



Guadalupe Ledezma Sanchez

October 28, 1961 - April 28, 2025

Guadalupe Ledezma Sanchez, "Lupe," was born October 28, 1961, in Tulare, California. His final final was April 28, 2025. The son of farming immigrant parents, he began working in the fields at a young age, as his father passed away when he was three. When Lupe reached high school, his mother told him he could pick one sport a year to participate in, as he was needed on the farm. Lupe chose to join the football team. He ended up playing on one of the greatest high school teams in California history. Lupe graduated from Mt. Whitney High School, in 1979. He then attended and played football for UCLA. There he was named first team All PAC 10, and received the Kenneth S. Washington Award for Outstanding Senior. Today he ranks fifth on their all time interceptions record, and has more starts than anyone in Bruin football history. Lupe was drafted into a professional football career that lasted several years. This was highlighted by being the 1986 AFC kick-off return leader, and being named a team captain on the 1987 Pittsburgh Steelers.

In the bigger picture, Lupe was a friend to anyone who spoke with him. A kind man, who disliked public speaking, but wouldn't bat an eye when asked to speak to the youth. His message, "I've gone farther in life because of my education, than in football." Reminding young people the importance of educational opportunities. He used his intelligence with numbers within a successful and trusted career in financial advising spanning 37 years.

Lupe married his high school sweetheart, Pauline Jimenez Sanchez. The couple chose to stay local, to establish a family with roots. His daughter Jaqueline is an Associate Clinical Supervisor for Autism Behavior Consultants in Long Beach, and son Christian is a recently badged CHP officer, stationed in Santa Rosa. Lupe's children were his pride and joy. Pauline faithfully stayed by his side through it all. They were married 37 years.

Lupe didn't know how to say "no," when asked for help. He routinely gave money to causes, or gave his time to friends, or charities in need of it. He was a founding member of the Young Sanchez Foundation, which benefited local youth. Lupe only gave advice when asked for it, and never judged the person asking. Lupe was as humble as they came, while possessing an aura that drew people to him.

Surviving Lupe are: Wife Pauline, and children Jacqueline, and Christian. His brother Ruben and wife Raquel Sanchez, his sister Mary Sanchez and husband Salvador, and several nieces and nephews.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel and at the families request are to remain private. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ It was an honor to know Lupe and cheer for the Mt. Whitney Pioneers during those amazing 4 years of High School. Later I was blessed to get to know sweet Pauline during our year cheering for COS. My condolences. Your family will remain in my prayers. 🙏

Patty Petersen Jeffus - May 16, 2025 at 10:21 PM

RI

“ Randy & Nancy Irwin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Guadalupe Ledezma Sanchez.

Randy & Nancy Irwin - May 15, 2025 at 03:33 PM

RI

“ Randy & Nancy Irwin purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Guadalupe Ledezma Sanchez.



Randy & Nancy Irwin - May 15, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JA

“ Justn & Allison Alvitre planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Guadalupe Ledezma Sanchez.

Justn & Allison Alvitre - May 15, 2025 at 11:53 AM

JA

“ *Justn & Allison Alvitre purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Guadalupe Ledezma Sanchez.*




Justn & Allison Alvitre - May 15, 2025 at 11:53 AM

CL

“ *Carlos & Maria Ledezma purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Guadalupe Ledezma Sanchez.*



Carlos & Maria Ledezma - May 13, 2025 at 11:49 PM


Melissa
Howard

“ *I'm so sad to hear of Lupe's passing. Pauline, I went to high school with Lupe and worked with you at Gottshalk's when you were engaged to him. I send you my heartfelt condolences. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was such a good person. RIP, Lupe.*

Melissa Howard - May 13, 2025 at 07:52 PM

DA

“ I met Lupe through my father. My dad met Lupe when he was working in Fresno. Dad followed Lupe through his journeys when he moved to different financial Companies. I use to send co-workers to speak with Lupe, to help them understand their future plans in investing for retirement. When I ever needed advice on stocks, I call Lupe and he would advice me if things were good or not good for me. When I first found out he played for the Steelers, I was so happy because The Steelers are my family's Team. So we always chatted about the Steelers. Lupe and I shared October for birthdays, and we wished eachother Happy Birthdays! My dad, and my family are going to miss our dear friend, Lupe indeed. We send our deepest condolences to the Sanchez Family. May Lupe R.I.P. Go Steelers!!!

Diana Armenta-Castro - May 13, 2025 at 06:37 PM

RS

“ Deepest sympathy to Pauline, Jacqueline, Christian as you take this journey in life with the special memories of your dear husband and sweet dad. May Jesus wrap his loving arms around you at this time and months to come.

Love, David and Robbie Sanchez



Robbie Sanchez - May 12, 2025 at 10:42 PM

YS

“ Your sister Mary and Salvador Sanchez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Guadalupe Ledezma Sanchez.



Your sister Mary and Salvador Sanchez - May 12, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Guadalupe Ledezma Sanchez.*

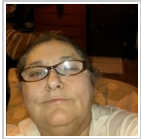


May 10, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ *Lupe was very nice to me and my wife Svetlana. You will be missed my friend!*
Svetlana Krivencheva
Bradley Medina

Bradley Medina - May 09, 2025 at 10:46 PM



“ *My name is Cindy Dupuis I met Lupe after we had lost our house in 06. He was the only person that would take a chance on us after that. We rented from him until 2015 when we bought the house from him. He was a very kind hearted man. I'm so very sorry for you family's loss. God bless you all*

Cindy Dupuis - May 08, 2025 at 09:16 PM

DA

“ To all the familymy deepest condolences....i wasnt a close friend of the family or of Mr. Sanchez...but I did know him in the late 90's as a customer of mine and he made one heck of an impression on me. He was down to earth and just an overall nice guy. We talked about him playing for the Steelers and how important an education was. He went on to talk to me about financial planning for the future nothing to deep just a little seed he planted in my lifethat too!.... He told me where he started “working in the fields!” I just gotta say I was impressed...he made it!
Over the years it was short chats as I worked on his car....then a hand shake and away he would go! I was more impressed at how Mr Sanchez carried himself when he could have been the opposite with the fame. But again he was just a super nice down to earth and respectful guy! I had the utmost respect for Mr Sanchez! And I want to say Sir.... You lived the American dream..an awesome example of hard work and perseverance... rest in peace Sir!

May God bring comfort to all of his family during this time!

*With Kind Regards,
David Moreno*

David - May 07, 2025 at 09:45 PM