



Norah Joseph "N.J." Peet, Jr.

December 13, 1960 - July 21, 2025

N.J. Peet Jr., known to many as Junior, Joe, or JR, was born on December 13, 1960, in Los Angeles, California, to Norah J. and Laura B. Peet. He was the youngest of three children. His sisters, Ann Mary (who predeceased him in 1958) and Jacqueline (who predeceased him in 2014), were beloved parts of his life.

N.J. passed away peacefully on July 21, 2025, surrounded by his son and daughter.

A Foundation Built on Learning

N.J. had a deep passion for education and learning that began early in his childhood. His mother instilled in him the importance of reading and writing, teaching him that "if you could read the book, they couldn't take the instructions away from you." Though his mother took education seriously and eventually earned her Associate's degree, she emphasized its value throughout N.J.'s upbringing.

His mother's dedication to his education was unwavering. Each Monday, N.J. would receive his spelling list, and by Wednesday, he had to present it to his mother with his belt in hand. For every word spelled correctly, he was fine; for every misspelled word, there were consequences. While such methods might be viewed differently today, this approach instilled in him a lifelong love of learning, made him a favorite among his teachers, and developed his natural

proofreading abilities.

A Life-Changing Summer

When N.J. was eight years old, he experienced what he would later call "the greatest blessing of his life." His uncle Alvin Guillory and family were traveling from Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alabama to Loring Air Force Base in Maine, and N.J. joined them for a summer filled with first experiences.

The journey took them to Washington, D.C., where they visited the White House. As they walked up to the building, they heard noise and looked to see Marine One landing. President Nixon stepped out and waved to everyone gathered there. At that moment, N.J. was convinced that the Air Force would provide him with such grandeur and opportunity.

However, the trip also exposed him to the harsh realities of prejudice. At a restaurant in Biloxi, Mississippi, they were initially served water and given menus, but after whispered words from an older woman, the water was taken away. They were told that hamburgers were all that would be served to them. His uncle handled the situation with dignity, sending the children to the car while he stayed to address the matter. N.J. often wondered what was said during that conversation.

Despite this difficult experience, N.J. was deeply impressed by the professionalism of Air Force security police at the various bases they visited. Their sharp appearance, perfectly molded hats, and exceptional bearing made them the "sharpest people he'd ever seen." By the time they reached California, N.J. had made his decision: he was going to be a policeman in the United States Air Force.

Military Career and Family

N.J. graduated from Merced High School in Merced, California, on June 11, 1978. Just weeks later, on July 28, he preached his first sermon, and on

August 3, 1978, he reported for active duty at Lackland Air Force Base.

His first assignment brought unexpected joy when he met his future wife. After a courtship that included a memorable dinner featuring pound cake with jelly from a jar as icing, they were quickly married and began enjoying Air Force life together.

On September 14, 1980, their son Marcus was born in Bitburg, Germany, bringing great joy to their lives. Their next assignment took them to Alamogordo, New Mexico, where they spent 23 months and 23 days. The highlight of that tour was the birth of their beautiful daughter, Lori Nicole, on July 28, 1983.

Their Air Force journey continued with assignments to Turkey, Las Vegas, Nevada (which they all loved), and Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. When Mount Pinatubo erupted, forcing an evacuation, the Air Force asked where they'd like to go next. "Florida!" was their enthusiastic response, thinking northern Florida would have the fewest hurricanes.

They moved to Niceville, Florida, where they spent several years. Both children graduated from Niceville High School during their time there. N.J. enjoyed eight fulfilling years working at Hurlburt Field Special Operations Headquarters. When offered a choice between assignments in Korea or Biloxi, Mississippi, the decision was easy, he had already been to Korea, and Biloxi would allow him to stay closer to Lori.

N.J. retired from the Air Force on March 1, 2000, after a distinguished career.

Civilian Career

Following his military retirement, N.J. was fortunate to join the Florida Department of Transportation, which brought him to Tallahassee. He found great fulfillment in teaching classes throughout the state, spending 15 weeks a

year on the road, learning as much as he taught. He particularly enjoyed those moments when working with students the instant when "the light bulb went off" and that student took the material home and thrived.

