



## Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley

March 14, 2000 - November 21, 2020

Specialist Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley, was born on March 14, 2000 to Ruth Costa Russell and Gregory L. Chesley of Baltimore, MD. He suddenly departed this life on Saturday, November 21, 2020.

Pedro grew up in the Northwest Community Action Neighborhood of West Baltimore. He had an early vision of one day becoming a soldier. His childhood dream led him to always wear some type of military gear and clothing.

In many of his childhood, adolescent and adult pictures the camera would capture poses of him standing at military attention! That stance was his signature and a very natural part of his being.

Pedro attended Clifton High School (REACH Partnership). He joined the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps and graduated from REACH in 2017 with honors.

He attended Morgan State University on a scholarship and joined Morgan's Army ROTC program where he studied the field of transportation. Pedro left Morgan in 2019 to join the Army Reserve. He reached for the unreachable and loved serving his Country.

Pedro wore a contagious smile and loved taking selfies. He loved spending time with his dad on weekends to escape the rigors of the city. It was like a “mini-get-away” for him. The two of them traveled together to his training site (430th Inland Cargo Transfer Company) in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

His assigned military base was like a second home where he loved his military friends. He brought positivity and honesty to his unit. He brought laughter to the hearts of his fellow soldiers.

Pedro was awarded the Army Service Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal. In March 2019, he received a promotion to a Specialist. Pedro was employed as a Security Officer at Allied Security located in the Galleria/Inner Harbor, Baltimore.

He had just been hired and was to begin his new job with Lockheed Martin in Middle River, Maryland the day after his passing.

Pedro enjoyed watching and playing video games, keeping his mom company, playing with his dog (Luke), hanging out with his dad, spending time with his sweetheart Diamond (AKA – his “Princess”), visiting family, and eating good food! He and his dad knew how to track down family feasts, especially during the holiday season! They were known as the “grub-hunters”!

Pedro is survived by his Mother, Father, Godmother Judy Williams-Rice, Brother James Richard Russell, Sister-in-law Samara Russell, Aunt Barbara A. Carter, Uncles John W. Chesley, Jr. and Lenwood M. Carter; a host of other relatives and friends.

Pedro lived a happy and productive life. He was a great achiever with an unstoppable force within him.

Pedro will be forever remembered and greatly missed by many.



# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus

1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 17. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Rd  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110

## Wake

DEC 18. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Rd  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110

## Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD



# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Life Tribute Centers - December 05, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley, Please Click the Link below.*



March Life Tribute Centers - December 17, 2020 at 11:39 AM



Theresa Pearson

*May you rest in peace Pedro...Warmest regards Ms Pearson (6th grade teacher)*

Theresa Pearson - December 18, 2020 at 10:58 AM

BH

*So sad!!! R.I.P LITTLE CUZ*

BRENDA HAWKINS - December 18, 2020 at 08:00 PM

AB

*I pray that every one in the family will remember him and pay tribute to him each day especially on November 21st and March 14 each year. Gone but not forgotten.*

Aunt Barbara - October 03, 2025 at 08:54 AM

AB

*I pray that his life will inspire young black men to put their best foot forward to “be the best that they can be”. This was his call to action before his life was taken. Please visit the Gun Memorial website to light a candle and also visit the U.S. Army Museum in Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. His name is registered on the Visitors Kios as you enter the museum. It's a beautiful place to visit in honor of him. I'm sure Pedro will smile upon you from Heaven! 🙏❤️*

**Aunt Barbara** - October 03, 2025 at 09:04 AM

AB

“ Aunt Barbara sent a virtual gift in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley



**Aunt Barbara** - April 25 at 09:02 PM

AB

“ Aunt Barbara lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley



**Aunt Barbara** - April 25 at 08:59 PM

BC

“ Almost five years (November 21, 2000) in a few days since you have been gone. I will Forever shed silent tears ❤️🙏.



