



Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez

March 9, 1950 - May 8, 2025

Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez, 75, of Del Rio, Texas passed away on May 8th, 2025 peacefully surrounded by his immediate family. Born on March 9th, 1950, Pepe was the beloved son of Gustavo Sanchez Perez and Alicia Nuno Perez.

As a young man, Pepe began developing his hard work ethic that would embody his career as an adult. He held multiple jobs such as working as a bellhop at the Roswell Hotel and spending summers as a migrant worker in Iowa with his family.

A proud graduate of Del Rio High School in 1969, Pepe pursued a bachelor's degree at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education in 1972.. After completion of his bachelor's degree, Pepe returned home to Del Rio where he would go on to serve the Del Rio Community as an educator, for over 50 years. While teaching, Pepe completed his Master's degree in 1977 with a Reading Specialist Certificate from Texas A&I in Kingsville, Texas.

A majority of his tenure was spent working for the SFDR CISD where he taught many grade levels from elementary to high school.

Pepe had many opportunities to pursue further degrees to move up in the ranks as an administrator in his years as an educator but instead chose to

continue his true passion of teaching his students in the classroom. He felt like this was the best way to make a difference in their future lives.

Late in his career, Pepe was given an opportunity to teach 4th and 5th grade students at Sacred Heart Catholic School. After prayer and reflection, he gladly accepted, as he felt this was something he was called to do.

Pepe was married to his high school sweetheart, Rosalinda "Rossi" V. Perez for over 52 years. Together they raised 3 children: Jose Luis "Joey" Perez Jr., Steven Perez, and Brian Perez.

His absolute pride and joy came when his only grandson, Elijah Brian Perez was born. Elijah would lovingly refer to him as "Grandpa Pepe". He also took pride in the fact that all three of his boys received college degrees; his first-born, Joey from the University of Texas in San Antonio, his beloved identical twins Brian and Steven from Texas A&M in College Station and Brian who obtained a master's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

Throughout the years, Pepe enjoyed hobbies such as softball, bowling, table tennis, bunco, and coaching baseball. He would often be found walking at night time for exercise, trying to win the next jackpot at bingo, barbecuing for his family on Sundays, and playing and dancing to Tejano music.

Pepe was dedicated to extracurricular school activities to help students continue their growth beyond his school periods. He enjoyed mentoring students in UIL Academic activities, that included "spelling" and "dictionary skills". He also participated in SFDR CISD athletics via scorekeeping for over 20 years.

In later years, Pepe surrounded himself with family activities such as the card

game 31, Loteria and dice games. He also enjoyed Astros baseball, Texas A&M athletics and playing cars and tractors with his grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Gloria P. Moreno, brother Gustavo Alfonso Perez and in-laws Juan Manuel and Socorro Valadez.

He is survived by his wife and three sons; daughter-in-law Elizabeth (Brian) and grandson Elijah; sister and brother-in-law, Maria Alicia Johnson and husband James R. Johnson of Sylmar, CA, and brother and sister-in-law Carlos Perez and wife Velma Perez of Del Rio. Pepe is also survived by numerous nephews and nieces from California to Texas. There are simply too many to name but Pepe loved all of them dearly.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, located at 307 E. Losoya St., Del Rio, Texas 78840. A Holy Rosary will take place at 6:30 P.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 15th, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 307 E. Losoya St., Del Rio, Texas 78840. Officiating will be Father Jose Manuel Otaolauruchi.

Interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Oaks Cemetery, located at 5144 U.S. Hwy 90 E., Del Rio, Texas 78840.

Pallbearers will be: Ryan Luna, Ricardo Najera Sr., Eddie Mendez, Gabe Martinez Sr., Mike Moreno Sr., Richard Vann, Felix Saucedo, and Raul Celedon Sr.

Honorary Pallbearers will be all Sacred Heart Catholic School students and staff, as well numerous family members and friends.

Pepe had a gift for making people feel special with his big heart and his even bigger sense of humor. Being around him always meant smiles and good memories. His faith in God and his love for his family were at the heart of everything he did and that's the legacy he leaves with all of us.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Sacred Heart Catholic School, in memory of him. Click on the following link to donate: <https://www.shsdelrio.org/donate/>

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

5144 E. Hwy 90
Del Rio, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church
307 E. Losoya
Del Rio, TX 78840

Holy Rosary

MAY 14. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church
307 E. Losoya
Del Rio, TX 78840

Catholic Mass

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church
307 E. Losoya
Del Rio, TX 78840

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Mrs . Perez and Family, Our Deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Perez. May GOD Bless you all with his Loving Peace , strength and comfort. Memories is what also helps us get through these trying times. As long as we have their memory they will always live on in our hearts.



