



## Joseph Theodore Lettelleir III

October 14, 1944 - July 4, 2022

LETTELLEIR III, Joseph Theodore (Joe) 77, of St. Petersburg, FL passed away on July 4th, 2022 at his home. Joe was born in Indianapolis, IN on October 14, 1944 to Joe and Jeanne Lettelleir.

He is survived by Becky, his loving wife of 56 years, his daughter Amy, his sons Mark and Matt (Chevonne), his grandchildren Ryan, Riley, Reece (Lettelleir), Megan Freedman and Jake Freedman, his sister Jan Thompson (Bill) and countless friends and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Jeanne, his brother Patrick, and his daughter Erin.

Joe moved to St. Petersburg in 1948 and attended Northeast High School where he met the love of his life, Becky. He attended Indiana University for college and served in the US Army after graduation.

A man of many careers, including Senior Executive Vice President of Florida Federal Savings and Loan, Founder of Bay Development and Bayside Savings and Loan, and owner/operator of Paradise Lakes Resort, he most recently served as President and CEO of Contemporary Housing Alternatives of Florida (CHAF), a non-profit focused on providing affordable housing solutions in the region.

Joe was a well-known leader in St. Pete and proudly chaired/led countless boards and committees, including the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Shorecrest Preparatory School Board of Trustees, AMIKids, Quarterback Club, St. Pete Dragons, the St. Petersburg Housing Authority, and Concerned Citizens (STOP the Lens).

Joe was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather whose greatest pride was his family. "Pa", as his grandkids called him, was a consistent presence at nearly every football, basketball, and baseball game, dance recital, cheerleading competition, and any opportunity to show his support for his children and grandchildren. He was also respected and cherished as an additional father figure by many of his children's friends, whose wisdom and guidance was constantly sought.

Joe, with Becky by his side, travelled the world, including all 50 states. Most visited during long road trips on America's backroads he loved so much.

A huge sports fan, he was a die-hard Hoosier and an original season ticket holder for the Bucs and Rays. He was a student of history and his curious mind led him to always

wanting to learn more.

He will be remembered as a man of principle and faith, the life of the party, ready with a joke or story for any occasion, and as a fiercely loyal friend who was always willing to lend a helping hand.

A celebration will be held at a later date for his friends and loved ones to remember a wonderful man who led a life well lived but who left us far too soon.

In lieu of flowers we request that a donation be made in Joe's name to AMIKids Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ Joe was always so very kind. Even in moments of disagreement he was always respectful. I really enjoyed my time getting to know him. He will be deeply missed.

Brandi Gabbard - July 13 at 04:41 PM

JM

“ So very sad. Joe was a wonderful guy. He will be missed! Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Joel Momberg

Joel Momberg - July 11 at 10:04 AM

JH

“ I have known Joe Lettelleir and Becky for over 40 years. They would bring their trawler for service at my boat yard, Sailor's Wharf in the late 70's. He and Rob Wedding took me to lunch at Pepin's and the next thing I know he got me involved in Pinellas Marine Institute where I served on the board for 15 years. I will always remember that lunch! Joe was very committed to AMI Kids and PMI and was very proud of his involvement. I also remember Joe from my parish. St Raphael's where I served as the first altar boy and also got married. When I decided to sail around the world on SKY in 2018, he brought his Friday's Fergs Lunch guys over to tour the project at my boat yard. He kept tabs on me, and we would talk every few weeks and had many lunches together. My last contact with Joe was just a few weeks ago when he wanted to know where I was on SKY. So, here I am in Bundaberg, Qld, Australia heading to Darwin to sail the 2nd half of the World ARC. Joe was very excited for me and wished me well in following my dream. I offer Becky and the rest of his family my condolences. Joe's family meant the world to him, and I know they will miss him. As I continue my voyage, I know that Joe will be smiling from above! Thank you, Joe, for all the people you effected in a positive way!

Jopie Helsen - July 09 at 11:33 PM

LI

“ This is so sad. Joe was such a fine man. We will miss him.

Linwood - July 09 at 11:32 AM

GB

“ We were out of the country when Joe passed. Both Rod & I were shocked by the sad news. Joe was riding his bike the morning we left for our Cruise! Joe & Becky were some of the 1st neighbors we met moving into Placido Bayou. They were both Friendly, welcoming, helpful as we moved in. I'm so grateful to remember, shortly after they joined us & several other St. Raphael neighbors for a Blessing of our homes by Father Kevin. 🙏  
Sincere condolences to all the family.  
Gail Brazzell

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**Gail Brazzell** - July 09 at 06:56 AM