



## MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada

May 26, 1939 - January 6, 2026

MSG E8 Estrada served 22 years in military service, Serving four years in USAF with duty at Radar sites in 1956 in Japan and California as a Radar Operator After discharge Pete joined the US Army in 1960 serving 3 years with the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft Bragg North Carolina. Division Artillery as a forward observer and communications. In 1964 Pete was assigned to Germany with duty with 5th Battalion 81st Artillery Airborne under the 509th Airborne. Mainz Germany as . Pete was promoted to E4 ES And E6 staff Sgt within 13 months leaving as the S4 Battalion Supply Sgt Returning to the states in 1967 he was assigned to Company C, 50th signal battalion 18th Airborne corp. at Ft Bragg NC. Pete then volunteered for Special forces assigned to B Company 7th Special forces group Airborne C Team Logistics Ft Bragg N.C. Smoke Bomb Hill., until Jan 1969 Promoted to SFC E7 and was assigned to duty in Viet Nam. Pete was assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group Nha Trang,. Vietnam. Duty with B52 Project Delta, S4 sergeant. He served six months, then volunteered for duty on an A team A-502. As logistics and company advisor to a CIDG company conducting night combat operations . In 1970 Pete left Viet Nam and was assigned to B company 8th Special Forces Group Ft. Gulick, Canal Zone as Team logistics Sergeant with duty on Military Training missions as advisor/ instructor in El Salvador ,instructing combat communications in three location in El Salvador. While in Panama he attended the NCO academy at Ft Sherman Canal Zone. Pete was then reassigned to Viet Nam attending the Advance logistics course at Ft Lee Va.

On Arriving in Viet Nam he was assigned to Studies and Observation Group MACVSOG Op 35 Gp 68 a Top Secret Assignment as a logistics advisor to ARVN Special Forces, Studies and observations Group reverted in April 1972 to STOAT 158 Tactical Directive Assistance Group MACVSOG . Pete extended his one year tour 6 months and then On Feb 19 1973 left Viet Nam The War was over reassigned to Co C 5th SFGA Ft Bragg N.C. then attended the NCOES course in Ft Lee Va. Pete then returned back to Panama with CoA Third Battalion 7th Special Forces at Ft. Gulick Canal Zone. In Jan 1976 Pete was promoted to E8 and was assigned to the 259 Field Service Co Ft Bragg N.C. as the First Sgt. Serving one year he was then assigned to the Sergeant Major slot 46th Support Group. While there Pete asked for a compassionate assignment for 12 months at Ft Sam Houston Texas, as the Post training NCO until Nov 1977, He was then assigned as chief logistics Academy of Health science. Pete compassionate assignment was halted and was then assigned to the 10th Special forces in Europe, but before departing he came out on the Sargent Major promotion list and was reassigned to a Non Special Forces slot in Europe. Pete decided not to go and instead retired from the US Army I Aug 1979.

MSG Estrada was awarded many awards to include Master Parachute Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Viet Nam Jump wings and Special Forces Tab. After retirement Pete worked for civil service at naval Station Corpus Christi, Texas until Mar 1985 he then applied and was accepted for a three year internship with The Defense Contract Management Agency he was assigned as a Quality Control Representative after he finished his internship he handled Government Quality to Defense contracts awarded to Alamo Aircraft, Pratt and Whitney, Lockheed Martein, Standard Aero. Knight Aerospace and other government contractors in South Texas. In 1995 Pete was assigned for quality assurance work assigned to the United Nations Mission in Haiti accompanying the US Army into Haiti. Assigned to a United Nations Group After Kelly AFB closed he was assigned to Kelly as the only Government employee assigned

to Pratt and Whitney moving them from Alamo Downs to Kelly AFB. Pete retired from DCMA in Jan 12005 and he and his wife reside in Bandera Texas. Pete was a member of The

Special Forces association, chapter 15 in San Antonio Texas. Life member of Special Operations Association, Air commando Association, Life member of Disabled American Veterans, Life member of VFW Post 8541, San Antonio Tx. Past Post Commander of VFW Post 100 Margarita Canal Zone 1974. And NRA member.

MSG Pedro Briones (Pete) Estrada, US Army Retired, age 86 of Bandera, Texas, was called home by our Lord on January 6, 2026. Born to Pedro Luna and Juanita Briones Estrada on May 26, 1939 in San Antonio, Texas.

Pete is survived by loving wife Julia L. Estrada. His Children: Denise Dee Estrada, Nenette Nedy (David Decd.) Gore, Peter Troy (Tammy) Estrada, and Daniel Martinez. His Grandchildren: Jason Allen (Maria) Gore, Charisse A Gore, Cory (Erin) Estrada, Daniel Martinez Jr., Diamond Martinez, Anakin Martinez. Great-grandchildren: Damian Gore, Maximus Gore, David Gabriel Gore, Levi Estrada, Jacob Estrada, Charly Estrada, and Aziel Martinez. His siblings: Margarita Santellan, Janie Gonzales, Herlinda (Ralph) Sanchez, Jesse (Constance) Estrada, Josefina (Sacramento) Noguez, Enrique (Elisa) Estrada, Raymond (Lynnda) Estrada. Numerous nieces and nephew and extended family members.

