



## Mr. Victor Joseph Held

May 8, 1947 - June 3, 2022

Victor Joseph Held of Grant, AL was born May 8, 1947, in Rockville Centre, NY, and departed this life June 3, 2022, at age of 75 due to medical complications. He was a proud graduate of Saint Leo College in Dade City, FL, and also obtained his masters degree in Administration from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL. A teacher by trade, he was a special education leader and guidance counselor for over thirty years and positively impacted the lives of so many students, friends and family. He enjoyed fishing, boating, snorkeling and watching wildlife. He loved the beach, listening to the oldies, driving in his van, watching fishing shows on TV and telling jokes. He always had a dog as a companion and buddy. He enjoyed getting together with his Saint Leo Alumni pals, affectionately known as "the Geezers". Most of all he loved his family and being a grandpa. He probably attended more dance recitals, pre-K through college graduations, basketball games, softball games, football games, soccer games, and baseball games (for the players and the cheerleaders), homecoming parades, special events and award nights, horse rodeo shows and birthday parties than most grandparents could ever imagine. He could always be counted on when you really needed love, support or guidance. His sense of humor, love and laughter at family events and celebrations will be dearly missed. His one liners such as "Forget About It", "I Know a Guy", "Roll Tide" and many others as well as the nicknames he gave to so many will always be remembered. His good nature and kind heart will carry on in all of us that knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his father John Thomas Held, mother Evelyn Gertrude Klebaur Held, brother John F. Held, and nephews Warren "Buddy" Jacobs and Johnny Held.

He is survived by his four daughters and their families: Carrie Ann Myers of Grant, AL (husband Ronnie Myers) with Leeann Myers and R.J. Myers; Tori Held of Orlando, FL with Haley Watson and Kayla Watson; Heather Fox of Blairsville, GA with Liam Green, Lordus Green, Luka Windsor and Lassiter Windsor; and Katie Allen of Scottsboro, AL (husband Jayson Allen) with Keegan Allen, Kennedy Allen, Cassidy Allen and Kaleb Allen.

He also is survived by his two sisters, Ann Jacobs (husband Warren Jacobs) of Oceanside, NY and Patricia DiFabbio (husband Frank DiFabbio) of New Rochelle, NY, niece Lyn Held Giorandino with daughters Lauren Swenson (husband Tommy Swenson) with son Lennox Swenson and Kristina Giorandino; niece Rose Ott (husband Frank Ott) with Devon Barilli (husband Mike Barilli), Frank Ott and Chloe Ott; nephew Ray Jacobs (wife Meredith Jacobs) with Sara Jacobs and Abby Jacobs; and nephew Bill Jacobs (wife Michelle Jacobs) with Julia Jacobs and Jack Jacobs.

He gave so much in life, and was an organ donor in the end. His family will celebrate his life in a private event.

If you would like to make a tribute in memory of Victor Held, please donate to the following:

American Lung Association

Donate - American Lung Association ([https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=31272&mfc\\_pref=T&31272.donation=form1](https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2?df_id=31272&mfc_pref=T&31272.donation=form1))

or

Saint Leo University

<https://your.saintleo.edu/give>

Arrangements Entrusted to Grant Memorial Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

HF

“ HEY PEANUT... he never let me live that down, a few days before he passed he was telling that story again, what I would give to hear him tell it once more! One time when I was a bit younger ( a lot younger) he had been fishing out in the lake in his back yard, he had about 5 bass on a string that was pegged into the ground but it was long enough so that the fish were in the water. ( not sure what that's called) anyway, I picked up the string and pulled the fish up to look at them and then proceeded to throw them back down in the water. Well I threw them a little to forcefully and the peg came out of the ground and away the fish swam. I about ran away, not sure how long it took him to catch them but I knew it was a big deal. And he looked at me and laughed and said “No problem pilgrim, there is plenty of fish in the sea, now you just have to help me catch them!!” I can hear him saying that plain as day. He never got angry, upset, or yelled at us. He was always so calm about everything and always made the best out of every situation.? I remember another time we were fishing at Inspectir 12's house and I caught a shark! I was so stunned when I saw it come up to the surface when I was reeling it in that I threw the fishing pole down and away swam the shark. I was screaming and Dad comes running out and says where's the pole? I said I guess with the shark!? He may of had a few choice words that time but of course we laughed about it!. Most of my memories as a kid were with my Dad at the beach, in the keys snorkeling , riding wave runners , spending the weekends at the Ocean Ranch Hotel where he worked his second job. Always a good time. Summer trips to New York in his van that always had a bed in the back so we would take turns laying back there! Big slumber birthday parties at his house and jumping off the picnic table with BJ into the pool! A recent memory was not to long ago Dad, Kevin, and I went to eat at Ruby Tuesdays and we were in the salad bar line. Well of course there would be a catholic priest in line behind my Dad and of course my Dad had to start a conversation. So by the time we got back to the table they were great pals! So the priest introduces my Dad to a huge group of people that he was with from church and then invited my Dad to church on Sunday. My Dad with a straight face as serious as could be says oh yeah sure it's ok

*that I'm Jewish?? The whole table got silent and didn't know what to say, the poor priest was dumbfounded.?My dad looks at Kevin and I and we start busting out laughing. They all joined in the laughter once they realized he was joking! A real comedian let me tell ya!!! I love you Dad❤️*

---

**Heather Fox** - June 07, 2022 at 10:42 PM

KA

“Dad, you will be missed forever and always!



---

**Katie Allen** - June 07, 2022 at 08:43 AM

MM

“Victor and I were good friends all through High School. At one time we competed for the same girl friend Eugena whom Victor spent some time with a few years ago before she passed away. I was lucky enough to reconnect with him on FB and we would communicate and learn a lot about our lives now our kids, grandkids etc. We were only 3 days apart in age. I really enjoyed connecting again with such a wonderful person! I was Devastated when I learned of his passing last week ! It is still affecting me every day ! We have lost a lot of people from our era but this hits home very hard. I didn't even realize he had medical problems. It was and is such a shock to me . RIP Victor you are surely missed already !!!



---

**Michael Muth** - June 06, 2022 at 07:39 PM

JE

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



---

**Jennifer** - June 06, 2022 at 04:53 PM