



## LTC Jose G. Peña, U. S. Army (Ret.)

March 19, 1933 - February 23, 2024

LTC Jose G. Peña, U.S. Army (Ret.) age 90 died peacefully at home on Friday, February 23, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born March 19, 1933 in Laredo, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Hildegarde Nicolasa Peña, his father, Raul Peña, his mother, Nicolasa Peña; his sister, Diane Peña Ramirez and his brothers, Raul Peña, II, Javier Peña and Ricardo Peña. LTC Peña is survived by his wife of 60 years, Valerie Peña; his daughter, Tina Marie Peña Azbill and her husband, Eugene; his sisters, Rosa Vallone and Minerva Koplin.

LTC Peña was a graduate of Martin High School in Laredo, Texas and Texas A & M University in 1956 where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees. He was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War having served as a Field Artillery Officer in the U.S. Army. He was awarded numerous medals, badges and commendations, namely the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. After completing a 20-year career in the Army, he joined the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as a District Specialist based in Uvalde, Texas and was awarded an Official Commendation for Superior Service. His specialty was to serve vegetable, fruit and nut growers in Texas and integrating financial management

educational programs statewide and internationally. His military experience gave him a global view forming his interest in international markets and the political and cultural environments in which these markets exist. As part of the agribusiness education project in Russia in the 1990's he developed a farm management and economics curriculum. Joe's globe-trotting continued as he worked to deliver economic training programs in northern Iraq, consulting in Latin America, and regularly delivering papers at international conferences. Texas A & M University awarded him the title of Professor Emeritus of Agriculture Economics.

Visitation will begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Rosary at 7:00 P. M. on Monday, March 4, 2024 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio, Texas. The Funeral Mass will begin at 2:00 P.M. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas 78230. Private Interment with Military Honors will take place in College Station, Texas at a later date. In lieu flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the San Antonio Food Bank ~ <https://safoodbank.org/>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

MAR 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthew's Catholic Church  
10703 Wurzbach Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78230

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Val and Family,

*Please accept our most sincere condolences at Joe's passing. We are deeply saddened and want you to know we are thinking of you all.*

*Joe was a great mentor to me, trusted colleague and most important, a loyal friend.*

*We first met in the masters program at Texas A&M in 1977 or '78. Joe was a stalwart 'go to' guy for the younger grad students, and we probably wore out our welcome-but Joe never complained! He was always patient and kind, and very helpful to all of us.*

*I have many fond memories of our times together as Extension Specialists riding across Texas in the early years, later on our trip to Iraq, riding across the sand dunes and conducting workshops to help with reconstruction there.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Parr and Helen Rosson*

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**Parr Rosson** - March 05, 2024 at 10:26 AM

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“ Foster H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LTC Jose G. Peña, U. S. Army (Ret.).

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**Foster H.** - March 04, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of LTC Jose G. Peña, U. S. Army (Ret.).



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February 29, 2024 at 10:26 AM