Pete was preceded in death: Pedro and Juanita Estrada. His son Raul Martinez III (JR). His granddaughter Elaine Marie Martinez. His brothers, Jose and David Estrada. His sisters Juanita and Dolores Gonzales.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Retama Cemetery

15940 Lookout Road  
San Antonio, TX 78202  
(210) 967-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Rosary

JAN 19. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

JAN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church  
700 Dewhurst Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78213-3416  
(210) 342-5271

*Interment to follow*

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

JAN 20 (CT)

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*Immediately following Funeral Mass*

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ John and Tammi Sieder and family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.



John and Tammi Sieder and family - January 19 at 03:25 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.



January 19 at 02:13 PM

SG

“ Susan, Doug Monnin, Greg, Marie Gonzales purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.



Susan, Doug Monnin, Greg, Marie Gonzales - January 19 at 01:16 PM

TF

“ The Schielke family purchased the *Sweet Sincerity* for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.



The Schielke family - January 18 at 11:35 PM

AS

“ *Augustine and Rosa Sanchez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.*



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**Augustine and Rosa Sanchez** - January 18 at 10:32 PM

EF

“ *Enrique & Elisa Estrada and Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.*



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**Enrique & Elisa Estrada and Family** - January 18 at 09:55 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.*



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January 18 at 07:01 PM

RG

“ *Our condolences to the family and Julia we met thru Albert and Bea Garcia we have many god memories together many blessings proud of the friend you were  
Roger and Rosie Garcia*

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**Roger and Rosie Garcia** - January 18 at 11:02 AM

CB

“ Constance B. purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.



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Constance B. - January 16 at 02:32 PM

FF

“ From ,Rose Perez and Family. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.



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From ,Rose Perez and Family. - January 16 at 12:33 PM

“ I have only ever known him as Grandpa Pete.

*I remember the first time I met Pete and Julie in Hawaii. I did not know what to expect, but any uncertainty faded almost immediately. They made me feel like part of the family right away, and that generosity stayed with me. I will always be grateful for how easily and sincerely they welcomed me in.*

*His devotion to his family was evident in everything he did. You could tell how much he loved being a grandfather and a great-grandfather. Pete played such an important role in my husband Jason's life. He helped shape the man Jason became, and for that I am endlessly grateful. Because of Pete, Jason is generous and kind. He is a devoted father and a great husband. Those qualities were taught by example and lived out day after day.*

*Pete had a sense of humor that felt effortless. Sometimes I think he was funny without even trying. One of my favorite stories will always be his lousy beans. And the way he called Julie the Queen of the Mop and Broom still makes me smile. It was playful, affectionate, and entirely him.*

*Pete was also deeply proud of his military career, and he had every right to be. He carried that pride with quiet confidence, the kind that comes from having served with integrity.*

*What I will always remember most is the way he took care of the people he loved. He noticed what others needed. He showed up quietly and consistently. He made sure the people around him had what they needed, even if to the untrained eye he sometimes seemed a little gruff. That, too, was part of his charm.*

*I feel like I could go on forever. He was tough, loyal, and stubborn, especially when it came to his routines. One time I made him a breakfast sandwich and had already added hot sauce. He added more because, in his mind, I could not possibly have added the right*

*amount. The coughing fit that followed had us all in stitches.*

*Pete will be deeply missed. His love, his humor, and his steady presence live on through his family. That legacy will always matter.*

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**Maria Gore** - January 15 at 02:40 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.*



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January 15 at 01:47 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.*



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January 14 at 12:23 PM

AT

“ I remember Pete , my cousin at the age of four when he would come down in the early to mid 1950s to Peteonila at the Luby Ranch. To be his buddy I would hustle smokes for him..When was in the service til close to retirement I never saw him again..Then in 1980 my wife Elva and I made a connection where he said he had a boat and liked to fish. We pulled his boat to Corpus and took Peter, Denise and Nanette to our house in Corpus. Pete and Julie followed after they were transferred to Corpus..From 1980 thru 1984 we had many fun times and weekends fishing..barbeques...They adored our daughter Priscilla and they would take her to their house for a day or 2. Then he moved back to San Antonio and as life is, mostly gathered at funerals for a short visits ..The Good Lord has seen fit to redeem a fighting soldier that served his Nation and family Honorably..To his family, know we share your sorrows. TO PETE WE SAY HASTA LUEGO..Arturo, Elva, Alicia and Angel, Priscilla with love. AMEN

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**Arturo Hernandez, Premont Texas** - January 14 at 09:50 AM

AH

“ Art, Elva and Lisa Hernandez purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of MSG Pedro "Pete" Briones Estrada.



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**Art, Elva and Lisa Hernandez** - January 14 at 09:30 AM

RC

“ Sending my condolences to the family. I dearly loved Pete, a true patriot and American Hero. Ronda Estrada Campbell

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**Ronda Campbell** - January 14 at 09:13 AM