

## MELENDEZ

Pedro Melendez Jr. passed away on November 5, 2009 at the age of 76.



"Pete" became El Paso's first Golden Gloves National Champion. He won the flyweight title twice, three years apart. At the age of 19, Pete won the 1953 Texas and National Golden Gloves Championships. He claimed his national title in New York City. In 1956 he won a National Golden Gloves title competing as a 112-pound flyweight. He ended his boxing career with a 372-6 record. In 1977, he was inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1999, the El Paso Boxing and Martial Arts Hall of Fame recognized him as "Amateur Fighter of the Century". After boxing, Mr. Melendez became a barber and owned Cielo Vista Barbershop for 38 years. Mr. Melendez

is survived by his son Peter E. Melendez (wife Teresa), grandchildren: MaryAnne, Melissa, Kyle, Samantha, Jesse and Gabriel, one great-grandchild: Layla Rae Sanchez and ex-wife Mary Melendez. Visitation will be Monday from 5-9 p.m. at Funeraria Del Angel Kaster Maxon & Futrell F.H. Rosary will be celebrated that evening at 7 p.m. Funeral Service will be Tuesday 11 a.m. at funeral home with burial immediately following at Restlawn Memorial Park. Services entrusted to Funeraria Del Angel Kaster-Maxon & Futrell Funeral Home 8817 Dyer St. El Paso, Texas. 79904. 915-751-1287