



Stephen Peña

November 29, 1945 - July 5, 2016

1945-2016

Stephen Peña AKA “Stoneface”, age 70, born in Clovis, NM, and a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, after battling cancer for 4 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church and retired after 25 years with the New Mexico Corrections and 27 years with the New Mexico Army National Guard. Stephen served as a Marine for 6 years and served his time in the Vietnam and Iraq War. He is a Belen High School graduate of 1964-1965. Stephen was an avid fan of the UNM Lobos and San Francisco 49ers. Vanessa his granddaughter was known as his “Amiga”, “PO’s” love for Vanessa was an instant unbreakable bond. He is preceded in death by his parents, Guadalupe and Margaret Peña of Belen. Stephen is survived by his loving spouse, Lenore G. Peña; sons, Guadalupe (Lupe) Peña and Eloy J. Peña; daughter, Nora Peña; granddaughter, Vanessa M. Molina; sisters, Cruz Ann Peña Dzuik (Robert) and Christine Peña (Steven); and sister-in-law, Estella Gutierrez. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. A Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m., on Sunday, July 10, 2016, with a Rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. A Final Visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, July 11, 2016, with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Santa Fe National Cemetery on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 12:45 p.m. Urn bearer is Ben Lujan. Honorary bearers will be Alfred Armijo, Lucas Vela,

Bobby Baca, Estella Gutierrez, Cleo Padilla, Mike Dzuik, Gary Chavez, Joe Padilla, Herman Kaneshiro, Jerry Moya, Leroy Baca, Tommy Esquibel, and Victor Sanchez. Please sign Stephen's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhome.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 5:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Rosary

JUL 10. 6:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Final Visitation

JUL 11. 9:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Funeral Mass

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Interment

JUL 12. 12:45 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall



Shari
Allen

“ Lenore, I just heard about Steve's passing. He was a wonderful person. I always loved seeing him. At the class reunion last year we spent about an hour sitting on the bench by the elevators talking. He was a brave guy. I'll miss seeing him at Class of '65 get togethers. I noticed he had a lot of nicknames. We always called him Teddy Bear! He would blush and chuckle when he heard it! Such a nice guy. He will be missed a lot. So sorry he's gone. He will never be forgotten. Dick & Shari (Pierce) Allen

Shari Allen - August 24, 2016 at 02:35 PM



CR

“ Gonna miss you mucho hermanito mio💔💔💔💔💔💔. Cruz

CruzAnn - July 31, 2016 at 07:10 PM



“ Leanore and family, I had no idea of Steve passing. My condelescence to you all. Steve was always so kind whenever I would see him in town and was always smiling. Prayers for strength through this difficult time.

Valerie Gutierrez (Torres)

Valerie Gutierrez - July 25, 2016 at 11:40 PM



SH

“ Leanore, I was so saddened to learn of Steve's passing. He was always so positive, never complaining, about his illness, and always with a big smile. So glad I got to see you guys at Teofillo's for our mini-reunion. A sweet memory. Prayers of comfort for you.

Susie Henington

Susie Henington - July 14, 2016 at 09:36 AM

KG

“ Farewell my friend...Thanks for always looking out for us...

Ken Garcia - July 12, 2016 at 12:59 AM

TH

“ Leanore and family, we are so sorry for your loss. May the Lord guide you the this difficult time. Please don't hesitate if you need anything! We love you all!!! Lincoln, Tarla and the kids

Tarla Hill - July 11, 2016 at 11:08 AM

 Frederica Gallegos Chavez

“ Frederica Gallegos Chavez lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña



Frederica Gallegos Chavez - July 10, 2016 at 11:18 PM

 Frederica Gallegos Chavez

May God Bless your family during the time of your loss.Prays for your family.

Frederica Gallegos Chavez - July 10, 2016 at 11:19 PM

JB

“ Leanore and family, our hearts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. May God bless you all.

Jerry an Liz baca

jerry baca - July 10, 2016 at 08:25 PM

VT

“ *Vangie Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Vangie Tafoya - July 10, 2016 at 12:42 PM

VT

Sorry for your loss.

