



# Mr. Robert A. Buggica Sr.

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**B**uggica, Robert Sr., 77, passed away peacefully at his home on April 9, 2015. Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Lucy Buggica. He is remembered with love by his devoted wife of 25 years, Lora Buggica, children Robert Buggica, Jr. and Sharon Albanese (John), grandchildren Jennifer Gutierrez (Michael), Stephen Buggica, Stefanie Jimenez (Jorge), and Nicholas Albanese, and brothers Sammy Buggica (Phyllis) and Joe Buggica, Jr. He is also survived by his stepchildren Joe Cadmus, John Cadmus (Lacy), and Michael Smith, step grandchildren Megan, Rianna, Skylynn, Mason, Jett, and Zada, and mother-in-law Dorothy Bunkley. He leaves behind an extended family, including David and Shirley Frost and Donna Buggica, as well as many friends. He was also preceded in death by his former wife, Inez Buggica.

As a native and lifelong resident of Tampa, Robert touched the lives of many in the community. He spent 25 years in the City of Tampa Fire Department, serving this city which he loved with a passion, before retiring as District Chief. Later on, Robert was involved with the Tampa Retired Firefighters Association and Lago Vista Community.

More than anything, Robert enjoyed time with loved ones. His pasta dinners, a tradition he carried on after his mother's passing, will forever stand as a true testament to the deep appreciation he held for every family member and friend in his life. We could all learn from the way Bob lived his life - with passion, dedication, and to the absolute fullest, traveling with his wife to all the places he'd ever dreamed of. He also loved fishing and boating, drinking coffee at his favorite Spanish café's. He was an avid sports fan. His good nature will be missed by all who knew him. Robert's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Florida Cancer Specialists, LifePath Hospice, and St. Joseph's Hospital's cancer unit and ICU.

The family will receive friends at the visitation Monday, April 13, from 6-9pm at the Boza & Roel Funeral Home, 4730 N. Armenia Ave., Tampa. In Robert's honor, donations can be made to



## Obituary

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LifePath Hospice or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



## Events


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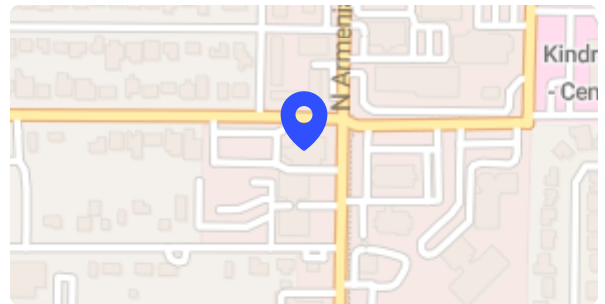
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### Visitation

 **Monday**, April 13, 2015

 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET


 **Boza and Roel Funeral Home**  
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603

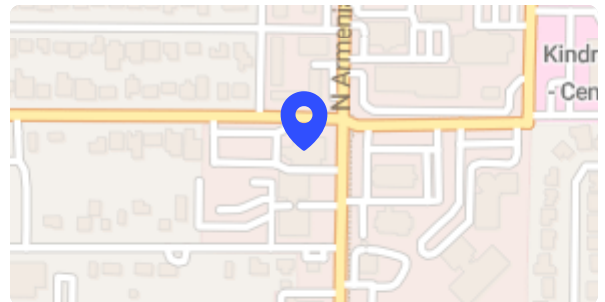


### Funeral Service

 **Monday**, April 13, 2015

 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

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## Tribute Wall

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LB

**Lora Buggica** posted:

Bobby Is And Always Be The Love Of My Life, And My Soul-mate, He is my world. and I cherished the time that God gave him to me. Bobby showed me what it's like to really be LOVED. He Loved his mother and would get very emotional when he spoke of her. I would tell him that meant she was right beside him. As his mom was dying I held her hand and promise her that I would take care of him. The last night of his life, I held his hand and I told him it was OK to go to her, and wait for me. I feel his LOVE all around me. But that I need his strength to get me thru each day. I MISS HIM SO MUCH I miss his laughter, holding me and telling me everything is going to be alright ,I have so Many Memories of all the Fun that we had with all our Family and Friends. He Loved his all our children and grandchildren he was always ready to play games, dance, wrestle, and acting crazy, and ready to spend time with them. There was no one more important to him than Family. I would like to share a story when we first started dating, we where at the Gasparilla day parade and Bobby saw one of his rookie fireman at a parade, He then introduced me to this man. We socialized for a bit and he left us to go back to work. After that Bobby left to grab us some cold drinks. Once Bobby left the rookie fireman came over to where I was standing and he told me something , he said "that chief Buggica was the best man that he ever work for". I was so proud to be with him at that point and then every time we went any where (even in Italy) some one knew Bobby, and would say hello to him. He was known and loved by many but always took time to put me first. I love and miss Bobby so much , words cant describe how i am feeling right this moment. I have a deep sadness now he has gone but i know i will meet him once my time here is done. Bobby you will always be my love and no one can ever take your place. I Love YouYour Lora

May 7 at 12:35 PM

SA

**Sharon Albanese** posted:

There is not a day that goes by where I do not think about my Dad. He continues to influence my thoughts and actions each day. I don't think I can ever eat a steak, Cuban sandwich, or plate of spaghetti without thinking of him. I miss his smile, his voice, his advice, and his hugs and kisses. You are misused by so many and always will be. Love you!

