Abraham "Chico" Sanchez (above)

Abraham 'Chico" Sanchez (aka Chablis LaBlanc) left us in his sleep early Friday morning, September 9. He was a member of the RSICSS, AVES and the Littlemore Family of Austin—a hair "burner" of great renown all over Houston. He first became know to the gay community as a dancer. He is now best remembered as a female impersonator and philanthropist. He was Houston's only perfect Judy Garland, but hardly limited himself to her music. In 1992, he was Miss Cousins, a title of which he was extremely proud. He loved, helped and touched many lives in his short 35 years. Among the many benefits he organized were five annual Cinco de Mayo shows for AVES. He did more than his share of work and happily provided his full share of colorful controversy. He was charming, usually upbeat and slightly loopy. He always had a smile, even at the end.

He is survived by his loving mother, several brothers and sisters, many nieces and nephews, and many, many gay brothers, sisters and friends in every Imperial Court city in Texas (at least).

He was laid to rest by Santana Funeral Home in Forest Park-Lawndale. Plans are forming for a balloon float. Anyone wishing to remember Chico, please donate to AVES, which helped him so much in his final years.

"Thank you, Chico, for all your help, love and support. We love and will miss you greatly, but know that you will be waiting for us!"

Love, Daddy Marc, Mommy Rona, Aunt Jackie, Guy, Regina, Giovanni, Trixie, Bill and Lester