



Philip R Leto

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Philip Rumore Leto, “Fifo” passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home with his family on April 20th at the age of 89.

He was born in Ybor City on May 11, 1931, the youngest of four children born to Philip Castellano and Angelina Rumore Leto. He was predeceased by his beloved parents, elder brothers Tom and Manuel and sister Mary Ciccone.

After attending V.M. Ybor Elementary and Washington Junior High, he graduated from Hillsborough High School in 1950 where he was voted “Class Wit”, then served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict.

Phil earned a degree in education from the University of Tampa in 1957 and embarked on a more than

60 year career as an educator at Desoto Elementary in Palmetto Beach. Phil had a passion for teaching and impacted the lives of so many students through the years.

In 1950 Phil met the love of his life, Violet Nuccio (Vi) and they were married in 1957. She survives him

after 64 years of marriage along with his son, Philip Leto III (wife Beth) and daughter Beverly Leto

Benjamin (former husband Jerry), beloved grandchildren-Philip IV, Jay, Elizabeth, Claire and Mia who will

forever cherish the memory of their loving Nano along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.



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The family expresses their gratitude to Angela Alvarez for the kind and compassionate care she provided to Phil.

Phil was a distinguished educator and stellar athlete but most importantly he was a witty, affectionate and nurturing husband, father and grandfather who lived life “his way. “



Events


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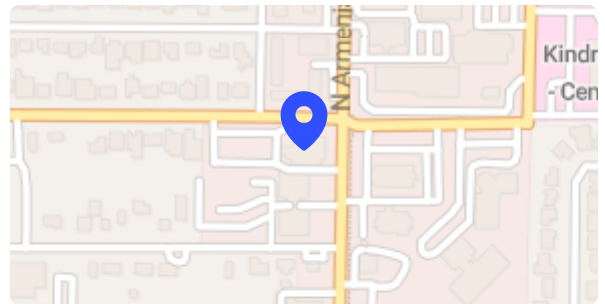
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, April 24, 2021

 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET


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

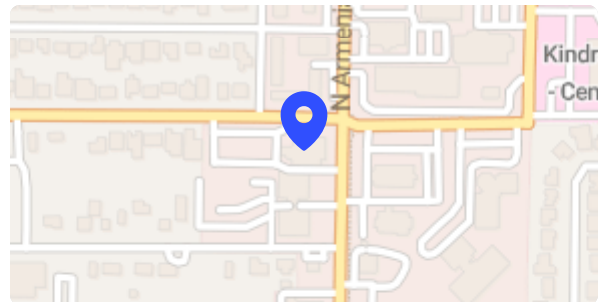


Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, April 24, 2021

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

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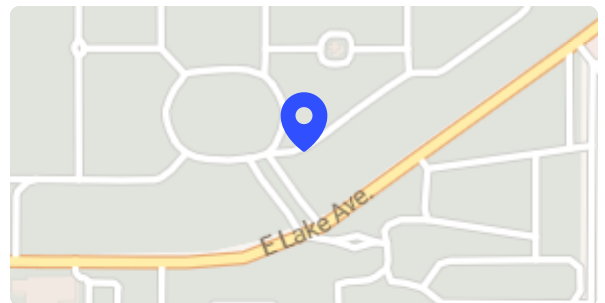


Graveside Service

 **Sunday**, April 25, 2021

 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

 **Myrtle Hill Memorial Park**
4207 E. Lake Ave, Tampa FL 33610





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Boza & Roel Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



April 24 at 5:06 AM



Mary Haskins posted:

Vi, Beverly, Beth and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. How proud you must be for the years of education of our youth. Know that you are remembered in prayer. Sr. Mary Haskins.

April 25 at 8:53 PM



Tony Licata posted:

FIFO REMINDED ME OF THE GOOD OLD DAYS IN YBOR CITY HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSTA DEAR FRIEND TONY LICATA

April 25 at 9:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Leto family.



April 23 at 9:28 AM



Bette, Larry & Tiffany Greenberg sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Leto family.



April 23 at 9:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Leto family.



April 23 at 6:49 AM



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Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Leto family.

April 23 at 3:02 AM



Philip Iv, Jay, Liz, Claire And Mia sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Leto family.

April 22 at 6:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Leto family.

April 22 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Leto family.

April 22 at 3:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Joyful Memory to the Leto family.

April 22 at 1:31 PM



Joe Spoto posted:

To my very first best friend. I'll never forget you. Joe Spoto

April 22 at 10:42 AM



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Anonymous sent a Heartfelt Memories to the Leto family.

April 22 at 10:01 AM



Anonymous sent an Enduring Grace to the Leto family.

April 22 at 6:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Leto family.

April 22 at 6:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Leto family.

April 22 at 4:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Leto family.

April 21 at 3:44 PM



MR

Milca Rodriguez sent a Love Everlasting Bouquet to the Leto family.

April 21 at 2:25 PM





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The Parritt Children sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Leto family.



April 21 at 2:24 PM



Vicki Gutierrez Your Niece lit a candle in honor of Philip.



April 21 at 2:00 PM



Vicki Gutierrez Your Niece posted:

Uncle Phil.. You were like a father to me I would come over all the time especially when I started driving & call you asked you questions that I needed answers to. Remember when mama was at end of her life the doctors wanted me to make a decision to take her off the machines. I told aunt Violet & aunt Lily that I wasn't making any decision not till my uncle gets here after school. Then all four of us went in a room & talked I was crying my eyes out you told Vicki you got to let her go. That's when we went back into her room & we all told mama good bye. I'm going to miss the hell out of you. I Love You & I will never forget you ❤️❤️❤️

April 21 at 1:57 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Leto family.



April 21 at 12:55 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Leto family.



April 21 at 12:33 PM



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Jonathan Fagerlund And Family (Neighbors) sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Leto family.



April 21 at 12:25 PM



Beth Parfitt Leto posted:

The most wonderful Father-in-Law that anyone could ever hope to have. He taught me so many life lessons throughout the years... find joy in the little things, have laughter in your home during good times and bad and family is always the source of strength, shelter, joy and many crazy fun times! Nano was a father figure to me when my father was taken too soon and never had a shortage of hilarious and I mean laughing till tears ran down your face stories! There will never be another like him. My heart is broken but I have such happiness to have of been a small part in his life.

April 21 at 11:49 AM



Gina Chung sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Leto family.



April 21 at 10:05 AM



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April 24 at 5:06 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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