



# Joseph J Tilki Jr

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[Please click here to attend the service virtually.](#)

Please no flowers per family request- make a donation to hospice in Joseph's memory-

Joseph James Tilki Jr., 83, passed away on February 11, 2026, in Pinellas Park, Florida, at Suncoast Hospice. Born on January 5, 1943, in Derby, Connecticut, Joseph lived a full and spirited life marked by service, hard work, and a deep love for his family.

Joseph proudly served in the United States Coast Guard for four years, an experience that shaped his strong sense of duty and resilience. After his military service, he dedicated his career to the Pinellas County Highway Division as a truck driver. His work ethic and commitment to keeping the roads safe were evident throughout his years of service.

Known for his stubborn streak and sharp wit, Joseph was never one to shy away from sharing his opinion or striking up a conversation with anyone he met. He had a unique ability to connect with people from all walks of life—whether through humor or heartfelt stories—and left lasting impressions wherever he went.

Joseph found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He was an avid sports fan who rarely missed a game played by the Tampa Bay Rays, Tampa Bay Lightning, or Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In recent years, he also became a devoted follower of The Ohio State Buckeyes. When not cheering on his favorite teams, he could often be found tinkering with anything mechanical or puzzling over a crossword with determination. A loyal reader of the Tampa Bay Times, Joseph kept himself informed and engaged with the world around him.

Above all else, Joseph cherished time spent with his family. He is survived by his beloved wife Jeanne; his son Brian and daughter-in-law Ashley; and his treasured granddaughters Coraline and Danica. His sisters Gladys (and her late husband John) and Cheryl (and her husband Lou), as well as his brother David (and wife Kimberly), also mourn his passing.



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He was preceded in death by his parents, Mildred and Joseph Tilki Sr., whose memory remained close to him throughout his life.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Joseph's name to [Suncoast Hospice](#).

Joseph James Tilki Jr.'s legacy lives on through those who knew and loved him. May his memory bring comfort and laughter to all who remember him.




Services will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery on Thursday February 19th, 2026. Visitation will begin at 10 am, Funeral service at 11 am with interment to follow. Family requests everyone to wear their Tampa Bay sports gear.

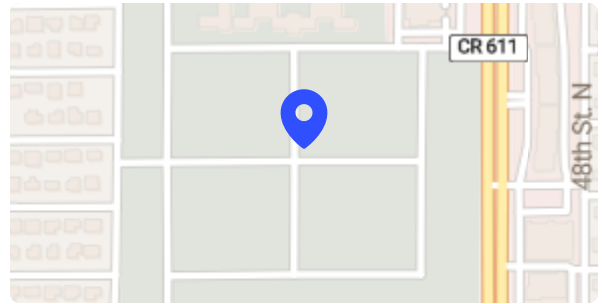


# Events




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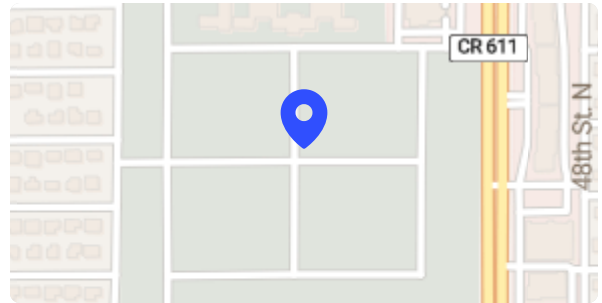
## Visitation

-  **Thursday**, February 19, 2026
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709






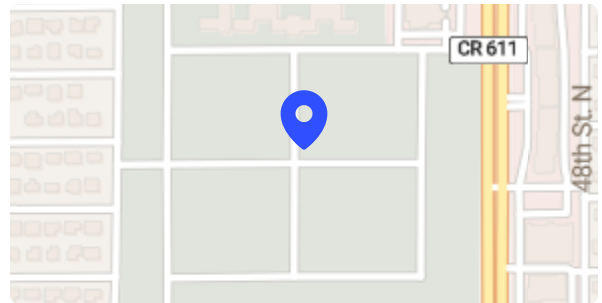
## Funeral Service

-  **Thursday**, February 19, 2026
-  11:00 AM ET
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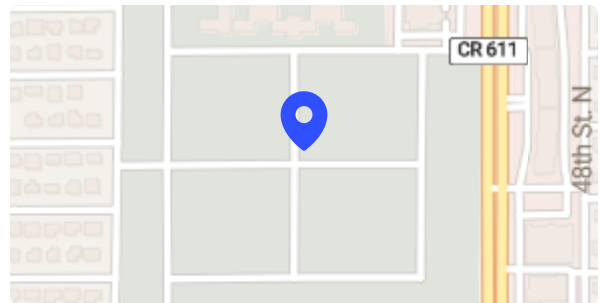
## Burial

-  **Thursday**, February 19, 2026
-  12:00 PM ET
-  **Memorial Park Cemetery**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



## Cemetery Details

-  **Memorial Park Cemetery**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709
-  **(727) 369-8228**



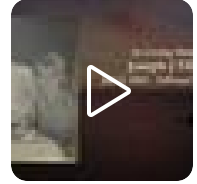


# Tribute Wall

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**Memorial Park Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.



February 17 at 4:03 PM



**Alan Hopkins** posted:

I remember when we were teenagers Ja had a 16 foot wooden boat with a small 25hp outboard motor. Both our parents had 35 foot cabin cruisers and were at Port Jefferson NY anchored up in conscience bay. What ever the reason Ja and I preceeded to go from Grandpa Hoppys boat yard and surprise our parents. It was not a calm day in Long Island Sound with 3 foot waves I thought we were both going to drown and all we could do was just hang on !But Ja kept going and we made it across some how and surprised our parents!

February 18 at 5:14 PM



**Mary Lewandowski** posted:

Jay was an avid story teller. He prepared you with a glint in his eyes, smirky smile and laughing as he shared his tales. No detail was left out. The last story we get to remember was about a priest visiting him in his room at the hospital. He got the biggest grin on his face and smiling eyes. Jay says "Do you know what I told that priest?" Chuckling Jay shares the famous words of Oscar Wilde "I don't want to go to heaven. None of my friends are there" Thank you Jay for being our friends. Mary Ellen and Helen

February 18 at 2:24 PM



**Ashley Tilki** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

To my father in law. Thank you for being such a great papa to my little girls. The way you would smile from ear to ear when they walked in the room, would fill my heart with such love. We will miss you papa, we love you.



February 14 at 7:26 PM



## Media

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February 17 at 4:03 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

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



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