



Adam James Pena

May 30, 1979 - May 31, 2019

La Jara resident, Adam J. Pena, 40, found his eternal peace on May 31, 2019. Adam was born in La Jara on May 30, 1979 to Gloriamarie Salazar-Pena and Richard Pena.

Adam graduated from Centauri High School in 1998 and immediately joined the army where he did his basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. After completing his basic training, he was stationed at Ft. Drum Army Base in Watertown, New York and spent a tour of duty in Bosnia and other parts of the world, in which he served in 72 combat missions.

While his army superiors tried their best to get him to apply for Army Ranger School, and get Adam to decide on a life-long career in the military, Adam decided to return back to Colorado to assist his mother in taking care of his beloved aging grandparents, Patrick & Lucy Salazar.

In July of 2011, Adam returned to Denver, and worked as a concrete pump operator for Calco Concrete Pumping Company & and Brundage- Bone Concrete Company in Northern Colorado, where he was greatly liked and highly respected.

Adam's greatest passion was breeding French Bulldogs and American Bulliez, and was the founder of AMBZ Dog Club & American Kennel Alliance. Many of Adam's dogs were award winning American Bulliez. Adam made countless number of friends & acquaintances, transporting dogs coast-to-coast. Adam especially loved his dog Jarhead more than anything and referred to Jarhead "as his son".

Adam was a gifted photographer and writer and the world has no idea what a talented human being it has lost!

Survivors include, his mother, Gloria Salazar, LaJara, father Richard Pena(Susan), Romeo, brother Patrick Pena, (Lisa), Sanford, brother, Richard Pena, La Fayette, CO, sister Renee Martinez(Phillip), Pueblo his most loyal, devoted, and faithful friend, Connie Baroz-Medina, La Jara and numerous step-siblings, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Adam was preceded in death by his grandparents Fred and Manuelita Pena and Patrick and Lucy Salazar.

A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Jara. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 11:00 AM also at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic

Church in La Jara with full military honors. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to San Luis Valley Federal Bank to the Adam James Pena Legacy "Saving A Soul Foundation".

Tribute Wall

RI

“ Adam I just touchdown carnal! Our time was short but it was a time that I will cherish for the rest of my life! I love you young gunz! Loyal till the soil!

Rick - November 02, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ Adam James Pena

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM

VA

“ Adam was a real thru friend more like a brother my condolences go out to him & his family. He's lost on earth is a gain of heaven's Warrior

Vince A. - February 11, 2020 at 04:49 PM

VA

“ Vince A. lit a candle in memory of Adam James Pena



Vince A. - February 11, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ We go way back to the beginning of AMBz, the memories and the love will always remain within my heart. I can't believe that your gone my friend! Until we meet again....R.I.P. Adam. I love you



Candice Sawyer - June 08, 2019 at 11:56 AM

JM

“ I didn't know Adam but I know his mother Gloria. So sorry to see you have lost your son. God give you and your family peace and strength during this time and in the future. Your 1971 classmate Jim Martinez

Jim Martinez - June 08, 2019 at 12:23 AM

JW

“ RIP Brother your fight is over. I Love you man ❤️

Jason Waterhouse - June 07, 2019 at 03:36 PM

JW

“ Jason Waterhouse lit a candle in memory of Adam James Pena



Jason Waterhouse - June 07, 2019 at 03:34 PM

VA

Adam was a dear friend & like a brother. My condolences go out to all his family

Vince A. - February 11, 2020 at 04:32 PM

OM

“ August 1999 Camp Dobil, Bosnia.
Adam had just come off guard duty when I snapped this pic.



Oscar Craig Muñoz - June 06, 2019 at 10:14 PM

JW

Toughest kid, Man I miss him

Jason Waterhouse - June 07, 2019 at 03:39 PM

RI

I did sum time with Adam, he talked about Yu highly! He was a tough vato!

Rick - November 02, 2025 at 06:17 PM

GV

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gabriel Vigil - June 06, 2019 at 10:48 AM

CT

“ Catherine Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Adam James Pena



Catherine Trujillo - June 05, 2019 at 10:29 PM

RW

“ I'm gonna miss you brother. Lot of great memories. Ice Fishing on post. Trips to Canada. Acting like college kids in the Army. Visiting you in Denver. Hearing your voice on the phone. So glad we talked a few weeks ago.... my heart aches for you and your family, and there's a little less sunshine in my world right now. I love you forever Adam. To your family; you're in my prayers. God bless and stay strong.

