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VAN MIDDLESWORTH, James Foster “Jim”

92, of St. Petersburg, passed away Monday, Nov. 1st, 2021, with family at his side. Jim was born in Centerville, Ohio in 1929 to the late La Verne G. and Eva (Graham) Van Middlesworth. Although he was born in Ohio, he was raised and lived in St. Petersburg his entire life and was considered a native.

From a young age, Jim was industrious with a strong work ethic. He became a carrier for the St. Petersburg Times while he was still in grade school. He graduated from St. Petersburg High School in 1947. He continued to work for the St. Petersburg Times as a composing room staffer until he entered the Army in 1951, serving in Germany.

Upon discharge from the Army, Jim enrolled in Florida State University, Jim completed his B.S. Degree in Accounting in 1956. While at FSU Jim was the treasurer of the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity and worked for the Tallahassee Democrat as a distributor.

His industrious nature led Jim to co-found Van Middlesworth and Company PA, Certified Public Accountants in 1960 along with his late brother Charles Van Middlesworth.

Jim actively practiced as a CPA for 60 years. Professionally active, Jim was a member of organizations that promote local business. Jim was president and member of the West Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He also served as a member and president of the Pinellas Industries Association and the Bay Area Manufacturing Association. He was invited to Holland to represent the City of St. Petersburg to share industry practices with local business.



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Jim was a dedicated member of Sertoma International civic club and spent countless hours in “Service To Man Kind” He served several years as the president of the club and was voted “Sertoman of the Year” multiple years.

He was a Life member of the Florida State University Alumni Association.

Jim was a long-time bowler. He bowled with the Inter-Civic League for many years and accumulated many trophies that he displayed proudly in his business and home offices.

Most importantly, Jim was a husband, father and grandfather who wanted only happiness and success for his children and grandchildren. To that end, he worked tirelessly to provide a life of comfort and opportunity for his family.

Jim is survived by his wife Joan, children, James Van Middlesworth, Nancy (Gerald) Lowry, brother; William "Bill" Van Middlesworth; grandchildren Timothy Lowry and Emily Lowry; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a visitation on Saturday, November 13th from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. At Memorial Park Funeral Home located at 5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33709.



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Visitation

 **Saturday**, November 13, 2021

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709





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Richard Corriveau posted:

To the Van Middlesworth Family; Brother Richard Corriveau wishes to express great sorrow with the passing of Jim. Back in the days of Phi Tau, Jim was a dear friend and brother. I was saddened to hear that Jim has left this earth. He is now with his brother Chuck and that was the last time I saw Jim. I only learned of Jim's passing last evening. Had I known sooner I would have joined the Family at Memorial Park. May he rest in peace and may your Family be comforted.

November 13 at 7:32 AM



Jill Vanmiddlesworth-Banks November 25 at 6:56 PM

Thank you so very much for you kind words . You are a true friend and Phi Tau brother to Jim . Joan had some wonderful pictures of Jim's days at Phi Tau.... Thank you for remembering him . Love to your entire family. ❤️



Steve And Kathleen Vanmiddlesworth sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Van Middlesworth family.



November 11 at 7:13 AM



Gwenn San Marco posted:

Sending Joan and the entire family our deepest sympathy and love during this great loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, friend and great man. Love to you all.... Buddy and Gwenn San Marco and Family.

November 5 at 4:04 PM



Mark, Marianne, Lillian And Bill Hays sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Van Middlesworth family.



November 3 at 6:45 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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