



Robert C Peugh

December 22, 1946 - July 22, 2017

Robert C Peugh, distinguished veteran, retired Bartlesville police officer and longtime Dewey resident, died Saturday in Tulsa. He faithfully logged 70 years walking his God-given “beat” on earth and countless good deeds. His family, friends and the community will miss him dearly.

Robert was born to Dan Lee and Margaret Lewis (Bienroth) Peugh on Dec. 22, 1946, in Ontario, Oregon. At a young age the family moved to the Bartlesville-Dewey area where he was raised, graduating from Dewey High School in '66. Robert enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was awarded three Purple Hearts during his tour. While stationed at Fort Huachuca in Arizona Robert met the love of his life Helen Marie Burch and they were married in 1974. After his honorable discharge the family moved to Dewey. Robert began his 33 year career in law enforcement with the Bartlesville Police Dept. and after retiring he served with the Washington County Sheriffs Office for four years on a special assignment to patrol the Copan area.

Robert was a practical joker and used humor to lighten the mood with the public, his coworkers and family. His fellow officers called him Pepe Peugh, most likely for his heart of gold and his sense of humor. He was an Elvis fan and planned a once-in-a lifetime vacation for his family to Graceland, staying first-class in the Heartbreak Hotel and visiting Graceland and the many Elvis museums. Robert was connected to the community and he knew the families who most needed help and support through the holidays, buying turkeys and

hams for them. Most of all Robert loved the Lord and his church family at the Dewey Church of the Nazarene.

Robert is survived by his wife of 43 years Helen of the home; two children, Stephania Edwards of Watonga, OK, and Robin Romack and Karl of Dewey; one brother Dan Driskel; and two grandchildren, Kristopher Romack of Bartlesville, and Brittany Brooks and Jonathan of Watonga. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Lee Edward Peugh and Freddie Joe Peugh.

Robert's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Thursday, July 27, from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Friday, July 28, at the Dewey First Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Joel Heid officiating. Interment will follow in the Dewey Cemetery with military honors provided by the Bartlesville Police Department Honor Guard. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Robert's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Dewey Cemetery

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

JUL 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Service

JUL 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Dewey First Church of the Nazarene
1401 N Wyandotte Ave.
Dewey, OK 74029

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert C Peugh*



Davis Family Funeral Home - July 25, 2017 at 05:37 PM

NP

“ *I regret not visiting more with my grandpa robert. the stories i hear and the things i read, i see a lot of myself in them. i love you grandpa. i'll see you on the other side soon. -Nathaniel G. Peugh.*

Nathaniel Peugh - May 27, 2025 at 11:47 PM

SH

“ *Dad, I often think about what it is like being in heaven with mama. I know you greeted her at the gates. I pray to see you both soon Give mama a hug for me. Strange that my biological parents passed on o heaven at the same age....Sissy*

Shantana - May 23, 2021 at 12:58 AM

RM

“ *Pepe and I made a stop on a young man one evening and confiscated a pipe with some residue. Pepe was a fair officer and we released the young man and kept the pipe for booking later. About an hour later, Pepe asked if I had a headache which I did. We had placed the pipe on the radar unit and in that vehicle it was installed just below the heater. Being a cool evening and the heater running, we were both feeling the effects of the residue in that pipe. We immediately took it to the station and booked it in. We had a good laugh about the incident. He was a good mentor and always welcomed the reserves to ride with him. I was able to have a short but good visit with him last summer at the ball fields. He was a good man and will be missed.*

Rich Moberly, Reserve retired

Rich Moberly - July 28, 2017 at 10:36 AM

JW

One day while Pepe was in in station writing a report fellow shift officers got a spare key to his patrol care. They rolled down his driver side window. They collected some glass from a wrecked car and put some on his seat along with a rock. When Pepe came out to his car he discovered what he thought was his smashed window. He went back into the police station to make a report. While he was writing his report his fellow officers removed the glass and the rock and rolled up his window. When Pepe came back out to his patrol unit and discovered no broken glass and everything intact he had no idea what was going on. Pepe was a good guy when he found out what had happened. Lt. Joe Wright BPD retired.

