



Otto Joseph Heil

August 10, 1948 - April 23, 2020

Otto Joseph Heil, age 71, a 35 year Ponte Vedra resident passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2020. Otto was born August 10, 1948 in New York City to Martha and Otto Heil. He graduated from Xavier High School and the University of Scranton. He was very proud to have run in two New York City marathons. Otto worked in banking and financial services until his retirement in Jacksonville, Florida. He loved all sports, but Major League Baseball was his passion. He travelled around the country with the goal of watching a MLB game in every stadium. Otto's parents immigrated to America from Czechoslovakia and a few years ago he was able to visit the country of his heritage. Otto's other great loves were his rescue dog Max, who died 3 years ago, and his friends. He made friends all over the world and in this country. He is mourned by everyone who knew him as the kind, generous, smart, funny, gentleman that he was. Donations can be made in his name to Xavier High School, 30 West 16th St, NY, NY or to Jacksonville Humane Society 8464, Beach Blvd, Jacksonville 32216. Condolences can be left at www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Hi my name is Mary Philbin,My husband worked with Otto in N.Y we were pretty good friends he even joined us on vacation in Ireland,sorry to hear he passed,my husband Arthur passed just one week before Otto,I hope their together again.

Mary f philbin - April 08, 2021 at 04:05 PM

AP

“ Otto and I became lifelong friends when I went through Dean Witter Management Development and he was the coordinator of the program. I graduated in early 1994 from the program and our friendship continued through the years. His devotion to his beloved Yankees, and my loyalty to my Dodgers fostered a friendly rivalry throughout our friendship, and his love for his pal Max and my love for my girl Murphy created an even deeper bond. A friend like Otto is a once-in-a-lifetime blessing and I will forever be grateful for him and our friendship. God Bless.

Al Perrine - May 25, 2020 at 07:18 PM

RR

“ Otto and I became friends freshman year at Xavier HS and it was my good fortune that it was a lifelong friendship. Many words have been used to describe him and to that list let me add intelligent and sincere. Otto was an integral part of my family and we will miss him. Rest in peace Ot. You will never be forgotten.
Ron Rivera

Ronald Rivera - May 15, 2020 at 01:12 PM

SC

First let me say that I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Otto, but I have recently come across a box of old pictures, films and keepsakes that belonged to him. I am trying to find family members or friends that might be interested in this box. I would hate to throw it away! If you are interested or know anyone who is, please contact me at (904) 626-5408. Thank you.

Stephanie Connelly - August 20, 2020 at 12:48 PM

LK

“ Otto was our wonderful next door neighbor for years. We always looked out for each other’s homes when either of us would be out of town. He was a true gentleman and will be sorely missed by his neighbors and all who knew him. Rest In Peace Otto. We will miss you.



lynn kirk - May 06, 2020 at 12:10 AM

CK

“ I knew Otto as a next door neighbor for ten years. I will miss our conversations in the street and your kindness. A good heart and a great neighbor. You will be missed...

chris kirk - May 05, 2020 at 11:35 PM

PH

“ Otto and I maintained a long and enduring friendship for more than fifty years. Ups and downs, good and bad made no difference because we were friends. He became a member of the family, was a part of their lives and we are all deeply saddened by his passing. So, old friend, Godspeed. We love you.

Peter Hyland - May 05, 2020 at 10:51 AM

MB

“ Otto was a dear and longtime friend to me and my family. I have very special memories of Otto joining me and John for Saturday morning training runs for the N. Y. Marathon, wich we had the pleasure of running with him. I am so thankful for his visits to me and my family in Vermont and Rhode Island. Otto is sorely missed and will never be forgotten.

Margit Brosnan

Dummerston, Vermont

Margit Brosnan - May 04, 2020 at 10:16 AM

JH

“ I met Otto the day after he ran his first N.Y.C. marathon. It was my Mom's wake. Life got very busy, decades passed. I recently retired to Jacksonville and reached out to reconnect. We did of course, at the Metro, where he is very well known (think Norm at Cheers). He is a lifelong friend to my brother and his family and is sorely missed. Regrettable when time runs out. James Hyland

James Hyland - May 04, 2020 at 08:58 AM

JH

sorry...misremembered...it was my Dad's wake 1983.

James Hyland - May 05, 2020 at 08:48 AM

DH

“ We were saddened to hear the news of Otto's passing. He was a part of the Dean Witter family and working with him over many years was always a pleasure. He was such a kind person.

GodSpeed and play Ball in Heaven.

Anita Kolleeny & David Haynes

david haynes - May 04, 2020 at 07:13 AM

BK

“ *Otto was a great man and a trusted friend. I enjoyed working for him and was very happy to be able to stay in touch with him over the years. He was always interested in keeping up with the lives of our family members--especially our three sons.*

Otto, you were a good Catholic boy and a great example to many. We pray for the repose of your soul.

*Bob and Sue Kline (and Andy, Jimmy, and Billy)
St. Petersburg, FL*

Bob Kline - May 02, 2020 at 03:03 PM

PC

“ *I am a distant relative of Otto, I am very sorry to hear about his passing away. I am writing to extend my deepest sympathies to his family - please accept my sincere condolences.*

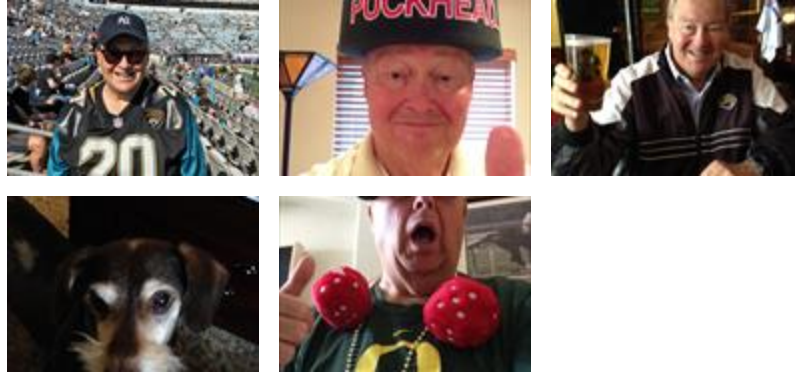
Rest in Peace, Otto, we will never forget you!

*Marta Cecakova (born Hykysova) with family
Radnice, Czech Republic*

Petr Cecak - May 02, 2020 at 11:51 AM

LL

“ Our family was blessed to have you in our lives for 35 yrs. You were loved.



Liz Lippincott - May 02, 2020 at 05:26 AM

SC

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Stephanie Connelly - August 20, 2020 at 12:57 PM

TW

“ I am also a high school classmate of Otto and shared several classes over our four years together. A great guy and a good friend. Rest in Peace, Otto. My prayers and condolences to you and your family.

Tom Warga
Xavier Class of '66

Thomas Warga - May 01, 2020 at 02:39 PM

CT

“ *As a high school classmate of Otto and longtime friend, I am deeply saddened on his passing. My memories of Otto will always be of a person who was caring and gentle!*

Rest in peace my friend!

*Conrad Tridente
Xavier-class of 1966*

Conrad Tridente - May 01, 2020 at 01:43 PM