



Gilbert Sanchez

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Gilbert “Gil” Alfred Sanchez Sr. made his journey to heaven peacefully in his sleep on June 25, 2025. He was beloved by his family, friends, and care team before passing from his battle with Parkinson’s disease with dementia. He was 84 years old.

Gilbert was born on October 4, 1940, in Truman, Minnesota, to Alfred and Margaret Sanchez. He was blessed later in life with 10 brothers and sisters.

He graduated with honors from Valley High School in Des Moines, Iowa in 1959 and attended Drake University and Princeton University. He humbly served his country as a member of the United States Army and the Army Reserves from 1962 to 1968.

Gilbert declared his love for Consuelo “Connie” Rivera and married on September 17, 1966, at Saint Anthony Catholic Church in Des Moines, Iowa. They were married for close to 59 years. As they moved from state to state for his work, they were blessed with 2 sons and a daughter before settling in Tampa, Florida. After working at Dun and Bradstreet for over 30 years, he retired at the age of 53. He began as a mail clerk and diligently worked up to become a Senior Vice President of Plan Services/Dun & Bradstreet before retiring in 1994.

He was a devout Catholic, a family man, the biggest Notre Dame fan, loved to play golf, enjoyed watching sports, a McDonald’s breakfast regular where he read his paper, went to the cinema often, loved a good steak, and traveled all over the country and world. He enjoyed working with his hands, especially on home construction projects and upkeep of his well-manicured yard. His favorite holidays were the ones where his family would gather to share a meal. Gilbert had a great sense of humor, loved sharing stories, and enjoyed good company.

Gilbert was intelligent, disciplined, determined, a problem solver, and a get-it-done kind of man. He applied this in the work that he did to care for his family and shared it as wisdom in life lessons. His family was his pride and joy. Gilbert loved his family, both immediate and extended,



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and would go above and beyond to make everyone who visited feel welcomed and taken care of. He shared his faith and generosity through service to the Church, charity to others, and in the needs and endeavors of his family.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Connie Sanchez, his son Gilbert Sanchez Jr. (Denise), his son Anthony Sanchez Sr., and his daughter Annette Grymonpré (David); in addition, he is also survived by his siblings Jesse Lopez Jr. (Linda), Hilda Tompkins (Tom), Mario Lopez (Betty), Barbara Berenguel, David Lopez (Diana), Ricky Lopez, Jennifer Lynch (Steve), Sharon Sanchez (Narbi), and Karen Sanchez. Gilbert has 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Ramona Aguiniga, his father Alfred Sanchez, his mother Margaret Lopez, his brother Larry Lopez and his brother-in-law Larry Berenguel.

In memory of Gilbert, his family will hold a visitation at 10:00 AM (St. Joseph Wake Room) and a funeral service at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 17512 Lakeshore Rd, Lutz, FL 33558.

“It is not the magnitude of our actions, but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.”
— Mother Teresa

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Priest Retirement and Clergy Care. Donations can be made at: <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp671ff8d15aeal/user/guest>

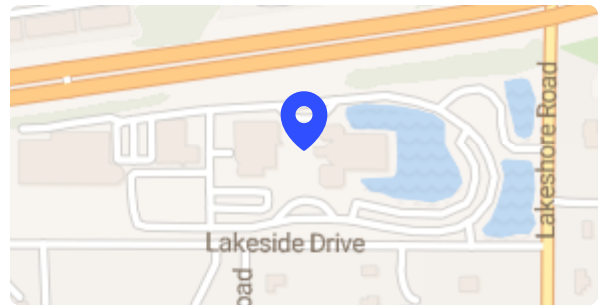


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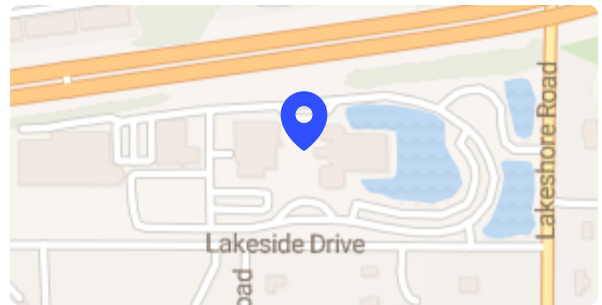
Visitation