Joe Wright - April 08, 2025 at 06:51 PM

DT

“ *Pepe was one of my first mentors on the Reserves. I worked many events with him and he was always a friend. He was a true Hero and never mentioned or bragged about it. He was always about serving and now will be given the blessings he so deserves. My heart goes out to Helen.*

david tolford - July 27, 2017 at 06:27 PM



I am a friend of Steph and I can remember Pepe's sense of humor. I love him like he was my own dad. I took my now husband over just so he could meet him because of that reason! God has gained an office!

Jamie Wilson - July 27, 2017 at 10:42 PM



My husband went to school with Robert graduating on Friday, May 13, 1967. On Tuesday May 17, 1967 Robert, Don King and Jim Warehime decided to join the Marines together. Recruiter said he had opening that day so Jim left on afternoon bus but Donnie and Robert agreed to join as buddies at a later date. We didn't hear of Donnie not coming back and that Robert escorted him until years later when Robert mentioned it. We had planned on coming to his service but Jim just couldn't do it.

Robert offered to help Jim several times with getting signed up for VA benefits we finall did get it done thanks to Roberts encouragement. My prayers were with Roberts family even though not there. We did go by Davis Funeral home and I signed the book as I couldn't come Thursday night.

Ginger and Jim Warehime

ginger warehime - July 30, 2017 at 01:39 AM



“ J & P Dancers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert C Peugh.



J & P Dancers - July 26, 2017 at 06:52 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Robert C Peugh.



July 26, 2017 at 03:35 PM

LT

“ LoCo-Motion Dance Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert C Peugh.



LoCo-Motion Dance Team - July 26, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert C Peugh.



July 25, 2017 at 08:57 PM

DS

“ This is a tribute to a friend and comrade from a war long forgotten. We salute you SIR for your service and dedication to Ripley Raiders.

Tiger Dave Lima 3/3 Ripley Raiders

David Schwirian - July 25, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ Robert has three natural born children as well: Shawn, Shane and Shantana and 13 grandchildren between them. We will always cherish the times we shared with him. He is gone from this world but we will be reunited again. MAY GOD KEEP HIM UNTIL THEN. I love you dad! Your daughter, Shantana

Shantana Nelson - July 25, 2017 at 06:35 PM

SK

I just now saw that your dad past. I'm so very sorry.

Suzanne Keene - August 17, 2017 at 12:12 PM

CD

*“ I have so many wonderful memories it is difficult to not write a book! Pepe at vacation bible school at Dewey Nazarene. He loved kids and wanted each to know Jesus. His sense of humor was off the charts! Remembering when Helen was driving the church bus full of ladies to a women's conference and Pepe had us pulled over by the police! Oh and the announcement of Helen's birthday when it wasn't her birthday! His smile would light up a room and he loved his Lord! Thank you Pepe for your service to your country, to your community, and most importantly to your God. Save me a spot next to you in the angel choir Pepe I'll see you when I get there!
Carol Davis*

Carol Davis - July 25, 2017 at 09:42 AM

 Pasha Brown

“ U guys were so amazing to us. It was a pleasure to take care of Pepe and b there for y'all. He was an amazing man with an amazing family and we are so sorry for ur loss.

PAMICU staff

Pasha Brown - July 24, 2017 at 09:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert C Peugh.



July 24, 2017 at 08:18 PM

RR

“ Ray and deb Russo purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Robert C Peugh.



Ray and deb Russo - July 24, 2017 at 11:35 AM

AF

“ Grandpa, I will miss the stories and laughs we had together. I will never forget the fun times you created for Nanny and I. I am glad we kept in touch all these years. I will always miss and love you. Tell nanny and pops we love and miss them as well! Praying for strength for everyone

Amanda Frank - July 24, 2017 at 09:13 AM

SD

“ Rob was a great man and an outstanding officer. I was a dispatcher years ago for the BPD and worked with Rob for many shifts. He always had your back in dispatch or on the street as well, simply none finer. My husband was also an officer and worked a lot with Rob. A huge loss.

