



Pedro Justo Delgado

August 6, 1922 - July 30, 2017

Pedro "Pete" J. Delgado joined our Lord on Sunday, July 30, 2017. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Luisita Valdez Delgado, 4 children, Pete Delgado and wife Rose, Jeanette Delgado, Barbara Orona and Husband Gene, and Frank Delgado. He was the grandfather to 9 Men and Women, Peter Joseph Delgado and wife Annette, Philip Delgado and wife Cinnamon, Paul Mathew Delgado and wife Jessica, Marlene Delgado, Jenice Eades and Husband Kevin, Pete Montoya and Wife Caitlin, Tara Hedrick, Robert Hedrick and wife Cassie, and Mark Delgado. In addition to his grandchildren, he has several great and great-great grandchildren to carry on his legacy. Michael Delgado, Stephanie Delgado, Phillip Delgado Jr., Joe Delgado, Paul Delgado II, John Gallegos, Kyle Eades, Samantha Eades, Christopher Delgado, Halie Ann Delgado, Leia Ann Delgado, and Mark Patrick Delgado, great-granddaughter Eva Montoya .

Born in 1922 in Las Vegas, NM, Pete spent his youth enjoying ranch life. One of his fondest memories was playing stick ball with his brother and other neighboring boys, barefoot in the sand. Entering into young adulthood, he was passionate about service to our country and joined the United States Army in 1940. Serving in the 91st Infantry Division, he was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat during the Italian Campaign.

Returning home from the war in 1945, he met his beautiful bride Luisita and took her as his wife in 1946. Both were educators and served several communities in New Mexico.

Pete was passionate about teaching his students, especially in building trades and took pride in the achievements those students realized. He retired in 1981 after teaching for 30 years. He earned both his Bachelors and Master's Degrees from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas and taught in Pecos, West Las Vegas, and Los Lunas. In 1957, he took a one year leave of absence from the Las Vegas School District to teach at the Air Force Base School in Madrid, Spain.

One of his greatest accomplishments was designing and building his home in Los Lunas in 1983. Wise beyond his years, it was an energy efficient home built with sustainable construction techniques. In fact, none of us really ever understood why the interior walls didn't go to the top. Today, building science would tell us that this design minimizes the load needed to run heating and cooling!

In his retirement years, Pete was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing cards at the casino on a regular basis.

Through his many accomplishments, he laid a strong foundation of hard work, determination, priority in education, and compassion for others for his children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. While his cheery laugh and individual nicknames will be missed by all, we find peace in knowing he has been rejoined with our Lord, his parents and siblings and other loved ones that passed before him. Services will take place at St. Augustine Catholic Church on Friday, August 4, 2017. A Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 10:30 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take place at Santa Fe National Cemetery. Please sign Pete's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

AUG 4. 9:30 AM (MT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
71 Tribal Rd 35
Isleta Pueblo Proper, NM 87022

Rosary

AUG 4. 10:30 AM (MT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
71 Tribal Rd 35
Isleta Pueblo Proper, NM 87022

Funeral Mass

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
71 Tribal Rd 35
Isleta Pueblo Proper, NM 87022

Interment

AUG 8. 11:15 AM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
501 N. Guadalupe Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Tribute Wall

LR

“*Robin and I were saddened to learn about Pete's death. I feel like Pete was family, knowing him during his days in Pecos, West Las Vegas, and Los Lunas. He and Luisita were best friends of my parents, Mike and Celia Romero, Because Pete was handy at many things, he was always helping my dad with projects around the house. Robin and I send our condolences to Luisita, Jeannete, Barbara, and Frank.*

Leo Romero

Leo Romero - August 08, 2017 at 04:07 PM

PL

“*Dear Delgado Family: I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Delgado's passing, I hope each of you find strength in the many memories you have of him from throughout the years. Blessings to each of you during this difficult time.*

Paul T. Luna

Paul T. Luna - August 06, 2017 at 11:52 PM

TW

“ On behalf of my mother Carmen and myself, my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the Delgado family. I have very special memories of Pete. He exuded kindness and generosity of heart and spirit and "amor de vivir.". He took time to listen and make you feel like you were the only person in the room. Thank you for leaving me with precious memories. I thought of Pete when I saw this.

"Hold on to what is good even if it is a handful of earth. Hold on to what you believe even if it is a tree which stands by itself. Hold on to what you must do even if it is a long way from here. Hold on to life even when it is easier letting go. Hold on to my hand even when I have gone away from you."