Vangie Tafoya - July 10, 2016 at 12:44 PM

MG

“ *Christine, Lenore, Lupe, Eloy, Nora, & Vanessa. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Steve was a great person. We grew up together and had very close ties. We had long talks when we would meet up at Walmart. He was so proud of his family. When Steve would talk about Vanessa he would light up. She was the light of his life. Christine, I'm only a phone call away. May God bless you.*

Margaret Garcia - July 10, 2016 at 07:57 AM

AT

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Angela Trujillo - July 09, 2016 at 11:26 PM

AT

“ Lenore and family,
I am so sorry for your lose, I have known Stephen since I was very small, I always called him "Cookie". I knew him as "Cookie" from all the years he would visit Tata "Joe" and Nana "Prissy" Gallegos. He was always so wonderful to all our family. Very loved and so special to all of us. God rest his soul and know that you all will be in our prayers. May God bless you and give you peace. Love, Angela Ulivarri-Trujillo and family

Angela Trujillo - July 09, 2016 at 11:18 PM

OL

Sorry for your loss Odell liggins

Odell liggins - July 10, 2016 at 12:58 PM

CB

“ Lenore and Cruz Ann, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. My heart goes out to you. Love, Connie Baca

Connie Baca - July 09, 2016 at 06:04 PM

BB

“ Lenore and family, we're so very sad to hear that Steve has passed. He was a neighbor when we were young, a lifelong true friend to the Baca family, and like a brother to Bobby (Robert).

*Becky Baca-Beimfohr and Ed Beimfohr
Timonium, Maryland*

Becky Baca-Beimfohr - July 08, 2016 at 02:29 PM

DO

“ Lenore & family, my heartfelt condolences, may the Lord comfort you. Steve, God speed, rest in peace.



Dodo - July 08, 2016 at 11:19 AM

JG

“ Lenore, sorry for you lose, you and Steve have always held a special place in my life. He always looked out for me since the first day I met him when he was my substitute teacher in building trades and through out my career. May he rest in peace and may God be with you and your family.

Joseph Garcia - July 07, 2016 at 10:41 PM

AA

“ Lenore and family, We were so sad to hear that Steve went on to heaven, not for him but for us who will miss him. I always told Bert that he had the best smile, it would make you smile back. We are keeping all of you in our prayers. May Gods graces carry you during this tough time. Our Love and PRAYERS Aggie and BERT

AGGIE Aragon - July 07, 2016 at 09:41 PM

AS

“*To the Family of Stephen Pena,
Lenore & Family,
We'd like to extend our most sincere
condolences on your Loss of Steve. It was so
nice to have seen Steve & Adam enjoying their
50th BHS Class of 1965 Class Reunion last
summer, and also, most recently, visiting at the class reunion at
Teofilo's. May God Bless all of the Family at this most difficult time.
"Rest in Peace Steve, and fly with the Angels."*



*Sincerely,
Adam & Ruby Salas & Family*

Adam & Ruby Salas - July 07, 2016 at 07:29 PM

AS

“*Adam & Ruby Salas & Family lit a candle in
memory of Stephen Pena."*



Adam & Ruby Salas - July 07, 2016 at 07:06 PM

MR

“*MaryAnn Rael lit a candle in memory of
Stephen Peña*



MaryAnn Rael - July 07, 2016 at 04:37 PM

JA

“ *Joani Artiaga lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Joani Artiaga - July 07, 2016 at 03:16 PM

JA

rest in peace my friend

Joani Artiaga - July 07, 2016 at 03:18 PM

LN

“ *Stephen , You were and Always will Be a Wonderful soul !! I Am Honored and Blessed to have known you . I Think of the day when YOU picked apples from your tree for me When i became sick ,even thou YOU to were Sick. I Pray we all Learned the Strength you carried Especially to Lenore and your family in this sad time on your journey to Heaven ! With Love, Lisa & Rick Nesbitt*

Lisa & Rick Nesbitt - July 07, 2016 at 01:05 PM

RA

“ *Roberta C. Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Roberta C. Archuleta - July 07, 2016 at 01:01 PM

CC

“ Country And Dolores Contreras lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña



Country and Dolores Contreras - July 07, 2016 at 11:57 AM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - July 07, 2016 at 11:52 AM

BF

“ Bertha Flores lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña



Bertha Flores - July 07, 2016 at 10:54 AM

BF

Steve you will be missed. You fought a tough battle and god need you more. I am going to miss you and thanks for being so good to me. God Bless you always

Bertha Flores - July 07, 2016 at 10:56 AM

Mary Pearson

“ *Mary Pearson lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Mary Pearson - July 07, 2016 at 09:49 AM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Tanya Jaramillo - July 07, 2016 at 09:41 AM

AP

“ *Annette E. Chavez And Charles Paiz lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Annette E. Chavez and Charles Paiz - July 07, 2016 at 07:52 AM

AC

“ *Lenore and family---We were saddened to hear of Stephen's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Charles Paiz and Annette E. Chavez

Annette E. Chavez - July 07, 2016 at 07:51 AM

PP

“ *Preme And Lorraine Padilla lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Preme and Lorraine Padilla - July 07, 2016 at 07:44 AM