Robbie Walden

Robbie Walden - June 05, 2019 at 05:45 PM

AD

“ April Dominguez lit a candle in memory of Adam James Pena



April Dominguez - June 05, 2019 at 02:28 PM

SP

“ .Life seems a little less bright with you not here. I'll always remember that smile and crazy laugh. We were young. We were soldiers and we definitely were brothers. I'll see you at the rally point bro!

Seth Parmer - June 04, 2019 at 09:00 PM

JW

“ I love you and will miss you Adam but I know we will see each other again! I have so many great memories with you I will always cherish. From the first time we met in the Army we were best friends and these were some of the best memories of my entire life! I am also glad we were able to stay friends after the Army and continue making memories bro! I am forever grateful for the time we had together and look forward to the day we meet again! Love you forever!

Jason Wojciechowski - June 04, 2019 at 08:35 PM

PR

Beautiful share of Love ❤️ for a dear friend and brother in your life ‘

priscilla - June 05, 2019 at 11:41 PM

OM

“ *Adam and I were in the Army together. We instantly became friends. Many great memories were made during our years in the military. I'll forever treasure our friendship and memories. Rest easy brother, no more pain, no more worries.*

I love you man.

"Yet A man is born into trouble as Sparks fly upward" Job 5:7

Oscar Craig Munoz - June 04, 2019 at 06:11 PM

MA

“ *I had the honor of finally meeting Adam for the first time on Memorial Day. Kinda makes me wish I had met him sooner! Just the way he made friendly conversation made me feel like I was no stranger! Those few minutes I got to know him told me what kind of person he was...sweet, caring, smart and I'm sure so much more! RIP Adam. I pray your family finds peace and comfort during this difficult time!*

Maria - June 04, 2019 at 12:56 AM

SG

Adam was a good man, with many skills. He knew the lord Jesus and wanted to help others with similar struggles. He was a veteran and Harley rider. I only knew him for a short while but what I do know was his compassion and love for others. RIP now Adam your battle is over.

Sandra Goodwin - June 04, 2019 at 10:49 AM

 Will
Romero

“ *RIP MY BROTHER. You'll be missed*

Always your VP of AMBZ

BIG WILLIE STYLE



Will Romero - June 03, 2019 at 11:45 PM



A beautiful soul.. find your peace my friend. ❤️

Amy Lopez - June 06, 2019 at 10:11 PM

Lisa Romero

“ *Adam you where such amazing friend, you had such a huge heart. There so much to say but I can't get the words out, but I know you hear me and it's in our hearts. I'm going to miss you so much. Love you Adam*

Lisa Romero - June 03, 2019 at 06:48 PM

Lisa Romero

“ *Lisa Romero lit a candle in memory of Adam James Pena*



Lisa Romero - June 03, 2019 at 06:43 PM

Vidella Vigil Maestas

“ *I will always cherish the good times we had when we were younger; hanging out with Gail, parties in my apartment when John and I lived above you or even just seeing you in the store and having our little chats about life and your dogs lol. I'm glad that the last time I had seen you was last week. You had stopped to smile and wave at us as we walked out of Walmart, because that is the Adam I always knew. Lots of hugs and prayers for your family and loved ones during this difficult time. I hope they find peace, comfort, and understanding soon. Love, Vidella Maestas*

Vidella Vigil Maestas - June 03, 2019 at 06:37 PM

GM

“ *I was very saddened to hear that Adam had passed away. I would like to extend my condolences to the entire family. There were so many memories that I had hanging out with Adam while we were in school and also when he lived in Denver. I am honored to have had him as a friend. He will be truly missed.*

Greg Mondragon - June 03, 2019 at 04:23 PM

EM

Adam was an standout guy and friend. He always tried to find the positive in life and I am saddened by his death. Condolences to all who were lucky enough to know him and be a part of his life. Rest In Peace, my friend. You will not be forgotten.

Erica (Cantu) Mortensen - June 04, 2019 at 09:00 AM