

### DAVID DUANE PETTYJOHN



David “PJ” Duane Pettyjohn, 40, of Hutto, Texas, passed away October 6, 2021. David was born to Effie Aldridge VanGorder and Daniel Pettyjohn May 2, 1981, in Cordele, Georgia.

David lived a fulfilling life as a loving son, brother, husband, father and uncle. Aside from his family, David's greatest devotion was to the military. David served honorably for 11 plus years as a Cavalry Scout with the 1-7 Cavalry and the 82nd Airborne Divisions in the United States Army, achieving the rank of Sergeant. His decorating awards and medals include the Bronze Star Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with four Campaign Stars, Army Commendation Medal (fourth award), the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon, the Army Parachutist Badge, and many more. PJ was a generous, kindhearted, outspoken, full of life individual that always put his loved one's first. He enjoyed cooking, family game nights, off road trailing in his Jeep and wrestling.

David will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 11 years Elida Pettyjohn; his five children Marissa (19), Isaiah (18), Leticia (16), Makayla (16) and Jonathon (10); his mother Effie VanGorder; brothers Roland (Kim) VanGorder, III, Matthew (Alexis) VanGorder and Miguel Pantojas; his sisters-in-law Rosanna Pettyjohn, Rocio (Samuel) Hernandez, Alexis (Valorie) Rodriguez, Esperanza (Lance) Rodriguez and Marisol (Abelardo) Rodriguez; and a host of other family members and friends who loved him very much.

David was preceded in death by his father Roland VanGorder, Jr.; brother Shawn Pettyjohn; and biological father Daniel Duane Pettyjohn; and sister Amanda VanGorder-Golob.

The family received friends Monday, October 11 at Elgin Funeral Home. Graveside services with Military Honors will be conducted at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery of Killeen at a later date.