



# Teddy Lee Hansford Sr

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**T**EDDY LEE HANSFORD, 86, of St. Petersburg passed away on November 23, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. Ted was born on June 22, 1939 in Baltimore, Maryland. Upon graduating high school in 1956, he proudly joined the United States Air Force and served his country for four years. Through his military service, he learned a trade in electronics engineering and moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to begin a lifelong career in the marine electronics industry. Ted enjoyed roller skating as a hobby and competed in couples dance skating and taught skating lessons in a local rink in Philadelphia. He met his wife of 60 years (Virginia) in the roller skating arena and they built a life together raising four children in Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

Ted moved his family to Clearwater, Florida in 1980 to further his career in the marine electronics industry. He quickly worked his way up and proudly became the President and CEO of Si-Tex Marine Electronics Inc. Ted was an avid fisherman and boater, enjoying those hobbies alongside his children and friends. He enjoyed traveling and visited many countries in Asia, Europe and other areas on the world for both business and pleasure. Ted retired from Si-Tex in 2000 and rediscovered his love of roller skating by becoming a judge and referee for the USA Roller Sports (USARS).

Ted was preceded in death by his adored sons Teddy Lee, Jr. and Ron Hansford. He is survived by his wife Virginia “Ginny” Hansford; two daughters, Darlene Hansford and Jeanette Short; son-in-law Patrick “Rick” Short; adopted daughter Tacy Sixto; grandchildren Tyler Short and Mikayla Decuir (Kale); and his cherished canine companion Haley.

Ted was the quintessential family man who provided a wonderful life for his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was self-less in his dedication to his family and enjoyed spending time with them, especially during the holidays. We are forever grateful for the 86 precious years we were blessed to share with him. He will be deeply missed by those left behind and is now back together



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with his cherished sons in Heaven. Charitable contributions in Ted's name can be made to the Suncoast Hospice Foundation.



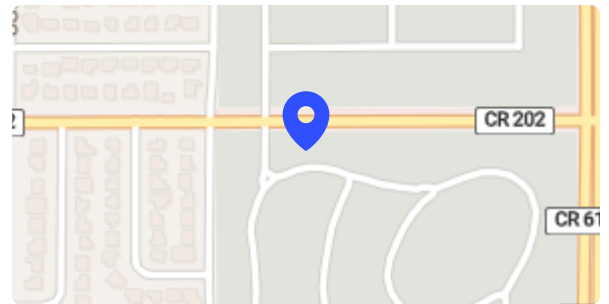
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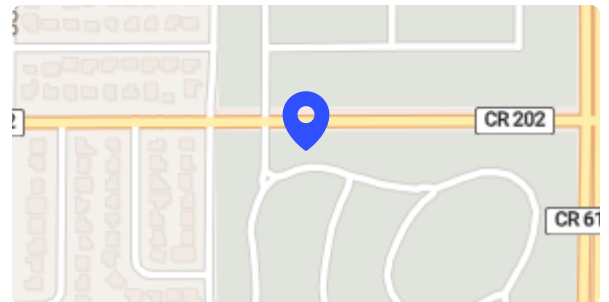
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, November 26, 2025
- 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM ET
- Memorial Park Funeral Home**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



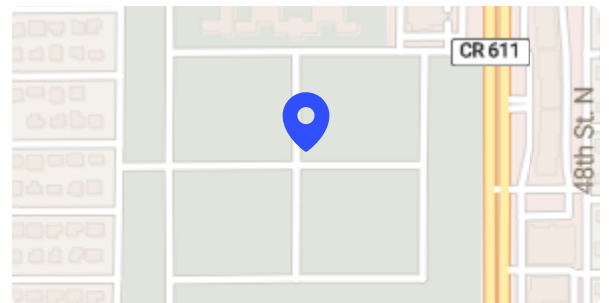
## Funeral Service

- Wednesday**, November 26, 2025
- 10:00 AM ET
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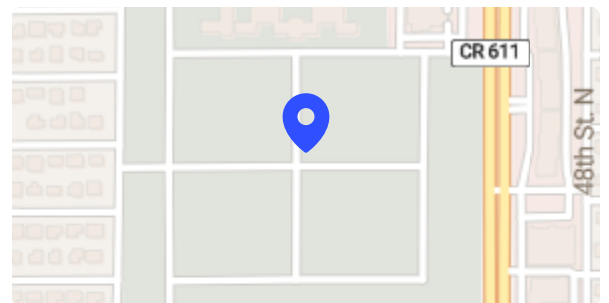
## Entombment

- Wednesday**, November 26, 2025
- 11:00 AM ET
- Memorial Park Cemetery**  
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## Cemetery Details

- Memorial Park Cemetery**  
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- (727) 369-8228**





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**Jeanette Short** posted:

