



## Pedro Soto, Ret. USAF

October 19, 1937 - January 6, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Pedro Soto, age 85, of Del Rio, Texas. He passed away on January 6th at Methodist Hospital Atascosa in Jourdanton, Texas surrounded by his loving wife, Rosario, and children.

Pedro retired from the U.S. Air Force in May 1977, after serving twenty-one years, including tours in Panama, Spain, and France. He then worked at Kellwood, followed by San Antonio Shoes, and then LAFB commissary until his retirement in 2000.

Pedro was the life off the party and his presence could light up any room with his wit and sense of humor. He was well-known for his lack of patience, not holding back his opinion, and hilarious one-liners. Pedro had a knack for telling you like it is, no matter your age!

He was beloved by everyone who met him; a great husband, fantastic father, and a grandpa to all. No matter the circumstance, you'd always leave with a story of something funny Pedro did or said while you were with him.

He was a master of grilled chicken, menudo, and adding his special touch to gravy on Thanksgiving. Pedro was a fan of the Cowboys, the Yankees, the Ice Age movies, and wildlife documentaries. His hobbies included fishing, grilling,

visits to the Kickapoo Casino, long naps on the couch with his dogs Bella, Rico and Bolty, Miller Time, and trash talking the Cowboys.

Pedro was loud, funny, intelligent, and a child at heart: his smile was as bright as the sun, and he had a heart of gold. There is much more that should be said of this wonderful man, but in the end, what he did was make the world brighter. He leaves a huge hole in the hearts of his family and friends; he will be dearly missed.

Pedro was preceded in death by his parents Tiburcio and Maria Librada, and siblings Antonio, Nicolas, Juan, Domingo, and Estefana. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rosario; children Pedro Soto Jr. (Amy), Thelma Merscham, and Rene Soto (Rosie); brothers Simon, Paulo, and Tiburcio Jr.

He leaves behind his grandchildren Pedro Soto III (Priscilla), Corina Rodriguez, Melissa Banda (Onesimo), Ralph Merscham Jr. (Samantha), Brian Soto (Val), Jonathan Merscham, Nathan Soto, Kimberly Foster (Dre), Natalie Soto, Nicholas Soto, and Noah Soto; twenty great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend his memorial visitation from 5 pm to 9 pm on January 11th at Trinity Mortuary Funeral Home, 206 Kings Way, Del Rio, TX 78840. On Thursday, January 12th at 10 am his memorial service will take place at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (307 E Losoya Street) immediately followed by his internment at Sunset Memorial Oaks Cemetery (5144 US-90).

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

5144 US 90 W.  
Del Rio, TX 78840

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary  
206 Kings Way  
Del Rio, TX 78840  
(830) 775-2230  
info@trinitymortuary.com  
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

## Catholic Mass

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *rest in peace my friend*

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joe m jimenez - January 15, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *My heartfelt, sadness and most sincere condolences to Wife Rosario, Pedro Soto Jr. (Amy), Thelma Mersham, Rene Soto (Rosie) and Family in your time of sorrow. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May Pedro Soto, Ret. USAF RIP 🙏*

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Annabelle Escamilla - January 12, 2023 at 02:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pedro Soto, Ret. USAF.*



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January 11, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pedro Soto, Ret. USAF.*



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January 11, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Pedro Soto, Ret. USAF.*



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January 10, 2023 at 08:53 PM