



Pedro Sanchez Villalba

August 22, 1936 - August 31, 2020

Pedro “Pete” Sanchez Villalba, 84, passed away peacefully on August 31, 2020 at his residence. Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2020 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church and Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m.m, Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. His family will receive friends following the Mass and encourage everyone to practice safe social distancing measures.

Committal with full military honors will be conducted at the Texas State Veteran’s Cemetery (7457 W. Lake Rd. Abilene, TX 79601).

Pete was born on August 22, 1936 to Atilano G. Villalba and Margarita S. Villalba, as the youngest of 12 children. As a young man, he was a natural to sports of any kind and proudly was a member of the Panther football, basketball, and track teams. Upon graduation from Fort Stockton High School in 1956, Pete enrolled at Sul Ross State College to play football. As he witnessed his five brothers serve their country, he soon did so as well. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1958, and served in two tours with the 22nd Infantry Division, 144th Infantry Division, & 49th Armored Division. He was honorably discharged in 1962, and returned to Sul Ross to complete his Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He also received a Master of Education from Eastern New Mexico University in 1972. He dedicated 44 years in the education field to students as a teacher, coach, referee, and

administrator in Fort Hancock, TX, Hanford, CA, Truth or Consequences, NM, Tucumcari, NM, Clovis, NM, Lubbock, TX, and Slaton, TX. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, playing golf on courses all over the United States, and attending Texas Tech Red Raider sporting events. His favorite activity, however was spending time with his family at his children's activities.

He was a devout Catholic and often times lent a hand to local parishes and their members who were in need. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, Sul Ross State University Alumni Association, Eastern New Mexico University Alumni Association, Red Raider Club, and served on various professional boards.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 10 siblings.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Kaye Villalba of Lubbock, son John Villalba of Muleshoe, and daughter Rita Gonzales (Patrick) of Edinburg and 3 grandsons, A.J. Gonzales, Sebastian Gonzales, and Thomas Gonzales. He is also survived by one sister, Aurora (Jay) Ruiz of Fort Stockton, plus many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In remembrance of Pete's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to:

D2 4-H EXCELL, 1409 Lubbock Hwy., Lamesa, TX 79331 or Tomorrow's Leaders, P.O. Box 98401 Lubbock, TX 79499.

Cemetery Details

Texas State Veterans Cemetery

7457 West Lake Road
Abilene, TX 79601

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP 4. 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9821 Frankford Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79424

Mass

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9821 Frankford Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79424

Inurnment with Military Honors

SEP 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Texas State Veterans Cemetery
7457 W Lake Rd
Abilene, TX 79601

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pedro Sanchez Villalba



Sanders Funeral Home - September 02, 2020 at 08:01 PM

SG

allway an honor to have known a true friend, a true country patriot and fellow veteran who server his country proudly

severo gonzalez - September 02, 2020 at 09:16 PM



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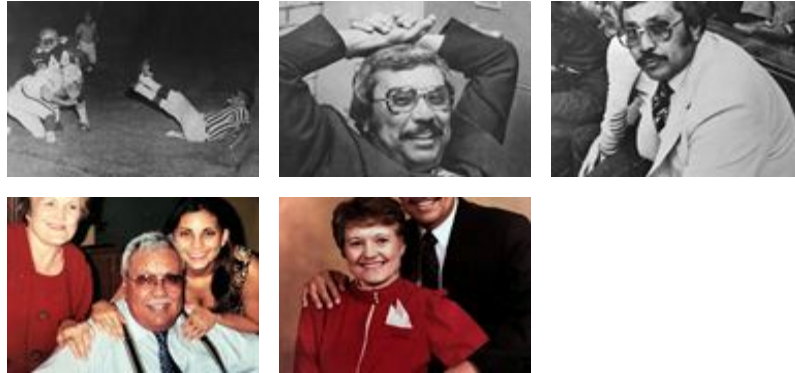
TB

“ I had many wonderful professional and personal associations with Pete. His quick wit was stellar. I was blessed to have known him.
Travis Brown

Travis Brown - September 05, 2020 at 01:40 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - September 02, 2020 at 07:51 PM

IG

*My condolences to you and your family.
My prayers are with you all.
God bless you.*

Isabell Gonzales - September 04, 2020 at 10:59 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - September 02, 2020 at 11:33 AM

KK

“ *Love that guy! Such a sweet man, last time I saw him and we were saying goodbye he held my hand so tight and looked in my eyes. I knew it was probably the last time I would see him I will hold that as a sweet memory of him. He will be missed by many💔*

kim kerschen - September 02, 2020 at 10:45 AM

GB

Great man especially well liked by many.kind and treated all swell will be missed by many gay benson

Gay Benson - September 02, 2020 at 02:32 PM

IP

“ *I’m so very sorry to hear about Pete. He was instrumental in helping me get my first teaching job at Christ The King Catholic School in Lubbock in the fall of 1985. He was a great man. My condolences and prayers to his family and friends. 🙏*

Irma Gomez Patton - September 02, 2020 at 12:30 AM

CV

“ *So very sorry to hear of Cousin Pete’s passing. Praying for Kaye, John, Rita & family. I will always remember Pete for his conversations, big heart, wise & sincerity towards others! May his family & friends be comforted during this tremendous loss! Love & prayers, may our Lord Bless you all!*

Celia Villalba Velasquez - September 01, 2020 at 07:11 PM

JB

“Pete will be missed by anyone who's path he crossed. His contagious smile is as unforgettable as his personable conversations. Always congenial and interested in knowing how 'you' were doing as opposed to himself, one couldn't leave Pete without a boost of self-confidence. I am blessed and encouraged to have known him.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Jeannie Burrows - September 01, 2020 at 04:35 PM

LB

kaye, john & rita i am so very sorry to learn of Pete passing, i did not know it until now. you are in my thoughts and prayers i am sure he and manual and abel and all the other brothers are trying to see who can out talk the other ones right now. laNell Benavides

laNell Benavides - September 01, 2020 at 10:03 PM

RC

Rita and Family, Our condolences to you and your family. May God give you peace, strength and comfort during these difficult times. May he RIP. David and Rosie Carrillo

Rosie Carrillo - September 02, 2020 at 11:16 AM

VD

Kaye, so sorry to hear this..I read the tributes..it sounds that he was truly a wonderful man, friend and husband. I know you will be strong as You move forward with your family..God watch over you and guide you thru this sadness. Love to You and your children..Vincy Ann Dunn

Vincy Ann DUNN - September 03, 2020 at 08:44 PM