



Frank Deanie Petta

July 30, 1944 - March 4, 2025

Frank Deanie Petta, 80 years old of Wilmer, TX, was born July 30, 1944 in Dallas, TX and passed from this life on March 4, 2025.

Wilmer, TX became home to Frank in 1969. He loved his city and his community. Frank was the first paid patrol officer for Wilmer and was eventually hired as the Chief of Police. He was also an outstanding fenceman. Frank started his first fencing job at the age of 17, and he retired from fencing at 62.

He was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who loved his family more than anything and who was loved by everyone.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Emma Petta; his brother, George Howard Petta; and his daughter, Doris DeAnn Fitzgerald.

Frank is survived by his beloved wife, Sheila; his daughters, Sherie Dean, Tara Petta, and Belinda Valdez and husband Mario; his grandchildren, Johnny Miller, Casie Williams and husband Ryan, Amber Seeton and husband Jason, Frank Hernandez, Alex Hernandez, Ashley Martinez, April Bynum and husband Brody, and Danelle Fitzgerald; his 17 great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family members and friends.

The family will received friends from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at Byrum Funeral Home. A celebration of Frank's life will be at 10:00am on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, if anyone would like to make a donation to the family to help with expenses, that can be done through cashapp - \$CasieLeann or venmo - @CasieWilliams18 or zelle - 9729219897

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I was saddened to hear of your passing. The many vacation our families went on together, the many Panchos we ate at as kids. The many game nights our family had together. Those are the great Memories we had together. Well you and my dad are back together shooting the shit together. We sure miss you!!! Love you daddy Frank!



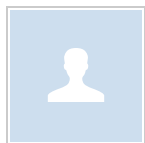
Wendy King (VEST) - March 12, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Deanie Petta.



March 11, 2025 at 06:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frank Deanie Petta.

March 11, 2025 at 06:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Deanie Petta.



March 11, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ 129 files added to the album LifeTributes



Byrum Funeral Home - March 10, 2025 at 04:27 PM



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Byrum Funeral Home - March 10, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Deanie Petta.



March 10, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ Kenneth Govan w/Oncor purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frank Deanie Petta.



Kenneth Govan w/Oncor - March 09, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Deanie Petta.*



March 07, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ *Papa Frank you are one of the best and toughest SOB's I've ever had the pleasure of getting to know.... You could tell some of the funniest jokes or just a wise crack to make someone laugh until they cried.... Hope you and my dad Greg Hill Sr are drinking a cold one with a cigar and saving a seat for the rest of us for our time.... Until then continue to look out for us from there as yall did for us down here.... Much love and respect!!!*

Greg Hill Jr

Gregory Hill - March 07, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ *Have a lot of memories of family vacations going to Mexico, the beach, or just going to his house and visiting and playing with my cousins in the play house always a good time and always welcome even as an Adult door always open at his house. Love to you all.
Your cousin Sheila*

Sheila Messer - March 07, 2025 at 08:55 AM

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“ Uncle Frank was a good man and I will miss him. When I was young we would go down some backroad or gravel pit and shoot guns. He would stick bullets in his ears instead of earplugs. lol
Then he would light a cigar, twirl a piece of his hair and poke fun at me if I missed. As I got older I helped him on a couple fence jobs-he was a pretty quiet man most of the time but would cut up with you and have fun also. He will be missed

Toby Hackett - March 06, 2025 at 09:01 PM



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“ Frank was a man's man. A throwback to a time when a firm handshake meant something. I didn't know him well but it was very clear that he loved his family very much. I offer my condolences and pray for the family during this difficult time.

Brock Brogdon - March 06, 2025 at 08:55 PM

DR

“ Frank was my favorite brother n law. He was good man took care of business and the four girls that where spoiled. Frank was a good man and I loved him. He will be missed by many.



Debbie Honeycutt Ryan - March 06, 2025 at 04:19 PM