



Peter James Trudell Sr.

September 25, 1945 - December 23, 2025

Peter James Trudell, 80, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, entered into eternal rest at home on December 23rd. Born on September 25th, 1945, in Buffalo, New York, Pete was the son of Richard Trudell and Virginia Perry Trudell.

Throughout his life, Pete pursued adventure, hard work, community service, and family strength. From 1965 – 1971, he served in the U.S. Army as a Captain in the Green Berets during the Vietnam War. Where he earned a Purple Heart for injuries he received during a grenade barrage. After returning home, he completed his Bachelor's degree in History at Trinity University, San Antonio, TX. He then worked tirelessly, for 30+ years as a Public Servant with the State of Texas Unemployment Commission, assisting both civilians and Veterans in finding help and new careers. While also dedicating time to community service in being not only a certified soccer referee for the San Antonio Catholic Archdiocese but also being a soccer and baseball coach for a local catholic school. After retirement, he continued his service to the community and the military by fostering and helping train Military Service Dogs for active-duty deployment.

Despite all that, Pete found his greatest joy in family. He treasured every moment spent with his wives, sons, daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchild. Whether it was either coaching, participating, or attending all their

various sports, performances, activities, and high school and college graduations... or just spending time playing games, puzzles, or watching the Steelers football, Spurs basketball, or Missions baseball games, Pete brought a great sense of calm, warmth, and intelligence to every gathering.

Preceded in death by his 1st wife, Betty Ann Trudell... Pete leaves behind a legacy of love and strength in the hearts of his family and extended family. He is survived by his current wife, Elizabeth Fortin Trudell, and his family and stepfamily members; Peter Jr., John, Missy, Sondra, Mike, Jennifer, Michelle, Allison, Ryan, Erin, Katie, Kyra, Ian, Elli, Sander, & Scarlett.

Pete's light, wit, and love will forever live on in the lives of those he touched. His memory will be a source of strength and inspiration for all those who were blessed to know him.

A short, 20-minute, Military Honors funeral service for Pete will be held promptly at 2 PM on Wednesday, January 7th, 2026, at the Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery, Committal Shelter #1, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209. Immediately after the service, a Celebration of Life for Pete will be held at; Northern Hills Country Village Club House : 12610 Uhr Lane : San Antonio, TX 78217.

Due to limited parking, please park next door at Walmart.

Contact Missy Trudell @ 210-884-5809, or Allison Trudell @ 210-683-9834

For an escort into complex.

If you wish to honor Pete, in lieu of flowers, please make donations in his name to:

<https://help.dav.org> : <https://www.pawsitivityservicedogs.com> : <https://safoodba>

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Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Committal Service with Military Honors

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall

OJ

“ I had the opportunity to work with Pete for years with the Texas Workforce Commission, formerly the Texas Employment Commission. Pete was an outstanding employee who was passionate about his responsibilities. He consistently made every effort to perform at the highest level of achievement. Pete was a capable, loyal, and devoted agency employee. Pete was a willing, supportive "teacher," and I learned so, so much from him. It was an honor to be able to work with Pete and call him a co-worker. However, the greatest honor was that of being able to call Pete a genuine friend. My life is the richer because our paths crossed.



Ralph Waldo Emerson: "A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature".

Oscar Ford, Jr, - January 08 at 07:30 PM

SK

“Just call me Pete”. With those words I met my brother-in-law for the first time in San Antonio. A son, a husband, a father, grandfather, uncle, mentor, friend. Pete embodied all of those attributes in a manner that only a few men are able to be at at a very consistent level. I liked Pete as a brother-in-law but I loved him as a brother. He taught me to be gentle in my personal relations and be patient right with it. When he gave this 18 year old the keys to his MG at Fort Bragg and said to drive it around for a bit I knew we were going to get along. The lives that were touched by Pete were many and through all walks of life. I know that the influence that Pete instilled was very positive and uplifting. May God be with Beth, Peter and John and their respective families and give them the added measure of grace as they grieve during this time.

Stephen Kountz - January 06 at 11:17 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Trudell family and friends of Pete Trudell. Working with Pete, I knew him to be a very generous person and providing support beyond what was required. May his rest be in peace .

Odessa Ward - January 05 at 10:12 PM

EH

“ I have found memories of working with Pete Trudell at Texas Workforce Commission. While no words or actions can ease the pain from the loss of a loved one, we try to remember the time we had with them. You have our support and warm thoughts while you and your family celebrate Pete's life. In sympathy.

Eric Holen - January 02 at 10:11 AM

TG

“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to John and the family. I am so sorry for your loss.
Eternal rest grant unto Peter Trudell, Oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Tony Gomez - January 01 at 08:34 PM



“ For 9 years from 1999 - 2008 it was Pete and I working side by side, as the two (2) Texas State IT Sys out of San Antonio. Now, he had 20 yrs on me when I assumed that 2nd position, so I learned so much from him. He shared war stories as a Green Beret Capitan that earned him a Purple Heart in the Vietnam War. He showed me his legs and I was surprised he could walk, but he did confidently and often in pain that did not stop him. He taught me how to fold the US Flag that he put up and I helped him take down in all those years. I can't help but to think of Pete when I see US flags flying high and when I'm putting mine up. My position was tied to Pete for all those years so I saw and learned by his actions, character, achievements how to soldier through with respect. God is so Good to have placed such strong warriors around me like Pete! From my witness account, I know he is resting high in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ preparing to soldier on as he did here for our one True King! I rejoice and give Glory to God who gave us life beyond the grave! See ya again Pedro as I used to call ya and you knew me as Lori Garcia. Rest in Peace.

Lor Loza - January 01 at 04:04 PM



“ *Condolences from the Koval families. We were all part of the St. Margaret Mary school, church, PTC and CYO programs during the 70's-80's. Great memories.*



Aileen Hartfield - December 31, 2025 at 06:37 PM

BT

“ *You were so good to my family. I love and miss you.*

Beth Trudell - December 31, 2025 at 06:32 PM

FA

“ *Pete AKA OG 😊 we didn't always agree but I knew when I needed you to help you'd be there in a heartbeat. Rest In Peace sir 🙏👤👤*

Faye - December 31, 2025 at 02:43 PM