

## **Freddie Jack Shannon | 1933-2014**

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Freddie Jack Shannon, 81, of Newark, died Friday, June 6, 2014, in Decatur.

Memorial service is 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Home in Boyd.

Freddie was born Feb. 25, 1933, in Cisco to Fred and Lucille (Kyle) Shannon. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force and retired after 20 years of dedicated service, which included the Vietnam War.

After his retirement, he received his pilot's license and flew small engine aircraft. Freddie played the steel guitar in several bands, and although he could not read sheet music, he taught several people how to play music by using numbers. He made several steel and electric guitars and liked to work with leather.

Freddie was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Byron Keene Shannon; and two great-granddaughters.

He is survived by his sons, Ike Shannon and wife, Kim, of Lake Worth and Chad Shannon and wife, Wanda, of Newark; grandchildren William, Gary, Raychel and husband, Adam, Sunnie and husband, D.J., Kimberlee and husband, Andrew, and Anthony; seven great-grandchildren; brother Terry Brown and wife, Ann, of Florida; one niece; one nephew; and other family members and friends.