

Sergeant Pedro A. Caiñas

October 8, 1958 ~ November 19, 1992



Pedro "Pete" Cainas was born in Pinar Del Rio, Cuba on October 8, 1958. Pete was the youngest of three children. The Cainas family moved to Miami, Florida when Pete was three years old. He attended Citrus Grove Elementary, Hialeah Jr. High and graduated from Hialeah High School in 1976.

As a young man, Pete was active in judo and eventually won a statewide competition when he was 17 years old. After graduating from high school, Pete enrolled at Miami Dade Community College where he studied emergency medicine. He obtained a job as an emergency room technician and was eventually promoted to advanced emergency room technician.

In 1979, Pete resigned to pursue a career in law enforcement. Pete was hired by Riviera Beach Police Department, and worked in their undercover narcotics section and as a Patrol Officer. In 1980, Pete worked for the Miami Springs Police Department nine months before leaving for the Hialeah Police Department.

In his ten years of working for the Hialeah Police Department, Pete served as a Patrolman, K9 Officer and as an Auto Theft/Burglary Detective.

In 1985, Pete continued his legal career and studied law at the University of Miami. He graduated from law school and received his law degree in May of 1991. He worked as a Miami-Dade Assistant State Attorney but, returned to the Hialeah Police Department October 25, 1992.

On November 13, 1992, Officer Pedro Cainas was dispatched to a neighbor dispute at 1655 West 44 Place, where he was met by complainant Abel Fernandez. Fernandez told the officers that he had just engaged in an argument with his neighbor, Esteban Quintanal. The officers knocked at Quintanal's apartment door for over two minutes. Quintanal responded by firing a single gunshot through the closed door. The shot struck Officer Cainas at the back of the head. Officer Cainas lingered in a coma for six days and expired on November 19, 1992.

Officer Cainas is survived by parents - Jose Antonio and Ofelia Cainas, siblings Roberto Perez, and Elenas Cainas Felipe.

