
Chief Gene D. "Skip" LEAVINE (Ret.)

LEAVINE, Chief Gene D. "Skip" (Ret.), 76, of Apollo Beach, passed away on Aug. 29, 2012, at home with his family by his side. Skip was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother who loved to fish, boat, cook, and enjoy life with friends and family. He served the City of Tampa for 26 years, working his way from [firefighter](#) to Assistant Chief until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Jeanne Leavine. Skip is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Annette Saranko Leavine; his daughters, Stephanie Leavine Fresonke (Dean) and Sharon Howe (Roy); brother, Pepper Leavine (Ann); and four grandchildren, Joseph Wygant, Alexander, Roxanne & Maxwell Fresonke. A memorial celebration of life will be held at 10 am, Saturday, Sept. 1 at the Garden of Memories Funeral Home, 4207 E. Lake Ave., Tampa, 33610, 813-626-3161. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Tampa Firemen's Benevolent Association, 201 E. Yukon St., Tampa, FL 33604.

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