I was very blessed to have Mr. Perez as my sixth grade teacher at East Side Elementary school in 1975-1976. He had a calling to be a teacher and he did it very well. He had a way to encourage you that you could do better and wouldn't give up on you. If he would see you struggling in certain academic study he was right there to help you, guide you and he would make sure you understood before moving on. Thank you Mr. Perez for believing in me that I could succeed in all you taught us. Thank you Mrs. Perez for lending him to us to teach us.

Blessed are the mournful for they will be comforted. Mathew 5:4
GOD BLESS ,
Jesus & Alma (Navarro)Lopez

Hebrews4:10

10 For all who have entered into God's rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world.

Jesus & Alma (Navarro) Lopez - May 14, 2025 at 09:09 PM

EM

“ Thank you Mr Perez for being a great teacher. I remember when I would always wear my A&M shirts to school and you would like it. I will miss you and I will never forget what a great teacher you were.
Love Emily V

Emily - May 14, 2025 at 07:08 PM

PH

“ My condolences go out to the family may he rest in peace



Pete and Carmen Hernandez - May 14, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.

May 14, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.



May 14, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.

May 14, 2025 at 12:46 PM

MF

“ Mike and Tina Moreno family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.



Mike and Tina Moreno family - May 14, 2025 at 12:58 AM

MF

“ Mike and Tina Moreno family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.

Mike and Tina Moreno family - May 14, 2025 at 12:58 AM

BF

“ Balderas Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.



Balderas Family - May 13, 2025 at 08:57 PM

BF

“ Balderas Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.

Balderas Family - May 13, 2025 at 08:57 PM

JC

“ Joe and Maria Elena Cardenas purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.



Joe and Maria Elena Cardenas - May 13, 2025 at 07:55 PM

JC

“ Joe & Maria Elena Cardenas lit a candle in memory of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez



Joe & Maria Elena Cardenas - May 13, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.



May 13, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.

May 13, 2025 at 06:41 PM

CF

“ Charlie & Your USAA Family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.



Charlie & Your USAA Family - May 13, 2025 at 04:17 PM

CF

“ Charlie & Your USAA Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.

Charlie & Your USAA Family - May 13, 2025 at 04:17 PM

HK

“ Hector, Katherine, and Kenneth purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.



Hector, Katherine, and Kenneth - May 13, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.



May 13, 2025 at 11:27 AM

JG

“ To the Perez family, please accept my deepest condolences on your loss.

Mr. Perez was my 5th grade teacher at East Side Elementary many, many years ago (1982-3) and I have never forgotten the lasting effect he has left in my life. He was a great teacher, patient and compassionate for his students.

It has been an honor to have had him as my teacher and I have fond memories of him.

He will truly be missed.

May God give his family peace in this difficult time, rest in peace Mr. Perez.

Your student,

Jessie Garcia

Jessie Garcia - May 12, 2025 at 07:19 PM

JF

“ Jackie, Derrick Alvarado & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.



Jackie, Derrick Alvarado & Family - May 11, 2025 at 06:35 PM

JS

“ Our condolences to the family. He R. I. P.

James Suarez - May 11, 2025 at 02:05 PM

JS

“ James Suarez lit a candle in memory of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez



James Suarez - May 11, 2025 at 02:03 PM

RR

“ Our deepest condolences to all his family. May Pepe rest in peace.

Ramiro Ramon - May 11, 2025 at 12:11 PM

BK

“ Brian K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.

Brian K. - May 11, 2025 at 11:36 AM

RG

“ Our Deepest Condolences to all the family. May he rest in peace. 🙏



Robert and Linda Gonzalez - May 11, 2025 at 10:58 AM

MM

“ My condolences to all the family. Del Rio has lost another dedicated educator. Rejoice in his great legacy left to all his students.

Mrs. Dudley (Carrie) Martin - May 10, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.*



May 10, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.

May 10, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ *Deepest condolences, may Jose Rest in God's eternal peace. Fond memories.*

Heriberto Urby, Jr. - May 10, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jose Luis "Pepe" Perez.*



May 09, 2025 at 01:22 PM

ML

“ *My sincerest condolences. Some of my fondness memories was working with Mr. Perez at Memorial Middle School. I had the pleasure of watching him teach, he always showed the kids that learning could be fun. I tried to carry those examples with me into my classroom. He was an amazing man and a wonderful teacher.*

Melissa Longoria-Castillo - May 09, 2025 at 01:10 PM

YU

“ *Rip Mr Perez* 🙏🏻👉🏻👎🏻👎🏻👎🏻👎🏻

yuli - May 08, 2025 at 10:36 PM