



Ted J. Heyob

May 5, 1936 - April 8, 2025

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Ted Heyob on April 8, 2025 at the age of 88. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Ted touched the lives of many and will be deeply missed. Born on May 5, 1936, to Ted and Emma Heyob in Cincinnati, Ohio, Ted lived a full and vibrant life. He shared 65 wonderful years of marriage to his treasured wife, Mary Lou, building a home grounded in love and faith. Together they raised four daughters: Jan (Dean), Kathy, Terry (Tom), and Patty. He was a proud father who put family first, and his legacy lives on in his four children, nine grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

Shortly after marrying in 1959, Ted was drafted into the Army where he trained and serviced missile sites for two years. A couple of months after leaving the military, Ted and Mary Lou and their two children moved to Florida for Ted's new job at Martin Marietta. Ted would spend his 34- year career there as a Quality Engineer.

Ted had many passions in life. He was an avid cyclist, commuting to work daily and participating in the Orlando Sentinel's Biking Safaris. He enjoyed golfing, going to the gym, and step aerobics. After retirement Ted and Mary Lou loved to square and round dance in the Whirl & Twirl Club. In Ted's downtime, he enjoyed reading mystery novels and cataloging everything on the computer. A longtime member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Ted

was an usher and a lector. He also volunteered his time and service at Shepherd's Hope, Citizens on Patrol, and the election day polls.

Ted is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, his only brother Tom (Sam), and Tom's children and grandchildren. Ted was predeceased by his baby son, Lawrence John, and nephew Scotty.

A funeral mass will be held at St. John Vianney in Orlando on April 25 at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cornerstonehospice.org or St. Vincent de Paul (food pantry) c/o St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

GGPA, your love lives on in each of us. You will forever be remembered as the funny, smart, kind, and gentle man we loved with all our hearts.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
6200 S. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32809

Tribute Wall

CW

“ How lucky we are to know and love YOU, How lucky we are to call YOU ours — a Husband, father, grandpa, ggpa, and friend — was one of the great privileges of my life.

Chris Wallin - April 23, 2025 at 04:33 PM

LJ

“ Love, Tom and Joan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ted J. Heyob.



Love, Tom and Joan - April 23, 2025 at 02:27 PM

TE

“Daddy,
How did you love me? Let me count the ways:
Bike rides, shooting hoops, playing cribbage
Black socks, Easter basket hunts, and generous Christmas morns
Biscuit, Keevy, and Puddin’
Making me laugh during church, many emails with jokes, and
Laughing together when watching the Carol Burnett show
Attending track meets, volleyball and basketball games
Driving to Cincinnati every summer with 4 kids and a dog
Filming, photographing and cataloging our lives
Saving, saving, and saving some more for our futures

You laughed with me, cried with me, sacrificed for me, and loved me
always. I am so thankful for the extra time I got to spend with you
this past year. I promise Mom will be well cared for; I know this
weighed heavily on your heart.

I will miss you deeply, but Thanks be to God, I’ll see you on the
other side.

All my love,
Terry

Terry - April 21, 2025 at 11:26 PM

TE

I left out K-Mart subs!!

terry - April 21, 2025 at 11:36 PM

JC

“ Grandpa,

I'm so lucky to have you as my grandpa for as long as I did, you have always been there, no matter what saying goodbye is never easy. Now that you're gone, I will always have the memories of you with me and a part of you tattooed on me. I have and will cherish listening to the happy birthdays that I have saved for years and the last bye I love you too I have videoed along with you singing que sera, sera. I wish I had many more days to say bye grandpa, I love you, I'll see you tomorrow. You will never know how much you were loved and still are loved.

I wish you were still here with us physically but I know we will never be without you.

Thank you for everything you did for us all and taught us

You will be forever loved

I love you

Jessica Cassady - April 21, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JW

“ I’ve always believed it’s the little things that matter most.
And Dad, it’s those little things I’ll miss the most about you.

From the time I was a little girl, you were there—always present, always steady. When Mom was working the night shift at the hospital, you took care of us. We may not have loved every dinner you put on the table, but we were never hungry!

