



## Genaro E. Pena

October 25, 1924 - August 13, 2019

Genaro Everett Peña born on October 25, 1924 has gone to be with our Lord on August 13, 2019 at the age of 94 years old. Genaro grew up in San Diego, TX until the age of 18 when he was drafted into the United States Army after his high school graduation in June 1943. Nine months of basic training, he earned his combat infantry badge, marksman rifle M-1 badge, and 1st class LMG gunner which granted him the rank of Private First Class. He was recruited to Company D in the 158th Infantry Regiment, also known as the Bushmasters, as a heavy machine gunner serving in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. Genaro campaigned in the Western Pacific, Bismarck Archipelago, Luzon, and the Southern Philippines before being wounded by a Japanese bullet in his right lower leg and ankle where it remains till this day. He was honorably discharged in November of 1945 earning several accolades including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Commonwealth of Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, World War 2 Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

On April 17, 1949, Genaro married the love of his life, Emma Canales, from Benavides, TX then moving to Corpus Christi, TX. After living in Corpus for nine years, the couple moved to San Antonio, TX where he worked as a hydraulics mechanic at Kelly Air Force Base Civil Service for thirty years. After retiring, his need to help others continued and Genaro became a special education aide for Dwight Middle School in the South San Antonio ISD where helped organize the school's first special Olympics. His love for sports drove

him to become a little league coach as well as continuing his hobby of being a football official.

He loved to travel with his wife and family participating in many Bushmaster reunions. His courage, bravery, and hard work has impacted many people in his lifetime and will live on through happy memories shared by family and friends that have had the pleasure of being a part of his life for so many years. He was a great role model in the lives of all his children and grandchildren encouraging them to become teachers, nurses, and engineers.

Genaro is preceded in death by his parents Ramon Peña Sr. and Librada Everett, brothers Ramon Jr. and Santiago Peña, and youngest daughter Susan Marie Peña.

He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Emma Canales Peña, his children, Christina Dolores Sandoval (Albert), Genaro (Jerry) Daniel Peña, Patricia Diane Granado (Richard), Debra Peña Castillo (Edward), and Carlos Thomas Peña, grandchildren, Enrique (Stephanie), Monique (Jonathan), Jenique, Eric, Patrick (Lauren), Kevin (Ashley), and Kimberly, and 5 great-grandchildren Emily, Carolina, Lucia, Emilia, Olivia, and Baby Elena on the way.

# Cemetery Details

## San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78237

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 20. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

AUG 20. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
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## Funeral Mass

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AUG **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church  
535 New Laredo  
San Antonio, TX

# Tribute Wall

 Kevin  
Castillo

“ *Grandpa,  
Thank you for the wonderful 26 years you have been in my life. You showed me what its like to treat a lady and how to be yourself.*

*You were(are) my favorite person in the whole world and it hurts that you are gone from this place. I am going to miss seeing you in your rocking chair messing with your toothpick and telling me that you couldn't remember if you ate or not. I'll miss hearing your stories from your experiences and sitting in awe of the crazy things you've been through.*

*Thank you for being my inspiration because without your love and support, I would not be where I am today. Please watch over the family and come down and visit us so we can have a shot of tequila together.*

*I love you mucho mucho Grandpa.*

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**Kevin Castillo** - August 20, 2019 at 10:49 AM

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“ *From Ruben and Evelyn Sosa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Genaro E. Pena.*



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**From Ruben and Evelyn Sosa** - August 19, 2019 at 05:29 PM

FG

“ From Manny and Leslee Garcia purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Genaro E. Pena.



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**From Manny and Leslee Garcia** - August 19, 2019 at 04:57 PM

PG

“ I love you Dad, I don't know how me and mom will live without you but knowing you are resting may hopefully leave us at peace. I'm gonna miss bringing you that little white bag from the bakery with your empanadas and you can't see but you would always ask " what's that bag you have " lol I will certainly miss the Ahuuua after all the tejano music we would listen to outside as we bbq iat home. And most of all , all the toothpicks through out the house , behind cushions on the sofa, the kitchen next to the trash cans cause you would just toss them thinking the trash can was right there. Sitting on the porch every evening talking about where you lived. I love you so much , this is going to be so hard , I can only imagine how mom feels , give Sue a big big hug from me until we see you up in heaven watch over me and my family Love you Daddy❤️

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**pat granado** - August 19, 2019 at 08:44 AM

YF

“ We loved our Uncle Nare. My parents would take us to Corpus to visit as kids. Remembering ourEaster parties in Benavides Make he RIP. With deepest sympathy and-love to Aunt Ema and our cousins Yolanda, Rene Flores and family

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**Yolanda Flores** - August 18, 2019 at 12:18 AM

AC

“ *"Into paradise may the angels lead you"*

*Debbie and family, continues prayers.*

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**Annabelle Castillo** - August 17, 2019 at 03:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Genaro E. Pena.*



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August 16, 2019 at 10:21 PM

BF

“ *Barbara Maspero & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Genaro E. Pena.*



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**Barbara Maspero & Family** - August 16, 2019 at 07:18 PM

DC

“ *Dad you were our handsome cool dude, always there for us when we needed you. May you rest in peace no more pain, no more suffering. I know you will be dancing in the heavens and watching down on us. You will be missed but never forgotten. So for now know that when we can't see clear and we say "I no lookie so good" we will remember you! So "Aaahuuuuaaaa" dad we will be together soon! Love you mucho mucho 🥰*

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**Debbie Castillo** - August 16, 2019 at 06:13 PM

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“ *May god be with you and your whole family  
Love  
Toni Rayos*



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**Toni Rayos** - August 16, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased  
for the family of Genaro E. Pena.*



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August 16, 2019 at 03:49 PM

DG

“ *Debbie Gonzales sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Genaro E. Pena*



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**Debbie Gonzales** - August 15, 2019 at 10:16 PM

DG

“ *Debbie Gonzales lit a candle in memory of  
Genaro E. Pena*



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**Debbie Gonzales** - August 15, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Genaro E. Pena.



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August 15, 2019 at 12:17 PM