



## Robert Gene Harelson

May 7, 1925 - September 29, 2019

Robert Harelson, loving husband and father of two children, passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the age of 94.

Bob was born in Vandalia, Missouri on May 7, 1925 to James and Ruth Harelson. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January, 1943, at the height of World War Two. He once said he was in the shortest boot camp in Marine Corps history. After the war, he was in the Marine Reserves and attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. He was recalled to active duty at the start of the Korean War and sent to flight school. While in flight school he met Dorothy Deaton. Robert was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1951; Robert and Dorothy were married in St. Louis, Missouri on November 4, 1951. They raised two children, Valerie and David. Robert worked as an electrical engineer for Emerson Electric Corporation for 40 years, retiring in 1991. Robert and Dorothy retired in Montgomery, Texas. During his life, he enjoyed hunting ducks, shooting skeet and being with his family.

Bob was preceded in death by his son David in 1976 and by his beloved wife, Dorothy, in 2011. They had been married for almost 60 years. He is survived by his daughter, Valerie Harelson and his granddaughter, Dimitrina Radeva-Harelson.

A military honor service will be held at the National Cemetery on Veterans Memorial Dr. on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 11:00am.

# Cemetery Details

## Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Gene Harelson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I worked with Bob at Emerson but left before he retired. We were friends in spite of our 30-year age difference. He had a reputation as someone whom you didn't want to cross, possibly a holdover of PTSD from his war experiences. He told me he was a veteran of Pacific island fighting on Tarawa and Peleliu which was brutal. I'm sorry to see he has passed. We were on the Emerson skeet team together although he was much better than I was; we'd step onto the shooting platform, look at each other and say, "No prisoners!"*

**Wes Fordyce** - May 24, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ *Love, Nana Jan purchased the With Sympathy Ta zo Tea Basket for the family of Robert Gene Harelson.*



**Love, Nana Jan** - October 04, 2019 at 09:05 AM