I remember you coming home from work at Martin Marietta and settling in to watch MASH. I loved watching that show with you. One night, you even woke me up to watch a horror movie—The Fly, I think. I don’t like horror movies but I felt so special to be able to watch it with you.*

We both loved detective stories—reading them, watching them. The Rockford Files, Cannon, Columbo—those were our shows. We devoured books and I loved that quiet, shared interest.

You taught me to never, ever give up. And oh, how you insisted we “show our work”—we hated that!

Our annual road trips to Cincinnati as kids are etched in my memory. Long drives, all us girls packed into the back seat, bickering and elbowing for space. But then there was that one magical time we stayed in a hotel overnight—such a treat. Almost as exciting as those rare family dinners at Frisch’s.

You believed in working hard, saving wisely, and putting family first—always.

You loved food. And guess what? We all do too.

You especially loved the simple joys: bike rides, beach walks, jelly rolls from the Merita discount bakery. And nothing made you light up more than being around the kids, playing and laughing with them.

One of my favorite memories was riding our bikes to basketball games when I was in eighth grade at St. John Vianney. You loved

your bike—right up to the very end, you wanted to keep riding.

There's so much to miss. But there's even more to be thankful for—so many moments, so many memories. You gave us a life full of love, humor, and strength.

You loved Mom. You always worried about her. And don't worry—we promise we'll take care of her, all of us. That's a promise we'll keep.

I love you, Daddy.

And I miss you. Every day.

Jan Wallin - April 21, 2025 at 08:35 AM

PA

“*Daddy, I wasn't ready to say goodbye but truth be told I never would have been. I'll cherish the memories of our bike rides and walks where you were either singing or whistling. Thank you for always being there for me in the good times and the bad, as well as being there for Melissa and Tim. I'm so grateful God chose me to be one of your daughters and will carry you in my heart always. I love you, your baby girl.*”

Patty - April 21, 2025 at 07:00 AM

MM

“ Grandpa, you know it feels like you have all the time in the world to tell someone how much you mean to them. I wish I told you a million times how lucky I was you were my grandpa. I hope you knew how much I loved you. You showed up to everything and always made sure you were there for me. But really you showed up for everyone and made us all feel so loved. I'm going to miss you so much but I'm so fortunate to have so many memories with you. Thank you for making this family what it is. I know you're watching over us. Love you forever

Melissa McGee - April 20, 2025 at 11:06 PM

LH

“ Grandpa, there are no words to express how much I miss you and how much the girls miss you. I miss hearing you whistle, I miss watching you enjoy dinner and I'm heartbroken over the fact we have to celebrate things without you. We will always save you a seat and continue to talk about what a wonderful grandpa and ggpa you are. We will see you again and we know you are watching over all of us. Love you lots and lots

Lisa H - April 20, 2025 at 10:01 PM

KC

“Dad, I hope you know how much you are loved. We never were the type that expressed it much, guess we just thought everyone knew. Heck the last month you heard more I love yous than we have ever said. As sad as the last month was I can honestly say I am glad I had that time with you to talk with you and just be with you. I have always looked up to you and I always knew you had my back no matter what stupid things I did, I knew I could count on you. I am going to miss you and your wit. You were always a man of few words so when you spoke we all listened. I'm glad you are at peace and hope you had a great reception with all the loved one that have gone before. I look forward to being with you again someday, until then know you are loved and missed dearly. Kathy

Kathy Cassady - April 20, 2025 at 08:17 PM

MH

“Honey, thank you for our 65 years together. I was truly blessed to have a loving husband for that many years. Wish it could have been longer.
Your 4 daughters, 9 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren loved you so much. God blessed us with a beautiful family. You will be truly missed.
Rest in peace, Honey. My love forever, Mary Lou

Mary Heyob - April 20, 2025 at 12:25 PM

WN

“Wendi N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ted J. Heyob.

Wendi N. - April 18, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ted J. Heyob.



April 18, 2025 at 11:11 AM



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