**Barbara Carter** - November 13, 2025 at 11:36 AM

AB

“ *Pedro lived early morning runs and keeping fit at the gym*



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**Aunt Barbara** - October 03, 2025 at 08:49 AM

BC

“ *Barbara Carter lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



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**Barbara Carter** - March 13, 2024 at 01:48 PM

MC

“ *Always wore a friendly, heartwarming smile and cared so much about others. God has a super star in Heaven.*



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**Mrs. Carter** - December 13, 2023 at 07:39 PM

AB

“ *Aunt Barbara lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



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**Aunt Barbara** - July 22, 2023 at 09:59 PM

PA

“ *Pedro's Aunt lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



**Pedro's Aunt** - November 01, 2022 at 10:29 AM

GC

“ *Gregory Chesley sent a virtual gift in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



**Gregory Chesley** - June 14, 2022 at 06:00 AM

GC

*RIP Son Until We Meet Again Soon*

**Gregory Chesley** - January 28, 2023 at 01:21 PM

BA

“ *Barbara lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*




**Barbara** - June 03, 2022 at 08:56 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Barnes/ Pedro Cousin lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*




Sheila Barnes/ Pedro cousin - March 07, 2022 at 08:55 AM

  
Barbara  
Carter

“ *Always remembered.*



Barbara Carter - January 23, 2022 at 09:16 AM

  
Barbara  
Carter

“ *Barbara Carter lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



Barbara Carter - January 23, 2022 at 09:13 AM

PA

“ *Pedro's Aunt sent a virtual gift in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



Pedro's Aunt - January 23, 2022 at 09:10 AM

MA

“ *Mrs. Carter - Pedro's Aunt lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



Mrs. Carter - Pedro's Aunt - January 23, 2022 at 09:07 AM

MA

“ *Mrs. Carter - Pedro's Aunt sent a virtual gift in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



Mrs. Carter - Pedro's Aunt - January 23, 2022 at 09:06 AM



Barbara Carter

“ *Barbara Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



Barbara Carter - November 30, 2021 at 02:08 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Chesley sent a virtual gift in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



Barbara Chesley - November 19, 2021 at 07:31 AM

BC

“ *Barbara Chesley lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



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**Barbara Chesley** - November 19, 2021 at 07:30 AM

FA

*Our prayers for Pedro Fanny and Rajen Appasamy*


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**Fanny and Rajen Appasamy** - November 19, 2021 at 11:25 PM

DJ

“ *Deb Jennings lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*




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**Deb Jennings** - November 18, 2021 at 02:08 PM

  
Barbara Carter

“ *National Gun Violence Awareness June 4-6. Wear Orange in memory of those who lost their lives from senseless gun violence.*



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**Barbara Carter** - June 05, 2021 at 07:24 AM

  
Barbara  
Carter

“ *Barbara Carter lit a candle in memory of  
Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



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**Barbara Carter** - June 05, 2021 at 07:15 AM

  
Barbara  
Carter

*National Gun Violence Awareness June 4 -6. Wear Orange.*

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**Barbara Carter** - June 05, 2021 at 07:20 AM


BS

“ *Barnes Sheila lit a candle in memory of Pedro  
Joseph Costa Chesley*



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**Barnes Sheila** - May 06, 2021 at 06:37 AM

  
Barbara  
Carter

“ *Barbara Carter lit a candle in memory of  
Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



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**Barbara Carter** - April 18, 2021 at 08:24 PM

LT

“ *Lois Tunstall lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



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**Lois Tunstall** - January 21, 2021 at 01:52 PM

BR

“ *Brenda Randolph lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



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**Brenda Randolph** - January 20, 2021 at 09:02 PM

KG

“ *Karen Grant lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



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**Karen Grant** - January 19, 2021 at 09:54 AM

LE

“ *LennyCarter sent a virtual gift in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



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**LennyCarter** - January 18, 2021 at 07:29 PM

LE

“ LennyCarter lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley



LennyCarter - January 18, 2021 at 07:28 PM

  
Barbara  
Carter

“ Barbara Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley



Barbara Carter - January 18, 2021 at 07:18 PM

LF

“ RIH little cousin ❤️



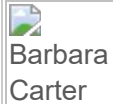
Lucas & Betts Family - January 18, 2021 at 06:31 PM

DS

“ Deetric Blanchard Sr lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley



Deetric Blanchard Sr - January 18, 2021 at 06:16 PM



Barbara Carter

“ *Specialist Pedro J. C. Chesley was a bright and shining star in the lives of many. He was warm, compassionate, caring, and extremely humble. He wore an infectious smile as he approached you. Pedro was honest, direct, forthright. He had a sense of humor he used to get others to smile and laugh. Pedro accomplished many things during his short life. He never stopped reaching for higher goals and bigger dreams. He kept himself busy achieving bigger and better things. Pedro had a very strong and special love for his mom and dad. He was his dad's shadow whenever he had the time off from work and school. Pedro's childhood dream was to become a soldier and when he enlisted with the army; that's exactly what he became and was so full of pride, joy and honor. Army strong was his life. Pedro had so much ahead of him to live for and he had it all arranged and aligned until an unknown murderer(s) gunned him down and robbed him of his life. I miss you each and every day and you will always be deeply loved, remembered and lay heavily on my heart. My chain is broken but in God's time it will link again.*

