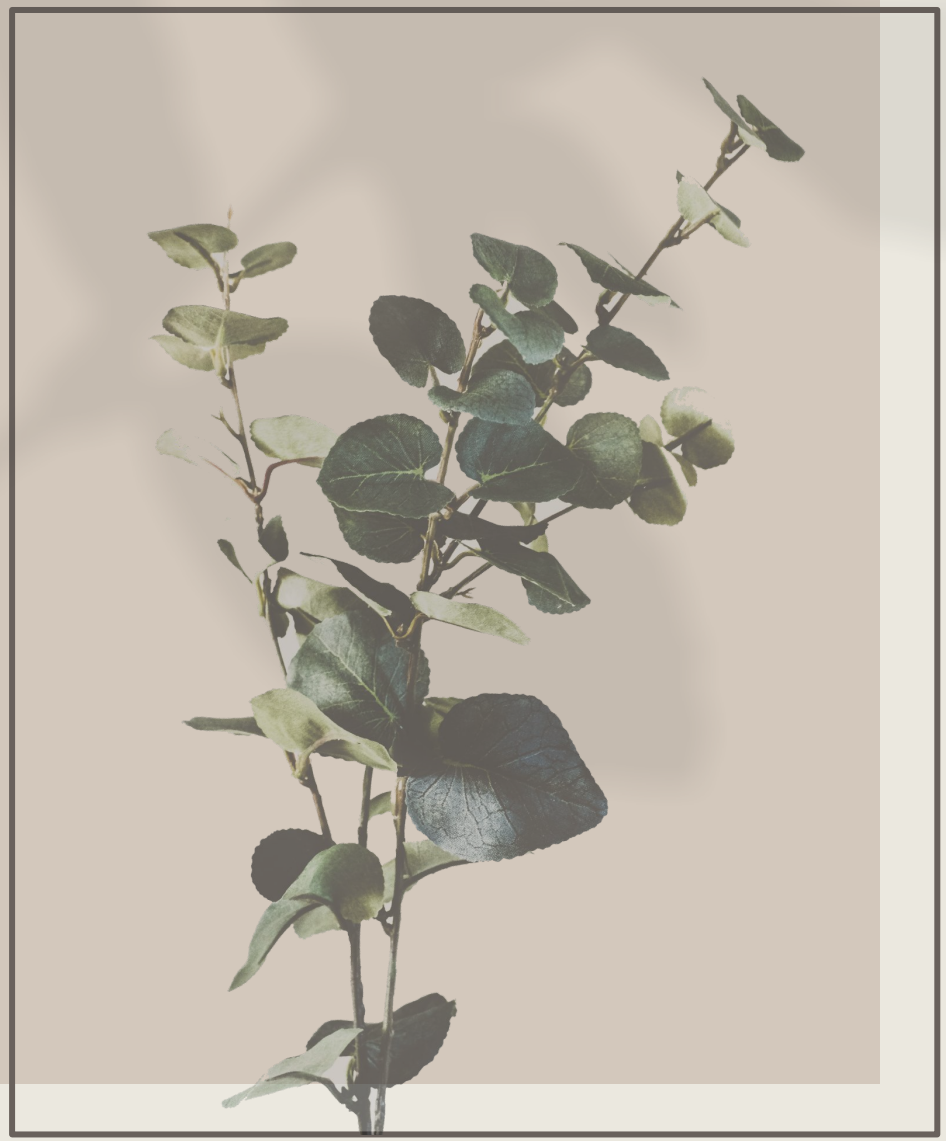




PEDRO PERALES (1940-2023)

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Pedro Perales, was born August 23, 1940, in a small town of 400 people in Encinal, Texas. He was an only child to Hortencia & Pedro Sr .

He worked a big part of his life side by side with his parents as a migrant worker from the early age picking cotton and harvesting beets, lettuce, and sugar peas.



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Knowing the life of a migrant worker wasn’t for him, he dedicated his young life to becoming the best student he could be. He went on to become valedictorian of his high school class and went on to study early childhood education at the college at Texas A&M. He married Carmen Perales and they had 3 children, Pedro, Patricia & Zari.



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They moved to San Jose in 1972 where he completed his master's degree from San Jose State. Then he would later go on to further his education and became a family therapist.

He worked for the Alum Rock School District for over 25 years. He started as a special education teacher and worked his way up to superintendent of the district.



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Being forever known as the only homegrown superintendent for ARUSD. He served the district as an educator, counselor, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent deputy superintendent, and finally superintendent before retiring to spend time with his family and importantly, his grandchildren.

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He and his wife Carmen traveled the world upon retiring, visiting every continent but Australia.





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Pedro had a love for two things, family and educating the youth. He dedicated his life to the community of AR. He was also an activist for social injustice and even walked side by side with Cesar Chavez. Pedro was proud of his accomplishment, going from migrant work in his youth to school superintendent. He was no doubt a role model for many. He leaves behind the love of his life Carmen, married to her for over 56 years, 3 children and their spouses along 6 grandchildren.



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