Susan & Joe Daniel - July 24, 2017 at 08:39 AM

SB

“*Pepe was always a great guy. I remember when I was a young Dewey cop and Pepe was a Bartlesville cop. Bartlesville cops were not "supposed" to come back us on calls at the time due to the Chief having issues with BPD. I don't know how many times I was on a domestic call or some other serious call all alone due to Dewey only having one officer on at a time. I can't recall the number of times that as I cleared the call (by adjusting it or making an arrest) I would see. Car sitting close by all blacked out. It would be Pepe. He didn't care what the chief said, he didn't want fellow officers to have no back up. Once Pepe saw things were ok, he would turn on his headlights and head back to Bartlesville. Many Dewey officers had high respect and love for Pepe due to this. He was always a good friend.*

steve birmingham - July 23, 2017 at 04:24 PM



I had the pleasure of being PEPE's Sgt. on BPD during the early years. He was a great officer and friend. He was always there. He never let a fellow officer go into trouble alone. He had great humor and treated all people with respect. He will be greatly missed. He also greatly served this country during Vietnam and I was proud to call him my brother in arms.

Joe Al Blanco White - July 23, 2017 at 07:25 PM



R.I.P Dad-wish we could have had another opportunity to get reacquainted; yet, I know our time will come.. My thoughts and prayers for the remaining family. Comforting to know you are back with nanny. Shantana Peugh

Shantana Nelson - July 23, 2017 at 07:54 PM

RR

Pepe was a great Marine, a loving husband and much more. he was a kind and generous man. My brother in law (Kia) in the same unit Pepe was in, for over 20 years we continued the relationship. And 3 years ago we finally met in person. He and Helen extended their kindness and made us feel like family. I will forever love and cherish their friendship

ray and deb russo - July 24, 2017 at 10:27 AM

JH

Pepe was an astounding man and terrific officer. I learned a lot from him through the years. I also credit him with being the first person to ever pepper spray me!! I've missed seeing him over the years but still think of him and the lessons I learned. Fine Officer, Gentleman, and Friend. He will for sure be missed.

Jared Helkenbertg - July 24, 2017 at 11:02 AM

CF

*There are none more generous and giving than Pepe (and of course his better half Helen). They have helped more people than anyone knows about as they do not boast about it. Pepe always had a practical joke in mind for any occasion and was a delight to the community. He will be greatly missed. It was my pleasure to be among his friends.
Carolyn French*

Carolyn French - July 24, 2017 at 04:54 PM

BJ

I only had the fortune to meet Pepe a few times. He is one of those rare guys I never heard anyone say anything negative about. See ya on the other side Pepe.

Bill Jamison - July 24, 2017 at 05:38 PM

LP

Helen, I am so sorry for your loss.

Linda Prentice - July 24, 2017 at 05:40 PM

CN

So saddened to hear Pepe passed- yet I know he is rejoicing with the angels. Pepe was always a very spirited fellow and loved pulling pranks and scaring people. I had to tell him it's never safe to scare a woman who is 9 months pregnant. He always kept me laughing. He will be greatly missed. Many prayers for Helen and her family.

Chrissy Nunneley

Chrissy Nunneley - July 24, 2017 at 07:07 PM

DG

He believed in me was so wonderful to have worked with him at BPD. Prayers for your family.

djaun Grissom-Eckert - July 26, 2017 at 08:56 AM

JW

One of the the best there ever was

jim warring - July 27, 2017 at 09:45 AM

TH

I am writing this on behalf of my wife and two sons and my other family, the Officers and Employees of the Bartlesville Police Department, both active and retired. Pepe was probably the most special person I ever worked with or knew. He had a kind word for everyone. He also had the most fantastic sense of humor I ever experienced. There is no end to Pepe Peugh stories. When we were together we talked about the Bartlesville Police Department, the US Marine Corps, Pepe's Vietnam service, but mostly we talked about our shared faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that faith we don't have to say goodbye to Pepe this week. We simply say "see you later."

Bartlesville Police Chief Tom Holland

Tom Holland - July 27, 2017 at 04:59 PM