



Mr. James R. Van Tilburg

January 12, 1929 - January 30, 2023

James R. Van Tilburg, 94, of Dover, Florida, born in Elkhart, Indiana on January 12, 1929, entered into eternal rest on January 30, 2023. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, and a former co-owner of J & V's Mobile Home Service. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed cheering on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and University of South Florida Bulls. He was preceded in death by wife, Thirza Van Tilburg; and sons, Robert James Van Tilburg, and Chris Alan Van Tilburg. He is survived by children, Raymond Daniel Van Tilburg (Barbara) of Opelika, Alabama, Vicky Lee Ray of Dover, FL and Crystal Dawn Van Tilburg of Tampa, FL; 9 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren. A graveside service will be held Monday, February 6th at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
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Graveside Service

FEB 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GK

“ Jim was my boss at Richardson Homes in the early 70s.He was such a genuine good soul,always respectful...he and Vicky set ny mobile home in 83 that I still live in....I last saw him in 2009 and he hadn't changed a bit...he's with his wife and sons in heaven now...RIP old friend...I'll be seein you!

Gary Keeler - September 03, 2025 at 11:00 AM

BV

“ The love Jim and Thirza shared was inspirational. Such a beautiful couple.



Barbara VanTilburg - February 06, 2023 at 01:34 PM

BV

“ Jim was the best father and father in law in the world. We will all miss him so much.



Barbara VanTilburg - February 06, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. James R. Van Tilburg.*



February 05, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *We're very sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man.*



Veronica & Scott Munch - February 03, 2023 at 09:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. James R. Van Tilburg.*



February 02, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Frank Smith & Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. James R. Van Tilburg.*



Frank Smith & Family - February 02, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James R. Van Tilburg.*



February 01, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. James R. Van Tilburg.*



February 01, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you Jamie, Maddie, Gabi and Vickie. Mike, Brenda, and Charlie Ray*

Brenda lane ray - February 01, 2023 at 06:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James R. Van Tilburg.*



February 01, 2023 at 06:14 PM

JR

“ *John Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. James
R. Van Tilburg*



John Ray - February 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM