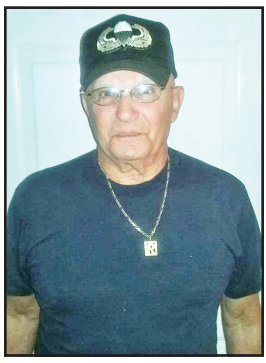
ROBERT J. TAPIA



Robert J. Tapia, of Tallahassee, Florida, was born April 13, 1944, in Havana, Cuba, to Olga Esperanza Perez de Tapia and Felipe Tapia. He passed away October 30, 2026, leaving behind a legacy marked by pride in his heritage, dedication to his family, a strong work ethic and a love for the outdoors.

Funeral services will be scheduled at a later date.

Robert immigrated to the United States as a child and remained deeply proud of his Cuban-American heritage throughout his life. He carried that pride with him in all that he did, building a life rooted in family, hard work, and the stories and traditions that connected him to his roots.

Robert proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army, where he served as an 82nd Airborne Paratrooper. His service was an important part of his life and a reflection of the commitment and determination he brought to everything he undertook.

A gifted and exceptional woodworker, Robert had a remarkable talent for turning an idea into something real. From toys made with care to houses built with skill, his craftsmanship reflected both his creativity and his ability to work with his hands. He had a special gift for creating things that would last, leaving behind not only the things he built, but also the memories and meaning attached to them.

Robert was also quite the storyteller and fisherman. He loved sharing stories and spending time on the water, especially with his children. As a father of four, some of his most cherished times were spent taking his kids fishing, from the Florida Keys to the lakes of Alabama. Those fishing trips were more than outings; they were opportunities to spend time together, share stories and create memories that would last a lifetime.

Above all, Robert was a family man. He is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Linda Maze Tapia; his children, Sherry Tapia of Monticello, Florida; Barbara Tapia-Maze (Danny) of Asheboro, North Carolina; Robert J. Tapia (Carole) of Pfafftown, North Carolina; and Jason Tapia (Cristy) of Troy, North Carolina. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren, Jennifer, Alex, Jessica, Mandy, Shane, Braedon, Brinleigh, Tristan, Alana and Hayden; six great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Robert will be remembered for his pride in his heritage, his service to his country, his skilled hands, his love of fishing and the stories he shared. Most of all, he will be remembered for the life he built with and for his family, and for the memories that will continue to bring comfort and keep his spirit alive in the hearts of those who loved him.

His legacy lives on in the generations of family he leaves behind, in the things he created with his hands and in the stories that will continue to be told for years to come.

Despite being the great man he was, he was unfortunately a Florida State fan.