April 29 at 12:46 PM



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LB

**Lora Buggica** posted:

To all that did not have the opportunity to attend the visitation for Retired District Chief Bobby Buggica this evening it was truly a moving tribute to greatness of the man. Many friends from far and wide came to pay respects to Bobby and many offered words of encouragement to his family. Several attendees shared stories of how Bobby touched their lives, many were funny and each one was heartfelt. Bobby's wife Lora shared how the spiritual presence of Bobby is making this trying time bearable for her. If you were unable to attend please take a moment and reflect internally how Bobby Buggica touched your life. The opportunity to have known the living man and how he touched each of our lives is to be remembered by each of us in their own way; however, we must not forget the blessings and assistance their entire family needs while getting through this loss. Please keep the Buggica family in your thoughts and prayers. Keith Williams Interim Secretary Tampa Retired Firefighters Association

April 15 at 7:40 PM

MC

**Mike Cepero** posted:

My sincere condolences to the Buggica family. I truly respected Bob for his strength, honesty, and willingness to provide sound advice to me and my family. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Mike Cepero & family

April 14 at 1:50 PM

GS

**Gerry And Guy Smart** posted:

Bobby was not only a neighbor and a friend, but he and Lora were also great traveling buddies. The two trips that I will always remember were the most recent in 2013 and 2014 and also the longest, 15 and 27 night transatlantic cruises. We had plenty of time on long sea days and lots of meals to talk, discuss, and solve all of the world's problems! My most vivid memory of Bobby and one that I will always treasure, was a day in Paris. We boarded a river boat that was docked at the foot of the Eiffel Tower with a spectacular view of it and the beautiful, grand buildings on the other side. We toasted Paris, our friendship, our trip and ate our lunch, all the while being serenaded with poignant, war era French songs. I was feeling very emotional by the wonder of it all, when I glanced across the table and saw Bobby was emotional, as well. He looked at me and said..."Can you believe a girl from the Bronx and a boy from Ybor City are eating, drinking, listening to French songs, with this spectacular view of Paris"? "it's wonderful"! We both wiped our eyes and continued to be overwhelmed with Paris. This year before we went overseas, we visited Bobby and he looked at our itinerary and he said..."it looks like a heck of a trip, I wish we could go, but maybe next year. When we returned three weeks later, Bobby was in the hospital and soon on his way home. We visited and I asked him if he remembered that day in Paris. He smiled and nodded his head yes. I told him to close his eyes and rest and think of Paris. Rest in Peace, Bobby...we'll always remember Paris!

April 13 at 9:01 AM



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DB

**Dorthey Bunkley** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Buggica family.



April 12 at 8:56 PM

JM

**Joe And John Cadmus Family, And Michael** sent a Written in the Stars to the Buggica family.



April 12 at 8:13 PM

JJ

**Jr Jones** posted:

The only thing I can say. A GREAT Man and a trusted Chief. Where you go I go. R.I.P. 444.

April 12 at 1:43 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Buggica family.



April 12 at 12:22 PM

BU

**Buggica** shared an album called **Family**.



April 12 at 10:04 AM

BU

**Buggica** shared an album called **New Album Name**.



April 12 at 9:47 AM



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JO

**Johnk** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless all . John Kasza and family

April 12 at 7:56 AM

DL

**Don & Marie Leggett** posted:

Lora and FamilyWe are deeply saddened by the passing of Bobby. We have such fond memories of our "Happy Penguin" bus trips with you guys. Bobby was always there to lend a hand and to make the trips more enjoyable. We will really miss his happy spirit! May God great you the strength to get through this trying time.

April 12 at 4:53 AM

WS

**Wallace Sterling** posted:

I will forever remember Bob as a staunch supporter of Lago Vista, through the Home Owners Association and the Taxing District. He always cared for our unique neighborhood and how LV looked to everyone driving by. He was a real caregiver for the pond in our section as well. Above all, Bob was a loving and caring father and husband. He was genuinely one of a kind. Rest in peace, Bob. Vaya Con Dios.

April 11 at 9:06 AM

JP

**John N. Parker** posted:

I was privileged to have spent many years with Bobby on the Tampa Fire Department and with the Retired Firefighters Association. He was always considered a friend and Brother to me as well as to all of those that he worked with. My deepest sympathy go out to his family. John Parker, Ret. TFD

April 11 at 6:00 AM

RV

**Richard Vigil** posted:

Bobby was my first Captain on my first day at old Fire station #1. I was a nervous 21 year old kid in 1975. He showed around and made me feel at ease. He was always kind and some of my best memories are those times with him at St. #1. I was fortunate enough to see him here in Clayton, GA for lunch just a little over a year ago. I was hopeful we would meet again. My heart goes out to all who knew him.Richard Vigil

April 11 at 5:06 AM



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JC

**James Cavanagh** posted:

Chief Buggica was a great chief Who took me under his wing and was always putting me at a station where i could spend time getting my paramedic class completed.He also used to get on me because I didn't make my bed properly. Thank You chief ! Rest in Peace. James Cavanagh.

April 10 at 7:36 PM

BH

**Bill And Jackie Henz** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Buggica family.



April 10 at 1:35 PM

ER

**Eddie Rodriguez** posted:

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

April 10 at 10:34 AM



## Media

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**Buggica** shared a photo to the **Family** album.

April 12 at 10:04 AM



**Bob & Laura**



**Buggica** shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

April 12 at 9:47 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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