

A Celebration Of the Life of

Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die..

A WORD OF THANKS

The family of **Luis Angel Sánchez** acknowledges with deep and sincere appreciation the many comforting words, prayers, and other expressions of kindness and love shown to us at this time.



Luis Angel
SANCHEZ

JULY 8, 1946 — NOVEMBER 6, 2025



MARLAN GARY
FUNERAL HOME
1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

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Obituary

Luis Angel Sanchez, affectionately known as “Tato”, was born on July 8, 1946, in Manatí, Puerto Rico, to Maria Elena and Carmelo Sanchez. From there, he was sent to New York and stayed in the Bronx for a few years. That’s where he discovered his lifelong love for the New York Yankees, a passion he proudly passed down to his children as a family tradition.

Tato served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam war. Upon returning home to Puerto Rico, he later moved to the Bronx, New York, and then to Los Angeles, California, where he built a life rooted in love, hard work, music, and family.

Throughout his life, Tato worked tirelessly to provide for those he loved, taking on any job he needed to, always with dedication and pride. He held a variety of roles, including warehouse work, painting and cable installation.

In addition to his love for baseball, Tato’s heart belonged to salsa music. He never missed a concert when the greats came to Los Angeles – Fania All-Stars, Oscar D’León, Héctor Lavoe, and others. His home was always filled with the rhythm of salsa, the laughter of domino games, and the warmth of friends and family. A passionate ball player, Tato also played first base on many softball teams with fellow transplanted New Yorkers who became lifelong friends.

Above all, Tato’s greatest love was his family. He was a proud father to Angel Luis Sanchez (Pito), Johanna Sanchez, Lisette Sanchez, Jason, Gino and Gian Sanchez, Linda and Maxine Sanchez.

Preceded in death by his mother, Maria Elena; father, Carmelo Sanchez; sister Maria Milagros Rodriguez; nephew, Juan Carlos Beltran (“Papo”); aunt, Altagracia Menendez (“Tita”); grandson, Roshawn D. Banks; granddaughter, Chauntee L. Long and son, Jason Michael Nowakowski.

Luis is survived by his loving wife, Flora Martínez-Sanchez; his daughters, Johanna Sanchez, Lisette Sanchez, Linda and Maxine Sanchez; his sons, Angel Luis Sanchez (Pito), Jason, Gino and Gian Sanchez; and a host of cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tato lived his life to the fullest - surrounded by love, laughter, music and family, whether by blood or by bond. He will be deeply missed, forever loved and always remembered in the hearts of those who knew him.

Order Of Service

MEMORIAL SERVICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 ~ 1PM
LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
675 E. MARKISON AVE., COLUMBUS, OH 43207
PASTOR FRANKLIN CARTER, OFFICIANT

Reading of Old Testament.....	Diana Moorer
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	
Reading of New Testament	Gian Sanchez
2 Timothy 4: 7-8	
Prayer.....	Diana Cruz
Acknowledgement & Condolences	
Special Reading.....	Lisette Sanchez
Obituary Reading.....	Doris Smith
Song Selection	Minister Cripsa Washington
Eulogy	Pastor Franklin Carter
Benediction	
Recessional	