After seven years, he moved to the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, where he took on the great challenge of serving as Chief of Human Resources. Though demanding, it proved to be an enjoyable experience.

Looking at his calendar and bank account, N.J. realized he needed to continue earning. When he saw an advertisement for a car dealership offering paid training, all the "bells and whistles went off", they would pay for training with no obligation. After speaking with Phil, who was excited about N.J.'s military, human resources, and police background, he embarked on this new career chapter. He worked for Legacy Toyota for seven years and then Proctor Honda for another seven years.

Legacy

N.J. Peet Jr. lived a life marked by service, learning, and dedication to family. From his early lessons in education to his distinguished military career, from his commitment to teaching others to his final years in the automotive industry, he approached each chapter with enthusiasm and integrity. His love for his children Marcus and Lori Nicole, his pride in their achievements, and his dedication to helping others learn and grow will be remembered by all who knew him. The one main thing he was known for was that "He Helped People" N.J. is survived by his son Marcus and daughter Lori Nicole, and his grandchildren Josaiah, Maurice, and Nicole.

Funeral Arrangements

The family will be receiving guests for a visitation at Bevis Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 from 10:00am - 12:00pm with a funeral service to

begin at 12:00pm. Interment will be held at Tallahassee National Cemetery following the conclusion of the funeral service at 2:00pm.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

JUL 30. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Committal Service

JUL 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall

BG

“ *MANY CONDOLENCES TO ALL THE FAMILY OF JUNIOR BOY AS WE CALLED HIM AS KIDS.*

*WE R HIS UNCLE ALVIN'S CHILDREN.
I NEVER KNEW TOO MUCH OF HIS ADULT LIFE BUT
REMEMBER WHEN HE CAME TO VISIT WHEN HE WAS A KID.*

*MY DAD ALVIN SEEMINGLY HAD QUITE AN INFLUENCE ON
HIM AS HE TOO HAD GONE INTO THE MILITARY AT 17 HAVING
HAD GRANDDADDY CHESTAA SIGN FOR HIM WHEN HE WENT
IN. JRS MASTERFUL MILITARY LIFE IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE.*

*TO SEE THE MARVELOUS LIFE THAT JR LIVED AND
ATTAINING A HIGH RANK IN THE MILITARY LIKE DAD IS
REALLY SOMETHING. IM SO GLAD THAT HE HAD CHILDREN
TO LEAVE HIS LEGACY TO. THANK YOU FOR THE KIND
WORDS THAT YOU ALL SPOKE OF DAD. MOM IS SENDING
HER CONDOLENCES ALSO. THE THE ALVIN GUILLORY FAMILY*

Bobbie guillory - August 05, 2025 at 12:22 PM

MB

To the Family of Minister Peet,

Our daughter, Martha, was his godchild and he was such a beautiful godfather to her! We are so saddened to hear of his passing. We lost touch with him after he married and we moved to Lakeland FL, but we have always remembered his kindness to our daughter. Please accept our sincere condolences and prayers for the family.- Elder Marty and Erika Brown

Marty and Erika Brown - August 10, 2025 at 09:16 AM

LD

“ *Our prayers and sympathy for the family. Lloyd Daigle and family.*

Lloyd Daigle - July 31, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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Bevis Funeral Home - July 30, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ *The memory I would like to share is when Lori was a little girl and upon getting out of the car, somehow the door closed on her little fingers and she screamed. Peet swooped her up, layed hands on her and prayed, and she stopped crying immediately. I will never forget that.*

Yolanda Grove - July 30, 2025 at 12:50 PM

FG

“ *Family of Beloved Uncle Willory Guillory purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Norah Joseph "N.J." Peet, Jr..*



Family of Beloved Uncle Willory Guillory - July 27, 2025 at 06:43 PM

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“ There was such a short period of time since being notified of my Cousin's illness and then his passing. This saddens me. I am thankful that he is no longer suffering and enduring it All alone and overwhelmed. I will cherish the memory of he and I attending his H.S senior prom. There was a statement to be made and I'm honored that he chose me. I offer my Family sincere condolences and prayers. I knew my Cousin to be one who took charge and lead as he was called to do so in the ministry. I am grateful for the spiritual guidance, encouragement, and support that he gave his uncle, My Pops. Now N.J. (Junior) has joined him in Heaven and the angels are rejoicing. Such a great legacy...My heart goes out to Aunt Laura. I pray the Lord's strength comforts Marcus and Lorie at this time and beyond. God Bless

