered fondly by our family. - The Munday Family

Jim Munday - February 14, 2025 at 07:05 PM

NS

Thank you Jim my grandpa was very fond of you and your family and you guys were always amazing to him so thank you guys and being great people towards him you guys were the best neighbors.

nicole Sanchez - February 16, 2025 at 12:57 PM

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His granddaughter Nicole

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