



SFC Pedro L. Gonzales Jr.

August 14, 1948 - October 20, 2017

Retired SFC Pedro Lara Gonzales Jr. born August 14, 1948, entered peacefully into Heaven's gates on Friday October 20, 2017 at the age of 69. Pedro was born in San Antonio, Texas, to Mr. Pedro Rodriguez Gonzales Sr. and Mrs. Jesusita "Susie" Lara Gonzales. Pedro grew up on the South Side of San Antonio and attended Burbank High School, there he met and married his high school sweetheart Ms. Barbara Gomez on March 22, 1968. Pedro and Barbara had 3 children, daughter Linda Sue Gonzales-Portell, son Pedro Louis Gonzales, and their youngest daughter Felisha Ann Gonzales. On January 2, 1969 Pedro enlisted into the United States Army at the age of 21. During Pedro's 20 years of service he earned his college degree in Engineering. Pedro also served overseas in Korea and Vietnam where he earned an Army Commendation Medal, a good conduct medal with bronze, a National Defense Service Medal, an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), a Vietnam Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars, a NCO Professional Development Ribbon, an Army Service Ribbon, an Overseas Service Ribbon, a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, a Republic of Vietnam Gallantry cross Unit Citation Badge, and a Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation badge amongst many others. Pedro retired honorably from the Military 20 years later at the age of 41. He was then employed at Morningside Manor as a Maintenance Supervisor for 4 years. Pedro then moved on to work for the Alamo Community College District as a Construction Project Inspector for 20 years where he retired in January 2013.

Pedro was a man of God, Country, Family and community, for many years he donated to the First Responders Organization of Texas, the 100 Club of San Antonio, the Sheriffs Association of Texas and many others. Pedro Gonzales dedicated his life to become an amazing provider. The love he had for his family was immeasurable. Pedro was an avid outdoorsman who had a passion for hunting and fishing. He never missed opening deer season. Throughout the year leading up to many opening seasons Pedro's hobby was welding and fabricating deer blinds, deer feeders, and hog traps. Pedro is survived by his wife of 49 years Mrs. Barbara Gonzales. His eldest daughter Linda Gonzales Portell (Micheal P Portell), his youngest child Felisha Ann Gonzales (Juan H Galindo). Grandchildren Vestiny Gonzales (Noel Aguliar), James Garcia (Nelly Garica), Peter Gonzales, Sophia Gonzales, Nina Gonzales and Elizabeth Lyn Galindo. Great Grand Children Nicolas Garcia and Giovanni Aguilar. His sister Dolores Rodriguez (Johnny Rodriguez). He is preceded in death by his parents Pedro R Gonzales and Jesusita "Susie" Lara, his son Pedro L Gonzales and Great Grand-Child Gia Aguilar. Pedro also leaves behind his beloved best friend, his American Bulldog Max. Visitation will take place on Thursday October 26th, starting at 5pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South located at 1700 S.E. Military Drive with Rosary to follow. Final respects to be paid on Friday October 27th where a procession will depart Mission Park South for a Mass at 9am at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church located at 1214 Stonewall St. Burial will commence at Mission Park South where Pedro will receive Full Military Honors and be laid to rest next to his son.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
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Rosary

OCT **26**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

OCT **27**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Angels Catholic Church
1214 Stonewall
San Antonio, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ to the gonzales family iam sorry for your loss of a great man.. a loving husband ..a father who put his family first. a grandfather and great grand father who was always loved to spend time with all of his grandchildren..no day in time will never go by where u are not remember. .love David i Garcia

David i Garcia - October 26, 2017 at 01:00 AM