Barbara Carter - January 18, 2021 at 05:30 PM



GC

*You Where The Light That Will Forever Shine In In My Life Dam I. Miss You*

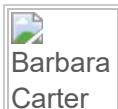
Gregory Chesley - January 19, 2021 at 08:31 AM



Barbara Carter

*BELIEVE, BELIEVE, BELIEVE.*


Barbara Carter - January 21, 2021 at 01:21 PM



Barbara Carter

*You will be forever thought about and talked about. Your life will be celebrated and your memories will be cherished. Love you and miss you TREMENDOUSLY Petti. I am still trusting God for His deliverance and justice for you. I pray that it comes SOON.*

Barbara Carter - April 09, 2021 at 10:09 PM

  
Barbara  
Carter

“ *Barbara Carter lit a candle in memory of  
Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*

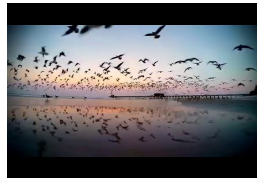


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**Barbara Carter** - January 18, 2021 at 03:43 PM

RM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Ruth C Russell, Mother** - December 18, 2020 at 08:25 PM

RM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Ruth C Russell, Mother** - December 18, 2020 at 07:44 PM

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**Ruth C Russell, Mother** - December 18, 2020 at 07:43 PM

RM

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Ruth C Russell, Mother - December 18, 2020 at 07:41 PM

ET

“ Sending condolences to Pedro's family and friends. May God's grace and mercy help comfort you in your time of need. Mrs. E Thornton and family.

Edna Thornton - December 18, 2020 at 10:45 AM



Barbara Carter

Thank you Edna. We appreciate your words of strength to get us through this difficult time.

Barbara Carter - January 18, 2021 at 07:04 PM

LW

“ Sending our love and sincere condolences to Uncle Gregory and Ruth. Pedro's life and vibrant smile will be a memory forever cherished.  
With love,  
Brandon & Latoya Williams

Latoya Williams - December 15, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley.*



December 15, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley.*



December 15, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley.*



December 13, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ *Barbara C... lit a candle in memory of Pedro Joseph Costa Chesley*



**Barbara C...** - December 12, 2020 at 01:54 AM

NA

“ Love you forever Peddy



Nikki A - December 04, 2020 at 03:25 PM

CH

“ Uncle Gregory

*I am So Sorry*

*Pedro was always a little GENTLEMAN who never disrespected anyone*

*I remember when you use to bring him over with the boys .He called me Aunt Carolyn .They would play and just be children having a fun time.*

*Uncle Gregory and Ruth ,My Condolences to you and Family. You did an Amazing Job which shined a Bright Light .*

*Pedro is and Always will be Forever In My Heart .*

*Rest now Pedro you're In Our Fathers Hands*

Carolyn Hammond - December 04, 2020 at 10:05 AM

GC

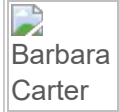
*RIP Son I Still Can't Believe You Have Left Me But Our Holy Father Needed A Good Soul To Come Home. I Will Always Be Fighting For You On This Earth Until Justice's Is Done To Who Ever Did This You Spec.Pedro J. Chesley March14,2000 Until November 21, 2020*

Gregory Chesley - December 07, 2020 at 01:26 AM

MK

*My heart breaks for you Greg.*

Mary P Kesselring - December 12, 2020 at 04:06 PM



*There's something that rises up in my spirit that cannot and will not rest. I believe it's your spirit and God's spirit speaking to me. Seven months (as of June 22, 2021) since you loss your life to senseless gun violence seems like eternity. You will not be just a number or a statistic. Justice will be served.*

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**Barbara Carter** - June 05, 2021 at 07:13 AM

CF

“ *Sending sincere condolences to you and your family. Chadwick and Tia Frazier*

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**Chadwick and Tia Frazier** - December 04, 2020 at 09:50 AM

KN

“ *Rest peacefully little cousin. Such a beautiful soul. Always respectful and positive. We love you.*

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**Keona Nelson** - December 04, 2020 at 09:49 AM