AT

“ *Anthony and Yvonne Trujillo*

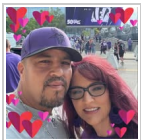


Anthony Trujillo - July 07, 2016 at 02:44 AM

RL

“ *Lenore. We send our prayers for peace and understanding.
The Law Family*

Rhonda Law - July 06, 2016 at 11:11 PM



“ *Janelle Valdez lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Janelle Valdez - July 06, 2016 at 10:41 PM



“ *His smile is burned in my memory forever. Such a kind man. He will always be missed. He had a way of keeping my head up during my darkest hour, thank you Stoneface. Fly with the angels friend.*

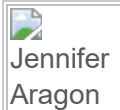
Jonenne Poissot Owens - July 06, 2016 at 10:05 PM



“ *Vinay Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Vinay Rodgers - July 06, 2016 at 10:02 PM



“ *I'll miss you so much, the kindest man, dad and grandfather. ... you'll always hold a special place in my heart and a seat in my "tractor". I'll never forget the day you started your battle and the conversation we shared and always remember your bravery fighting til the end.*
Love, Jennifer Aragon



Jennifer Aragon - July 06, 2016 at 08:46 PM

EC

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



ephriam chavez - July 06, 2016 at 08:25 PM

EC

See you again Steve. Ephriam and Rosa. Bless your family...

ephriam chavez - July 06, 2016 at 08:29 PM

BC

“ *We love you Steve! Thanks for your friendship and kindness. My kids and I will miss you dearly. Prayers to everyone... God bless you all...*

Beverly Castillo - July 06, 2016 at 07:57 PM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Beverly Castillo - July 06, 2016 at 07:55 PM

RA

“ *Rita C Aragon lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Rita C Aragon - July 06, 2016 at 07:35 PM

AS

“ *Alane Castillo Stanton lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Alane Castillo Stanton - July 06, 2016 at 07:34 PM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Jennie Mascarena - July 06, 2016 at 06:32 PM

TC

“ *My heart and prayers go out to you all. Stoneface and Spirit are reunited as friends in the heavens above. Steve you were a huge blessing in mine and my family's life. You will truly be missed.*

Tracy Castillo - July 06, 2016 at 06:21 PM

PG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all*

Steve & Patricia Gregor & family



Patricia Gregor - July 06, 2016 at 05:49 PM

LM

“ *Lenore and family we are so sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you. A lot we are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Anything you need we are here for you. God bless you. Love, Alfred, Linda and Mike Montoya*

Linda Montoya - July 06, 2016 at 05:04 PM

LM

“ *Linda Aragon Montoya lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Linda Aragon Montoya - July 06, 2016 at 04:34 PM

KG

“ *"Smiley" what a great and loyal friend. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Pena family. You will be missed.*

Kenny Griego - July 06, 2016 at 04:21 PM

SC

“ Steve aka "Indio" was a great friend. I met him when I was in 9th grade, I might have known him earlier as he was a friend of Arturo "Tudie" Sais. He was in the "top 10" of my favorite people I knew in high school and later in life. We lost touch with each other for a period of time. When I had my bachelor's party over 46 years ago, Steve was there. There were only 5 of us "making the rounds... Oakie Joe's, Triangle, Caravan East, etc. I will miss him greatly and I am so glad I had a chance to see Steve and Lenore about a month or so ago at Teofilo's in LL.

My deepest condolences to Steve's family. Steve was a super man in my book, a Veteran and Friend. I will think of him often.

*I was just now going through my contacts in
And that is where I usually see
Names of folks I hadn't thought of or talked to
In a while
I found Steve's name there
I will never delete him from my
Contacts
So I can think about him from time to time
I don't think I will ever delete someone from
My contacts just because they
Die
I hope somebody does that for me
At the very least.*

horacio (Sam Chavez)

Sam Chavez - July 06, 2016 at 02:49 PM

PC

Pena family - you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength and peace during these days, and in the days to come. 🙏
❤️ John and Patsy Castillo

Patricia Castillo - July 09, 2016 at 09:15 PM

DU

“ *Diana Phillips & Ramon Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Stephen Peña*



Diana Phillips & Ramon Ulibarri - July 06, 2016 at 02:39 PM

GS

Eloy, so sorry to hear of your Dads passing. He was one of my brothers (Danny Aragon) very good friends. Hopefully they will be seeing each other again. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You know that you are always welcome at the house with Michael and I. Regards with love and prayers at this time of loss to you and your family. Gloria Aragon Sanchez

Gloria Aragon Sanchez - July 09, 2016 at 05:45 PM