



Ralph B. Van Fleet Jr.

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VAN FLEET, JR, Ralph B., , 84, of Tampa, FL died Monday December 2, 2013. Ralph was born in Clearwater, FL to Ralph, Sr and Flossie Stirrett Van Fleet. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 35 years Vivian. Ralph is survived by his son, R. Bruce III (Dawn); brother, Donald (Imelda) and 3 grandchildren, Beth Van Miller, Brian Van Fleet, Kelley Davis; his cousin, Patricia Cross and a long time companion Merle McNeese. Ralph graduated from the University of Florida with a Master's degree in Economic Theory. He owned his own insurance agency in Tampa for 60 years, retiring in April of 2013. Among his greatest joys in life were enjoying the great outdoors - the mountains, waterfalls, wildlife and Clearwater Beach where he swam for 77 consecutive years. He also had a joy in helping people in need, especially his policy holders, many who were third generation customers. He was also a supporter of Meals on Wheels and was assisted by Lifepath Hospice in recent months. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either Meals on Wheels at 550 W. Hillsborough Ave, Tampa 33603 or Lifepath Hospice at 3010 W. Azeele Street, Tampa 33609. A viewing will be held on Friday Dec 6 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Boza and Roel Funeral Home located at 4730 N. Armenia Avenue, Tampa and a funeral service on Saturday Dec 7 at 11:00am at the same location. Interment will take place at Lake Carroll Cemetery immediately following the service.



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SH

Shannon posted:

He was a wonderful neighbor. He always shared stories of his business achievements, vacation trips, and his family. He always gave us Christmas cards and my children birthday cards each year. Our family has never known a nicer man. R.I.P Mr. Van Fleet you will be forever missed. Your neighbors on Alva, The Crockett Family

April 25 at 12:37 PM

EW

Edwina Wright posted:

Bruce, our condolences to you in the loss of your dad. Edwina & Matt Wright

December 10 at 1:38 AM

LG

Linda Gundaker posted:

Dear Bruce I am so sorry for your loss your Dad was a Great Man and will be dearly missed..

December 6 at 1:47 AM

AH

Andy House posted:

Dear Bruce, My thoughts and prayers are with you and please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your father.

December 5 at 2:59 PM

JL

Janet Lewis posted:

Dear Bruce - Please accept my sincerest sympathy at the loss of your dear father. He was truly a wonderful man. Sincerely, Janet Lewis

December 5 at 2:19 PM

ST

Susan Kenyon Tanguy posted:

My parents, Ted and Maxine Kenyon lived next door to the Van Fleets since 1970. My youngest sister was just learning to talk when we moved in. She couldn't say, "Van Fleet" she always called him, Mr. Ugh. and his wife was Mrs. Ugh. He will be greatly missed.

December 5 at 11:03 AM



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Vic Lombardo posted:

I've heard it said that we know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

December 4 at 6:43 PM



William S. Reed posted:

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

December 4 at 9:27 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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