- Thursday**, July 10, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St Timothy Catholic Church**
17512 Lakeshore Rd., Lutz FL 33558



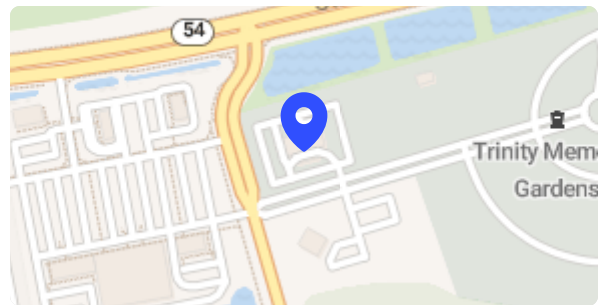
Funeral Mass

- Thursday**, July 10, 2025
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- St Timothy Catholic Church**
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Cemetery Details

- Trinity Memorial Gardens**
12609 Memorial Dr., Trinity FL 34655





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Pj Rebuzz posted:

To my beloved Uncle Gilbert, Aunt Connie and Cousins. I feel your loss in my very soul. I wanted you to know for me Uncle Gilbert could bring a smile to anyone's face with out words and the joy would flow out of me and many when he did it. I met Uncle Gilbert when I was a little girl. I would go over to my grandpa's and grandma's Rivera's house all my life. I would visit Aunt Connie upstairs in her bedroom. One early evening Aunt Connie was getting ready for a date she was going to have with man name Gilbert Sanchez. Aunt Connie looked gorgeous and that was the first time I met Uncle Gilbert. I honor Uncle Gilbert because he treated everyone with kindness. He would speak up if you were out of line with love and respect. He treated everyone like family and was very generous with what he and Aunt Connie had. The door was always open for family. I want to express the love he had for GOD and he wanted that for everyone because that's what made him whole, giving and loving. I'm in deep sorrow for Uncle Gilbert's family, friends and everyone he knew. We know that our sorrows and suffering will be healed through GOD and that's what Mr. Gilbert Sanchez and Uncle Gilbert wants for all of us. I know Uncle Gilbert would say to pray for each other and we will meet again someday as he's is now in GODS loving arms and he's not alone as many people has gone before him and they have greeted him when he crossed into heaven. I send my love to my family and thank you for all the times you spend with me when we seen each other. The love of your husband and dad has always shown through you. I thank GOD for that blessing. May each day bring you GODS healing, comfort and strength as you are not alone. 🙏🤝👉

July 10 at 2:24 PM



Hilda Tompkins posted:

I loved his sence of humor.

July 4 at 3:09 PM



Hilda Tompkins posted:

We were visiting one day, I asked, where's Gil? I looked out and he was helping an elderly neighbor with their yard. ❤️Riding with him, there was a panhandler on the side of the road. He noticed a few hrs later that he was still there. He gave him 20.00 and said he put in a full day.

July 4 at 3:08 PM



Hilda Tompkins posted:

Always to be yourself.

July 4 at 2:59 PM



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Hilda Tompkins lit a candle in honor of Gilbert.

My fondest memory of Gil was his generosity, sense of humor and always wanting to show us a good time when we went to visit. Also helping his elderly neighbors with their lawn and yard work.



July 4 at 2:49 PM



Sue Bigsby posted:

We are saddened to hear of Gil's passing. He was a great guy and classmate at Valley High School in West Des Moines. Our deepest condolences to the Sanchez family. Dr. & Mrs. Glenn E. Bigsby III, Orlando, FL

July 2 at 8:08 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gilbert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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