



## Paul Perez

July 10, 1937 - June 12, 2007

Paul Leopoldo Perez retired MSgt. U.S. Army, was born on July 10, 1937 in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Paul entered eternal rest on June 12, 2007 in San Antonio, TX. Paul was the son of Leopoldo Perez Cassa and Theodora Perez. He met his wife of 42 years in Japan while stationed there together in 1962-1964. Paul lived in San Antonio, TX most of his life. He served in the U.S. Army from December 1957 to June 1978. His military assignments were 168 Engr, BN in Germany, USA Medical Field Service School at Ft. Sam Houston, TX, U.S. Army Medical Command, Japan, 3 tours in Vietnam, 121 EVAC Hospital in Korea. Paul was Plans NCO at Headquarters USA Health SVC Command, Ft. Sam Houston, TX and TX. Retired from the Army as a MSgt. E8 in June 1978. He was awarded the Bronze Star with cluster, Army Commendation Medal with 2 clusters, the Army Legion of Merit, and numerous other medals. Even though Paul was born in Mexico he always felt that he was an American and loved the U.S.A. When Paul went to court to become an American citizen he was in uniform as an E5 and on orders to go to Vietnam. The judge said no need to ask if you will defend the U. S. Constitution is there? And with that he was sworn in as a new U.S. Citizen. Upon retirement Paul and Esther and their daughters dedicated their time in developing the business known as Del Rio Tortilla Factory from a small mom and pop shop with one employee in 1974 to over 30 employees today. Paul believed in education and tried to influence the young part-time employees to stay in school. Paul was a softy when it came to children, women, and

animals. He tried to put up a good front. But Esther knew when things hurt him emotionally, scary isn't it your wife can tell how you feel without saying a word. Paul had a bout with cancer the first time in 1990 due to exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. The second and final one, lung cancer. Paul was the son of Leopoldo Perez Cassa and Theodora Perez Zavala and they have preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his sister Maria Temblador and brother Don Perez. Paul is survived by his beloved wife Esther Perez, daughters: Lisa Perez Porter and husband Gary, Diana Perez Balboa and husband Martin, grandchildren: Kelly Dyan Porter and Ryan Paul Porter, grand dog Curiosity, adopted daughter Laura Torres and her children Jeff, Esther, Yvette, and Jack Torres, as well as numerous nieces and nephews in laws in Texas, California and Mexico.

# Tribute Wall

GW

“ Paul and I met in Japan in 1962 and we became best friends, that friendship lasted 45 years. If Paul was your friend he gave that friendship 100% without question. We regret not being able to extend our condolences personally. May God Bless The Perez Fam

George & Minako Walker - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ While I was merely a customer and didn't not know him personally, I knew he had a kind and gentle spirit. I pray his family receives strength and courage to face this loss. May God rest his soul.

Moreno Family - June 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Know that you all will be in my humble prayers and that I truly regret not being able to extend my/our condolences personally. May God Bless you and grant Paul his Eternal Rest. Un dia, todos estaremos juntos.

Jose R. J.R./ Pepe Trevino - June 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Esther y familia,  
Que dolor tan grande saber que Polo se ha adelantado. Yo que muchas veces no estoy bien me duele saber esto. Deseo que pronto reciban el consuelo y resignacion por esta perdida tan grande. Que Diosito las bendiga y las cuide.  
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Celestina Trevino - June 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Esther and Family, We are all very saddened to hear about your loss, we know that we all travel the same road and we believe that at one time in the future we will all be together sharing the reign with our Lord. Please bear in mind that even though Paul*

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**Homero & Ma.Petrira Garcia** - June 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences. Upon hearing of Paul's passing we have become deeply saddened. We will keep you all in our prayers and please remember that he is no longer in pain. God has a new angel in heaven.*

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**Willie and Alice Garza** - June 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *I was very sad to hear of the passing of my friend Paul whom I've known for many years and am happy to have been a little part of his life. Jesus Christ needed a new angel and chosen him because he knew how helpful he was to family and friends and that's*

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**Luis Carranza** - June 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *I am saddened to hear of Mr. Perez's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him when he brought the animals to the clinic. He will be missed by all. The clinic staff and I extend our condolences to his wife and family.*

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**James A. Gates, DVM** - June 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Paul Perez*

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**Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scroggins** - June 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ *Esther and Family*

*So sorry about your loss, please know that he is in a much better place now and the grieving will get easier as time passes. I will miss our visits, whenever we came to get tamales. If I can be of any help please don't hesitate to ca*

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**Keith/Arlene Jack** - June 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM