



Robert Pena

September 18, 2019

Robert Pena, age 98, of Knoxville passed away peacefully on Wednesday September 18, 2019 at his home. He was preceded in death by his wife of over sixty years, Violet Pearl Pattillo Pena; son, John R. Pena; parents, Louis and Emma Pena; brothers, George, Albert, and Louis Pena, Jr.; and sister, Mary Miller. He is survived by sons, Harold (Jackie) of Knoxville, and Arnold (Tamisha) of Eureka, NV; daughter, Carolyn (Jerry) Whitehead of Johnson City, TN. He is also survived by his six grandchildren who were always a delight and he loved hearing about their adventures: Amy Ehrlich, Nathan (Lara) Whitehead, Carson (Andrea Shanafelt) Whitehead, Sarah (Justin) Elledge, and Sam and Isabelle Pena; great-grandchildren, Eva, Max, Olive, Gus, Lela, Felix, and Emmeline; and several nieces and nephews. Robert was born in San Antonio, TX and raised in Poteet and Ranger. At age 14 he left home to work on a cattle ranch. He moved to Dallas before enlisting in the USMC in June 1941. Robert served 6 years being stationed in Samoa, South Pacific, Oakland, CA, and Adak, AK. Robert worked as an auto mechanic and machinist in TX and also after moving to Denver, CO in 1958. The family moved to Knoxville in 1975 where Robert worked until he retired from ORAU in Oak Ridge. Robert was of the Catholic faith and in his later years attended New Covenant Presbyterian Church. Robert was an extremely talented craftsman who enjoyed working with metal, leather, wood, oil paints and photography. The family would like to thank Amedysis and Seniors Helping Seniors for their recent care. The family and friends will gather at 9:15 am Wednesday September 25, 2019, at East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery for a 9:30 am graveside service with full military honors by East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to a veteran's organization or the first responders of your choice. Online obituary and guest register are available at www.rosemortuary.com.

Events

SEP Graveside Service

09:30AM

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East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery - Gov. John Sevier Hwy.
2200 E Governor John Sevier Hwy, Knoxville, TN, US, 37920

Comments



“ Thoughts and prayers from Amanda, Laurent, Joel, Jill and David. We were blessed and grateful to have known Robert (and Pearl) all of these years,

David Smith - September 21, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Pena.



September 20, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ To the family, I am sorry for your loss. I always looked forward to and enjoyed your visits to Texas when I was young. Mamaw and Papaw were always excited leading up to your coming to town. I hope I can live as long and active a life as Uncle Bobby. Since I seem to have inherited his eyebrows and sideburns that might be a good sign.

My love to all of you

Brady Pena (Nephew)
Ovilla, TX

Brady Pena - September 19, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all, my TN family. I didn't get to visit with Uncle Bob (as I grew up calling him) very often but he was always very kind to me. I'm happy he lived such a long life that he shared with those he loved most.

Love, Annette (Pena) Osterland, Robert's niece.

Annette M Osterland - September 19, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ To the Pena Family,
I am sorry to hear about the sudden lose of your Father. What a blessing that he lived a long full life to the very end and did not suffer. Please know I will be thinking about you in the days ahead.
Sincerely,
Martha King (Kim's friend)



Martha King - September 19, 2019 at 02:59 PM