



# **Robert Judson "Bob" Freeland**

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**F**REELAND, Robert Judson (Bob) of Tampa, was born January 8, 1936 and passed away on April 17, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Evelyn Freeland, brothers John and Richard Freeland and niece Cathi. He's survived by his loving son Eddie Rodriguez (Vanessa), granddaughter Jalyssa, sister-in-law Rea, nephews John, Michael, Kenneth, Edward Freeland and niece Christine Freeland; members of his extended family Catalina Gonzalez, Wanda Gonzalez (Bobby), Monserratti Flecha (Victor), Linda Rodriguez; countless nieces, nephews and friends; and his faithful four-legged companion, Leo. To those who knew him, Bob was an angel sent from God, who will always be remembered for his candor, outgoing personality and giving spirit. He was a very accomplished person, who spent his 78 years serving others and bettering himself. His service began with his Country, as a Sgt. in the Marine Corps; he was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict. Bob continued to serve others as a school teacher at Bridgeton High School in New Jersey, where he retired after 30 years of service. During this time, he also served as a mentor to the youth and spent 30 summers teaching Summer Camp in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York. Bob also served many years as a bus driver for the New Jersey Transit system and the Head Start Program in Parkersburg, VA, where he moved upon retiring to be closer to his son. Playing off of his jolly and inquisitive nature, Bob returned to school, became a Private Investigator and founded Santa Claus Private Investigations. He loved giving back to the community by playing Santa during the Holiday season. A man of many talents, Bob's personal accomplishments also included teaching himself how to read music/play several instruments and completing pilot school to receive his wings to fly single engine planes. For the last 23 years, Bob was everything to his loved ones and was the best dad a young man could ever ask for. Bob spent his last years in the care of his son, which will forever be fondly remembered. A Memorial Visitation will be held



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Saturday, May 17, 2014 between 2 and 4 PM at Boza & Roel Funeral Home, 4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa. Services will begin at 4 PM at the funeral home, followed by Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice. Cheers to Bob- I love you Dad!



## Tribute Wall

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RH

**Ruby Campbell-Helsel** posted:

Dear Eddie, I offer up my condolences on the passing of your dad. He was ever so cool! I rented him his storage unit when he first came to Tampa to stay with you. You are so very special as well. Thank you and God Bless.

May 16 at 5:23 AM

TB

**Teresa Brown** posted:

I have fond memories of Mr. Freeland as my teacher in 8th grade in Bridgeton. He was a very good teacher and always fair. His nickname for me was "chewy" because I always tried to get away with chewing gum in his class, which he did not allow. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. May your memories keep him ever close in your coming years. Sincerely, Teresa Brown

May 15 at 7:18 AM

GM

**George Migliore** posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza and Roel Funeral Home please accept our sincere condolences.

May 13 at 8:18 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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