Prepared by Mikayla Short, Ted's granddaughter...For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and of self-discipline 2 Timothy 1:7 When I was asked to speak today, this was the verse that God placed on my heart. And as I thought about my grandfather, I realized just how well this scripture reflects the man he was. My grandfather wasn't a man who expressed himself through many words, but rather he expressed himself through his actions. Through the way he carried himself and the way he carried all of us. He was our silent protector and our steady provider, always aware and alert to what our family needed. He worked tirelessly, not for recognition, not for praise, but out of a love that he didn't always verbalize, yet always carried out. My grandfather didn't come from much, he endured things that none of us could ever even begin to imagine. Somewhere in the midst of that struggle, he knew that the family he would create would never go through what he did. His hard exterior, the side of him everyone knew, wasn't because of hate or cruelty. It was self-discipline and protection. It was him fighting every day to become a better, stronger man. Because of that choice, he built a life for us that has been nothing short of a constant gift. My grandmother, his wife, never had to work and was able to be a homemaker and present mother to all four of her children. My mom, my aunt and my uncles never had to worry about having a roof over their head, clothes on their back, and food on the table. My brother and I, we were able to go to college, pursue any degree that we wanted, and not be concerned with college debt because of the sacrifices that our grandfather made. Even down to him giving us \$20 every time we went to his house just because he loved us and wanted to provide. None of these things were handed to him- God blessed him with the drive to craft that life through grit, sacrifice and determination. I always grew up hearing how reserved he was, how he may have not said 'I love you' very often. But the man I knew- my grandpa- was soft in all the ways that mattered. He was gentle and patient and every time I saw him, I knew that he loved me and that he was proud of me. Every birthday, every graduation, every event in our lives, my grandpa was there. He would do anything to make me and my brother smile. That was how he loved; by showing up, providing, and protecting. His love was quiet but it was steady and unmistakable. He built something from nothing, and in doing so, he built all of us. His strength has become our strength. His perseverance lives on in the way we work, the way we love, and the way we provide for our own families. His legacy is not just what he gave us materially- its who we are and where we are because of him. In this new season that we are stepping into, I am reminded of a short passage from Ecclesiastes 3:1-4. It reads: To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. Yes, we are in a season of mourning, but also a season of remembering, honoring, and giving thanks for the life of a man who filled his time on earth with purpose. He embraced every season God gave him with strength and quiet resilience. And even now, in this season of grief, we also feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude --- gratitude for his legacy, for his example, and for the love he planted in each of our lives. So, we can find rest in knowing that this season of mourning is just that, a season. As scripture reminds us, there will come a day when our hearts will lighten again- a day when we will laugh and dance. I know we don't know what heaven looks like, but my mom reminded me just how much my grandfather loves to fish. And I have this image in my head of my grandpa on his boat, fishing with my uncle Teddy and my uncle Ron. Knowing that he gets to rejoice in God's presence and be with



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JS

his boys brings me a lot of peace, and I pray that it does the same for you. Though we will miss him deeply, we can stand in gratitude for the life he lived, the sacrifices he made, and the love he poured out in his own quiet way. With that in mind, I would love to take a moment to pray- not only in thanks for his life, but for comfort, for strength, and for God's peace as we carry his legacy forward.

November 28 at 9:43 AM

DH

**Darlene Hansford** posted:

This original reading created from his daughters memories was shared at the service. We love you Daddy, our hero - Darlene and Jeanette. "The Quiet Captain" There are men who guide not with many words, but with steady hands and a steady heart. Men who chart their course with courage, and let their actions do the speaking. He was one of those men. A boy who rose from hardship, a young airman who built his own future, a husband who stood by his wife for a lifetime, and a father who gave his family a world filled with love, laughter, and water. He knew boats and tides, the pull of the horizon, and the peace that comes from open water. He knew the joy of children's voices in a pool, the thrill of gliding across a roller rink, and the quiet pride of a life built by hand and by heart. He bore loss with dignity, carried burdens without complaint, and faced illness with determination. Even in silence, he showed us strength. Even in stillness, he taught us how to live. Today, we imagine him on calm seas—the kind he loved. The wind gentle. The water smooth. The sun warm on his shoulders. And his vessel finally light, its weight lifted, its journey eased. He has set off on a new horizon, one just beyond our sight, where the waters are peaceful, and where he is whole again—with the sons he loved so deeply. His wake remains behind him: in the family he raised, in the love he gave, and in the quiet strength we carry forward. A captain of his life. A guardian of his family. And forever—our steady, silent hero.

November 26 at 5:33 PM

SA

**Sharmane A.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Teddy.



November 25 at 7:32 PM

TF

**The Domiinguez Famiy,** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Hansford family.



November 25 at 1:28 PM



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AB

**Ashleigh Bowen** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Hansford family.

November 25 at 1:05 PM



ME

**Megan Ellis** lit a candle in honor of Teddy.

Jeanette, please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your father. I am sure he was a wonderful man to have raised such an incredible daughter. His strength, love, and values clearly live on through you. May those memories bring comfort and peace in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. With heartfelt condolences, The Cost Basis Leadership Team at Raymond James

November 25 at 12:21 PM



LR

**Love Always, Jeanette & Rick** sent a Pure Heart to the Hansford family.

November 25 at 8:16 AM



RP

**Ralph Poole** lit a candle in honor of Teddy.

Ralph Poole lit a candle in memory of Teddy Hansford

November 25 at 7:58 AM



DT

**Darlene And Tacy** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Hansford family.

November 25 at 7:24 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

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



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