



## David Thompson Sanchez

February 11, 1941 - February 5, 2026

Dave Sanchez died peacefully on Thursday Feb. 5 after a battle with pneumonia. He was born in Bradenton of parents, Frances and Robert Sanchez. He is survived by wife of 60 years, Kay, and son Tom, and son Mark and wife Sandy. He also leaves his brother Bob Sanchez, and sister Sara Alligood.

Dave was a proud graduate of the class of 1959 Sarasota High School. After graduating from Florida State University, he was in the Army for 2 years and 3 months in Ft. Gordon GA where he met his wife to be, Kay Short.

He started teaching in the Sarasota County School system in 1965 at the brand-new Gulf Gate School. He loved being in the classroom and enjoyed the adventures with many students, some of which he still would see around town. They always remembered him.

Dave spent some years as an assistant principal, then served in various areas of administration until his retirement after 30+ years.

The family enjoyed camping in the West, visiting family, and fishing during vacations when children were growing up.

Dave was very active for decades in Bee Ridge Presbyterian church as an

Elder, helping do projects around the grounds and being active in congregational Care.

As always, the youth of the church were his favorites to teach, lead in youth group and plan fun activities with.

Dave loved playing Senior softball for years until the really Senior years came around.

Our family is thankful for our church family, many friends, neighbors, therapists, cousins and nurses who have been the "Village" that we know all of us need along the way! We are blessed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church General Fund or the Season of Sharing.

The family will receive friends Monday evening February 9, 2026, from 5:00 until 7:00 PM at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

A graveside service, with Army Honors will be held at 10:30 AM Tuesday February 10, 2026, at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241.

The Celebration of Life will be at 12:30pm on February 10th at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church followed by a reception at the Fellowship Hall.

# Previous Events

## Family will receive friends

FEB **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel  
40 N. Orange Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 955-4171  
info@toalebrothers.com  
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

## Graveside Service

FEB **10**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery  
9810 State Rd 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
(941) 922-7200

## A Celebration of Life

FEB **10**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church  
4826 McIntosh Road  
Sarasota, FL 34233

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Dave was a Pillar at Bee Ridge church always a smile on his face. .Each Sunday morning welcoming you to Sunday service with a warm handshake. He had a personality that showed Love and caring to everyone. Heaven is Blessed with a new angel. Bobbie Chase

Bobbie Chase - February 09 at 10:27 AM

JA

“ Our condolences Kay . My stepson John always respected Dave . He was so good with mentoring. May he rest in peace with the good Lord . Hugs and peace to to 🙏 Jackie and John Newton

Jacqueline Anderson - February 08 at 02:08 PM

PJ

“ I had the good luck to meet Dave Sanchez 40 years ago in Tallahassee. He was very kind to me that day and every time I have seen him since that first meeting. All of my memories of him bring a smile to my face. Rest in peace Mr. Sanchez—your kindness will be missed by so many people. My condolences to the whole Sanchez family. Phillip Johnston

Phillip Johnston - February 08 at 10:38 AM

LL

“ Love to Kay from Mary and Joe Linville purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David Thompson Sanchez.



Love to Kay from Mary and Joe Linville - February 07 at 09:36 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of David Thompson Sanchez.*



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February 06 at 07:40 PM



“ *Janet Thornton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Thompson Sanchez.*

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**Janet Thornton** - February 06 at 07:40 PM



“ *Dear Kay and family,*

*We join you in missing a wonderful man and remembering a life so very well lived.*

*With love, prayers and sincerely condolences,*

*Hans and Terry Knight*

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**Hans & Terry Knight** - February 06 at 06:27 PM