



Roberto "Bob" Sanchez

December 9, 1929 - November 18, 2015

Dr. Roberto "Bob" Sanchez a former resident of Perry passed away November 13th at his residence in Brandon, Florida. Bob was born December 9, 1929 in San Diego, TX. to Ireneo Guillermo Sanchez and Maria De Jesusa Rios-Sanchez.

After graduating from high school in Texas, he joined the military. He served 22 years in the US Air Force intelligence, and was a Vietnam Veteran. During his military term he attended Kentucky, LSU and Texas A & M. After retirement, he attended Florida State University where he received his doctorate in Governmental Affairs.

Bob moved to Perry in 1974 and taught Spanish at Taylor County High School for several years. He also taught night classes for French and German. He was fluent in 7 different languages and enjoyed playing the piano, which he played by ear.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Leopolda and Manuel; sisters Irene, Lillie and Belia; a grandson William "Bill" Burchell of Tampa, and recently his son-in-law Michael Farraj of Tampa.

Dr. Sanchez is survived by what he called his "magnificent 7" children; Darlene King of Brandon, Ronald Sanchez and his wife Kathy of St. Petersburg, Tanya Parker and her husband Sonny of Perry, Sonya Brown and her husband Scott of Apollo Beach, Denise Farraj of Tampa, Dale Sanchez and his wife Tonya of Perry, Rita Vieira and her husband Tommy of Clearwater, all residing in Florida. He has 10 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Perry on Tuesday, November 24th at 1:30 with Father Bernie residing. He will later be laid to rest in the Military grounds at Bushnell. The family is asking in lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Wounded Veterans of America. All arrangements are under the care of Beggs Funeral Home of Perry.

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