



## José A. Sanchez Sr.

November 16, 2024

José A. Sanchez Sr., who brightened every room he found himself in, passed away surrounded by loved ones on November 16, 2024 at 69 years of age. José was born in Manati, Puerto Rico to Catalina Rosario Maisonet and Fernando Sanchez Torres on September 13, 1955.

José worked “like a dog” as a beloved figure at the Salem County Board of Social Services for forty years until retiring in 2022. He also served his community as the president of the Puerto Rican Action Committee of New Jersey for over forty years, consistently uplifting the voices of his fellow Latinos/as, as was his passion.

José lived every moment to its fullest potential, never passing up an opportunity to make a memory. A father, a grandfather, a brother, a son, a boss, a friend, or simply a familiar face, José was many things to many people. He was a support system, a spirited dancer, an endless supply of wit, and a soft place to land with a home-cooked meal. The father of three children, he saw each of them grow and come into their own, lending them the tools to forge their own paths and maintaining connections with them that stretched further than any physical distance could. José demonstrated extraordinary strength and characteristic bravery until the very end.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his great-grandson Cadence W.

Riley. José is survived by his children JoAnnie Rosario, Erica Y. Sanchez-Richards (Larry), and José A. Sanchez Jr. (Maria), his siblings Migdalia (Daya) Mena, Fernando (Junior) Sanchez Jr., Evengelia (Eva) Sanchez, and Francisco (Pancho) Sanchez, and his grandchildren James P. Riley, Lorren I. Richards, and Eloísa B. Richards.

Services will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad St., Woodstown, NJ 08098. The viewing will begin at 9 AM with the service following at 11 AM. Burial will take place at Lawnside Cemetery.

[www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Lawnside Cemetery

896 NJ-45  
Woodstown, NJ 08098-2800  
(856) 769-2626

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home  
64 Broad St.  
Woodstown, NJ 08098  
adamsfuneralhome@comcast.net

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I can't even begin to say how much Jose meant to me. He started out as a boss but quickly turned into an adored friend. Jose loved to banter and laugh. He truly was a bright light in my life. Jose was always there for me when I needed a friend to talk to, and always helped me to find the positive side of tough situations. Jose endured life's challenges with courage, strength, dignity, and a positive outlook. Jose was fun, energetic, thoughtful and a hard worker. He will always be remembered by me as a man who loved his family, friends and fur babies, and a fighter who I am privileged to call my friend. Jose, I love you dearly and I know I will see you again. Until then, I will find comfort knowing you are with Jesus, healthy, enjoying life as it should be, free of pain and struggles! Until we meet again my dear friend.

Jennifer Robinson - November 23, 2024 at 08:03 PM

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“ The Padilla Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of José A. Sanchez Sr..



The Padilla Family - November 22, 2024 at 09:53 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of José A. Sanchez Sr..



November 22, 2024 at 12:13 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of José A. Sanchez Sr..



November 21, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ Condolences to Jose, Maria, Sanchez family and friends. May you feel peace and comfort from our Heavenly Father as this special father, grandfather rests in His peace. Matthew 5:4.

**Rusty & Joyce Surface** - November 21, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ Surface family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose A. Sanchez Sr..

**Surface family** - November 21, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ Surface family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of José A. Sanchez Sr..



**Surface family** - November 21, 2024 at 08:52 AM

CC

“ Cincinnati Rugby Football Club purchased the *Rose Remembrance* for the family of José A. Sanchez Sr..



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**Cincinnati Rugby Football Club** - November 20, 2024 at 02:45 PM

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“ Cincinnati Rugby Football Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose A. Sanchez Sr..

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**Cincinnati Rugby Football Club** - November 20, 2024 at 02:45 PM

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“ Chris Carroll and Bridget Ebner purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of José A. Sanchez Sr..



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**Chris Carroll and Bridget Ebner** - November 20, 2024 at 01:32 PM

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“ Chris Carroll and Bridget Ebner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose A. Sanchez Sr..

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**Chris Carroll and Bridget Ebner** - November 20, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of José A. Sanchez Sr..*



November 20, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *I am saddened by the passing of Jose. I met him at Jersey Fitness and had many early morning chats with him. He was such a kind, compassionate man. Rest easy my friend.*

**Miranda Riddle** - November 19, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. José meant a lot to me. He was not only my co-worker, he was my friend. He recommended me for my job at SCBSS and I will forever be grateful.*

**Elaine Laureano** - November 19, 2024 at 05:19 PM



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

November 19, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of José A. Sanchez Sr..*



November 19, 2024 at 02:20 PM