



Prajendez Pedraza Jr.

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WESLACO - Prajendez "Pete" Pedraza Jr., a beloved member of the Weslaco community, passed away on December 19th, 2023, at McAllen Medical Center. Born September 14th, 1934, in San Benito, Texas, Pete led a remarkable life filled with achievements and cherished moments with his family and friends. Pete's family, ten children, and his parents moved to Corpus, where Pete spent most of his teenage and early adult years.

Pete's journey began when he joined the United States Marine Corps at the young age of 17. He displayed tremendous dedication and bravery during his service in Korea for 14 months. After three years, he was honorably discharged. His military service was an integral part of his identity, shaping his values of loyalty and commitment.

Following his military service, Pete returned to Corpus Christi, where he married his soulmate, Grace Cavazos, in 1954. That same year, he also started a career at BF Goodrich. Pete's drive and determination quickly earned him several promotions. In 1968, he and his family relocated to Weslaco to manage the BF Goodrich in Weslaco. In 1976, Pete bought out BF Goodrich, which became Mid Valley Tire. Pete's exceptional customer service, attention to detail, and dedication were a recipe for success. In no time at all, Mid Valley Tire became a favorite tire shop among the locals.

Proudly supporting his community was one of Pete's most significant accomplishments. He served on the Noon Lion's Club and contributed significantly to its mission of helping those in need. Additionally, he was an active member of VFW8564, demonstrating his unwavering support for fellow veterans.

Beyond his professional achievements and community involvement, Pete cherished spending quality time with his loved ones. His caring and fun-loving nature drew people towards him. Pete always had a hearty laugh, ready to brighten up any room he entered. His devotion to both his community and family was unwavering.



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In his leisure time, Pete enjoyed watching his favorite football team, the Dallas Cowboys. He was a passionate fan, experiencing highs and lows alongside fellow admirers. Barbecuing was another activity that brought him immense joy. Over 30 summers, he and his beloved wife, Grace Pedraza, spent cherished moments at Isla Blanca Park, creating lasting memories together.

Pete is preceded in death by his parents, Prajedez Sr. and Lina (Mata) Pedraza and his siblings, Gonzalo, Francisco, Roberto, Pedro, Beatrice, Juanita, Aurora, Delia, and Estela.

He is survived by his loving wife of sixty-nine years, Grace; his sons, Orlando "Mickey" Pedraza and Rolando Pedraza (Nora); his granddaughters, Heather, Briana, and Sarah Durham (Blaise); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on December 21st, 2023, from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm at McCaleb Funeral Home in Weslaco, with a rosary from 6 pm to 7 pm. A mass will be held on December 22nd, 2023, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in WESLACO at 8 am. After the Mass, Pete will rest at Rio Grande Veterans Cemetery in Mission at 10 am. Prajedez "Pete" Pedraza Jr. leaves a legacy of love, laughter, and profound impact on those fortunate to have known him. He touched many lives through his kindness and charismatic presence. His memory will forever remain etched in our hearts as we celebrate a well-lived life.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you join us in the fight to find a cure of Alzheimer's. Your donation gives reassurance and hope to the millions of families facing Alzheimer's. Contributions can be sent to the Alzheimer's Association at 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601, or made online at <https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/donate>.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous shared a **Video**.



August 7 at 4:20 PM



Santos And Anna Garcia Villarico posted:

Our deepest condolences to the Pedraza family. Mr. Pedraza, holds a special place in my heart as he was a Padrino at my wedding. We lost a good man. His infectious smile will live on forever. RIP

December 22 at 4:01 PM



Joseph And Diana Hicks posted:

Our heartfelt condolences to the entire Pedraza family. We have fond memories of Mr. And Mrs. Pedraza. May God grant you all peace and comfort. You are in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏🙏

December 22 at 4:01 PM



Susie Pena Sanders posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Pete's passing. My Deepest condolences to the family. I have such wonderful happy memories of our gatherings at home and at the beach. 🥰 La Jarita Pete! You will be greatly missed

December 22 at 9:56 AM



Roman Nieto posted:

Thoughts and Prayers to the family of Mr. Pedraza. My father used to go to his store back in the day.

December 21 at 7:35 PM



Peggy McNabney Bennett posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to all the families. RIP 🙏🙏🙏

December 21 at 5:27 PM



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DG

Diana Gonzalez posted:

RIP Mr. Pedraza.

December 21 at 9:42 AM

DG

David & Linda Garza shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

David & Linda Garza has purchased Peace Lily for Prajedez Pedraza Jr.



December 20 at 9:00 PM

JW

James And Linda Williams shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our most sincere condolences to the Pedraza family. Pete was a dear friend of over 40 years. He and Gracie exemplified love of family and community. He will be missed.



December 20 at 12:26 PM

JC

Janet Castaneda posted:

My deepest condolences to the Pedraza Family. I remember him walking from his business to the Mid Valley Bank. He was so friendly to all of us there. A loyal Red Coat Ambassador for our Chamber of Commerce. Prayers for all his loved ones. 🙏™

December 20 at 11:45 AM

JY

Judy Garza Ybarbo posted:

My deepest condolences to the Pedraza family. I have many fun memories of Mr Pedraza as he was great friends with my Dad (Abel Garza) & part of "los trailers" at SPI. May he rest in eternal peace and glory in His kingdom.

December 20 at 11:06 AM

SF

Stephanie & Family shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Stephanie & Family has purchased Blossoming Heart for Prajedez Pedraza Jr.



December 19 at 9:17 PM



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JG

Joel "Joey" Garza shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Mr. Pedraza was a dear family friend and one of my father's , Joe A. Garza, closest amigos. They spent many days remembering the past and discussing city politics over a few cold "long neckers" Mr. Pete was an outstanding individual and a proud Marine. Semper Fi, Mr. Pete, May you rest in eternal Peace. Prayers for the entire Pedraza Family.



December 19 at 9:02 PM

CM

Chris Martinez posted:

My deepest heartfelt condolences to the Pedraza family. May our good Lord grant you grace in abundance as you travel this valley. May your beloved one rest in eternal peace until he rises again in glory!

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Chris Martinez lit a candle in honor of Prajdez.

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December 19 at 2:50 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Prajedez by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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