- Pueblo Blessing

Terry Ward - August 06, 2017 at 02:51 PM

JC

“ To the Delgado Family, our deepest sympathy. Pete, thank you for the attention you paid to me and my family through the years. You had a way of making all who encountered you feel special and valued. Plus you always had a way of making me laugh!

Jim Clawson

Jim Clawson - August 05, 2017 at 03:01 PM



FC

“ Thank you Pete for all the love and laughter in this lifetime. Words can not express what you meant to me. Until we meet again.

Tu prima

Frances Chavez - August 04, 2017 at 01:07 PM



MC

“ *Pete truly lived a life full of meaning and giving. His smile was heartfelt and his laughter was infectious. I was blessed to call him family. I will forever have memories imprinted in my heart. I find peace in knowing he is with his extended family in heaven.*

Sending lots of love and prayers during this difficult time to Louie and the entire Delgado family.

Much love,

Mary Chavez - August 04, 2017 at 11:46 AM

EA

“ *So sorry for your loss, Lucita. Wishing you well and our deepest condolences.*

Ruth Auge would love to talk to you but doesn't have a way of reaching you. Call her at 417-0868 or Reach Ed Auge at Auges The Auge Family

ED Auge - August 04, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ *Pam Holland lit a candle in memory of Pedro Justo Delgado*



Pam Holland - August 04, 2017 at 05:54 AM

BM

“ *Mr. Delgado was a very respectable man. He was a very nice man and a good teacher @ Los Lunas High School. I was his student in 1977*
And he taught me well about building trades and wood working. I always think of him when
People ask me about how I learned to work with wood projects.
Thank you Mr. Delgado for your knowledge and patience. I will never forget you!!

Bartolo Montoya - August 03, 2017 at 11:56 PM

CM

“ *I am remembering your family in my thoughts and prayers as you are going through the loss of your patriarch. Carla Menge*

Carla Menge - August 03, 2017 at 10:35 PM

BS

“ *Mr. Delgado was my neighbor growing up and a well respected teacher at Los Lunas High School. He was still teaching when I began my teaching career at LLHS. He was a very kind and compassionate man. God Bless his family during this sad time.*

Barbara Sanchez - August 03, 2017 at 06:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pedro Justo Delgado.*



August 03, 2017 at 05:11 PM



“ *In the early years of my teaching career at Los Lunas HS, Pete was a seasoned veteran who set an excellent example of how to be an effective teacher. I always admired the projects he developed for his students and their enthusiasm and involvement he inspired. I'm sure many successful careers in construction were launched as a result of his teaching and mentorship. He was definitely the very model of a gentleman for both students and fellow teachers who respected him a great deal. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. Rest in peace, Pete. May God grant you the rewards you richly deserve. RJ Mirabal*

RJ Mirabal - August 03, 2017 at 04:48 PM



“ *Mr. Delgado was a very kindhearted and gentle man. He was an excellent teacher, a great mentor, and a cherished friend. I will always have fond memories of him, and I will miss him dearly. My sincerest condolences to Mrs. Delgado and family.*

Alan Cherino (Isleta) - August 03, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ *Pete had one of the best if not the best equipped wood work and building trades shop at Los Lunas High School in the state of New Mexico. His students were exposed to the most modern machines available at the time. The building trade classes repaired many old homes in the Tome area. The numerous students he taught remember his excellent teaching methods.
Fabian Padilla-Tome*

Fabian Padilla - August 03, 2017 at 10:29 AM

RM

“ *Reno and Dawn Montoya purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Pedro Justo Delgado.*



Reno and Dawn Montoya - August 03, 2017 at 05:31 AM



“ *Pete was always so thoughtful and caring to me and my sisters, especially after the death of our mother. I will always cherish his timely phone calls and advice to keep playing cards to keep our brains healthy; he taught us how to play nickel. I enjoyed his boyhood stories of him and Chris and all the trouble they got into! I loved him so much for his dedication of family a true example of pure goodness.. He will be surely missed and I will always keep him in my prayers. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Louie and his wonderful family.*

Barb Kent - August 02, 2017 at 05:12 PM

FF

“ *From Dennis Adams and the Adams family. purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Pedro Justo Delgado.*



From Dennis Adams and the Adams family. - August 01, 2017 at 07:58 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Pedro Justo Delgado.*



August 01, 2017 at 07:43 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pedro Justo Delgado.*



August 01, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Pedro Justo Delgado*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - August 01, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ *Carla J Place lit a candle in memory of Pedro Justo Delgado*



Carla J Place - August 01, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ *Well done, good and faithful servant!*”



Bernardine Baca Spiers - August 01, 2017 at 01:09 PM