



James Lyn Provo

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James Lyn Provo, 85, passed to Heaven July 12. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but lived most of his life in St. Petersburg, Florida. He graduated from SPHS, received a B.S. in Chemistry and a M.S. in Nuclear Science from Georgia Institute of Technology, and a degree in Electronics from SPJC (now St. Petersburg College). He worked for General Electric/DOE in Largo, Florida for 33 years and retired from Sandia National Lab in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He also worked some at Los Alamos National Lab. He is a fellow of AVS Science and Technology and was editor of their newsletter for several years as well as editor of the newsletter of the International Union of Vacuum Science, Technique, & Applications (IUVSTA). He was also AVS photographer for 45 years, and at one time, President of the Tampa Bay Running Council and the local running clubs. He has finished many marathons including New York 7 times and Boston 2 times.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Susanne Gould Provo, His brother Wade A. Provo (Nesta) in Idaho, four nieces and nephews, and eleven grandnieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation or the Salvation Army.

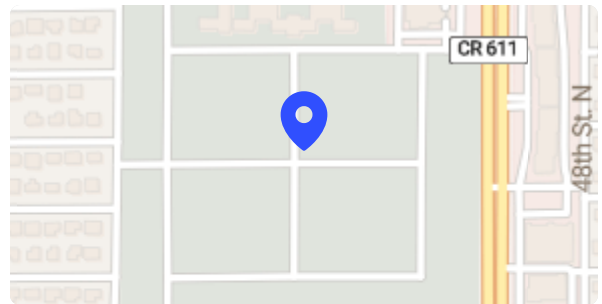


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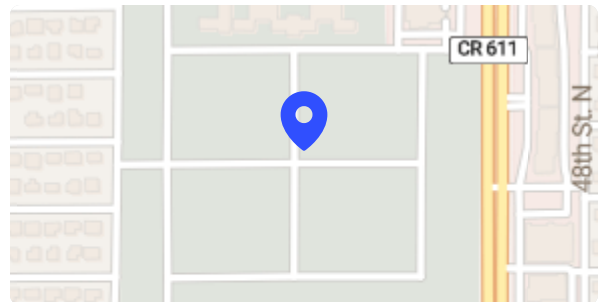
Visitation

- Friday**, July 16, 2021
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



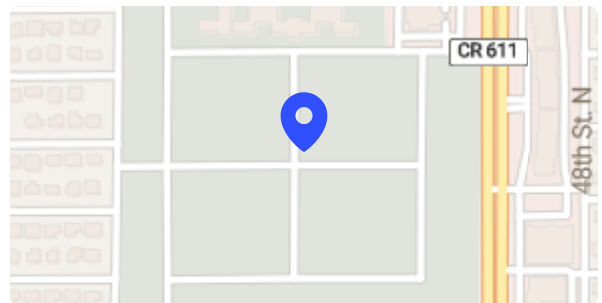
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Cemetery Details

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- (727) 369-8228**





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WG

William Gregory posted:

Thank you Suzanne for urging Jim to sign and give me a couple of the books that probably came off the shelf in the picture. I cherish those books and the memory of that day with you and Jim. It set me on a new path of discovery and I now call myself The Gravity Alchemist.

June 2 at 10:29 AM

WG

William Gregory posted:

My visits with Mr. Provo and his lovely wife Suzanna were awesome! He realized how much I enjoyed science and gave me a couple of books. He even signed one of them for me at the urging of his wife. I now consider myself a scientist and there will always be a very, very, very special place in my heart for them. I am now called the Gravity Alchemist.

June 2 at 10:03 AM

BV

Beth Vakibe posted:

I met Lyn Provo when I married into the Valone family. I think fondly of him when I look at the beautiful pictures he took for our wedding. His close friendship with Charlie and Nancy Valone did not qualify as "blood relation". However, to the children and grandchildren of Charlie and Nancy he was and always will be our "Uncle Lyn".Beth Valone

July 15 at 7:46 PM

JV

Jill Voorhis posted:

Jim Provo - wow - he was one unique man. We were in running circles together. Jim spent many years on the board of Suncoast Runners Club and worked tirelessly as a volunteer. I haven't seen him for many years but was happy to hear he and his wife spent their final years back in Florida. Run on in heaven Jim! Jill Carpenter Voorhis

July 14 at 5:15 PM



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MC

Michele Czerepinski posted:

Uncle Lyn usually came to visit wearing a hat, a bolo tie, and various Native America jewelry. We were always excited to see where in the world he had been last. When stories were shared about his childhood antics, he never responded other than with a smile and a naughty gleam in his eye. He will be missed greatly. We pray for Susanne during this difficult time. His family and friends who have already passed on are lucky to reunite with him. We'll see you again someday, Uncle Lyn. Michele Czerepinski(niece)

July 14 at 3:03 PM

IP

Ian Provo posted:

James Lyn Provo was my uncle and we fondly referred to him as Uncle Lyn. His life was interesting and when he came to town, he would share stories of his travels, work and also his experiences in running marathons. When he did visit us, he always came baring gifts, including some items which he passed on to us as family heirlooms. My thoughts and prayers go out to Aunt Suzanne who stood by his side for many decades. I also express love for my father who has lost his only brother. I look forward to the day when we will all be reunited. Ian Provo (Nephew)

July 14 at 12:37 PM

LB

Lee Beistle July 24 at 11:57 AM

I worked with Lyn for many years at General Electric, later Lockheed Martin Specialty Components in Pinellas Park. Always the gentleman, we were usually collaborating on some type of artwork for the American Vacuum Society. Also, as GMW said above, he was gracious with his photographic skills and with handing out cds of his photos at various GE functions. A nicer man you'll never meet. Lee Beistle

GW

Geri Martin Willingham July 15 at 12:47 PM

James Lyn, always seemed to me, a man of few but significant words. And it was his twinkling eyes, smile and genuine action that stuck with you. We met in Euclid Elementary School, continuing the friendship through high school. He was such a huge part of our St. Pete High School Reunions, offering his skills as a photographer and being so gracious and generous with the sharing of his photos. I've always left our conversations, wanting to know more about his work, and travels and adventures. I have the greatest respect for you, Lyn; my prayers go out to you and to Suzanne for her great loss. Geri Martin Willingham



Memories only last if you share them

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



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