Selina Paggett (cousin) - July 27, 2025 at 05:25 PM

BC

“ I knew a worked with Joe at the Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General. He and I also spent time in the same Air Force career field and, while I didn't know him there, I knew of others who knew and respected him. Joe was a kind, effective, and well liked in his training and management roles. He was a pleasure to work with. I'm glad to have had him as a friend.

Bob Clift - July 27, 2025 at 10:39 AM

UF

“ Uncle Richard Guillory and Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Norah Joseph "N.J." Peet, Jr..



Uncle Richard Guillory and Family - July 25, 2025 at 03:55 PM

YT

“ Your Loving Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Norah Joseph "N.J." Peet, Jr..



Your Loving Team - July 24, 2025 at 05:34 PM

YT

“ Your Loving Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norah Joseph "N.J." Peet, Jr..

Your Loving Team - July 24, 2025 at 05:34 PM



Anthony Boyland

“ Exodus 17:12 and 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Anthony Boyland - July 24, 2025 at 03:48 PM

MG

“ It is with great sadness and sense of loss that I learned of the passing of JR Peet. I first met JR when we both worked for FDOT in Tallahassee, and he was teaching a weeklong training class in Orlando. As members of the class, we enjoyed his enthusiasm to impart the material to us and benefitted by his knowledge and professionalism. Personally, I experienced numerous “light bulbs being turned on” as well as “Aha” moments. The next time I crossed paths with JR was when my wife and I came to Proctors to purchase our current Odyssey. JR made the process easy, and we will remember our experience fondly both for the vehicle he helped us get but more importantly the personal experience we had with JR. I always looked for JR when I visited Proctors after our purchase and several times he was at his desk. When JR was there, he would stop what he was doing, and we would catch up on what life was sending our way. I always walked away, having enjoyed seeing and talking to him as it was always a pleasure when he was there. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are sent to JR’s family.

Milton Gray

Milton Gray - July 24, 2025 at 02:59 PM

CC

“ Cairo Church of Christ purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norah Joseph "N.J." Peet, Jr..



Cairo Church of Christ - July 24, 2025 at 02:08 PM

CM

“ I met JR last year when he sold me a great Honda truck. He was a wonderful man and I lingered after the sale because his was enjoyable company. Our hearts ache for his family and friends.
Chuck Mitchell

Chuck Mitchell - July 24, 2025 at 12:39 PM

CB

“ I was blessed to work with him at both Toyota and later at Honda. In my many years in automotive, I've never met anyone more professional. He and I shared many long conversations, and I'll miss my friend. Rest easy Sir, and thank you for everything.

chuck browning - July 24, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Norah Joseph "N.J." Peet, Jr..



July 23, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norah Joseph "N.J." Peet, Jr..

July 23, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norah Joseph "N.J." Peet, Jr..



July 23, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ Joe was an incredible asset to Literacy Volunteers of Leon County. I had the privilege to served with him on the board for several years. He was always willing to be there wherever he was needed and whenever. A gifted spokesman and so wise, he was well respected. As a friend, I am so sad for your loss and send my condolences. He was so proud of you all and spoke of you often. Rest in Peace, dear friend. 🙏🌹
Gwen Alcus

Gwen - July 23, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ My heart is broken. To NJ I was always his little white sister. We remained best of friends . We met our freshman year of high school and always had fun together. I was in attendance for his first sermon. Years later he came to Merced for a visit as his mom still lived in Fresno. He called my parents house left a message but no number (long before cell phones) this was a Saturday ,he was quite surprised that by the time he arrived at church I had already called and left a message for him. He wasn't hard to track down on a Sunday Morning lol. May God Hold you close at this difficult time. All my love Terry Poupard Roduner. Merced ca

Terry Roduner - July 22, 2025 at 11:27 PM