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Jose Guisande, 87, West Tampa native, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 26, 2025, surrounded by family. Born in Tampa on September 23, 1937, Jose was the beloved son of Modesto and Juanita Guisande and was a lifelong resident of the Tampa Bay area. A graduate of Jefferson High School (Class of 1957), Jose went on to serve honorably in the U.S. Army.

Jose led a life of quiet dignity and strength, working as a butcher and warehouse associate before retiring. Known for his strong work ethic and generous heart, he left a lasting impression on everyone he met. But to those who knew him best, Jose was so much more than his occupations. He was a storyteller, a creative soul, and a constant source of warmth and wit. Generous with his time and resources, Jose was the kind of neighbor who never hesitated to help others.

Affectionately known to many as “Indian Rocks Joe,” he found his greatest joy near the Gulf, casting a line from the shores of Indian Rocks Beach, watching the tide roll in and enjoying sunsets with friends and family nearby. He expressed his creative side through painting and tinkering with projects in his workshop, finding joy in working with his hands and making things for others.

Jose cherished his roots and enjoyed visiting cousins and their families in Spain, where he strengthened bonds that crossed oceans and generations. He had a strong appreciation for family, heritage, and simple joys. His warmth and character touched all who knew him. He will be dearly missed and remembered always.

Preceded in death by parents Modesto and Juanita Guisande. He is survived by his loving sister, Mary Ann Acosta (John), nieces, Cheri Sleeper (Brent, deceased) & sons, James Sleeper (Rachelle, son Dexter) & Paul Sleeper (April, sons David & Mason), Christina Acosta (John Stevens), & many cousins.



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The family is deeply grateful to Jose's devoted caregiver, Elly, who assisted him and was a trusted friend.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Take a Kid Fishing Inc., or simply take a moment to enjoy the beach in Jose's memory.

Private gravesite memorial at Centro Español Cemetery.

There will be a gathering to celebrate Jose "Joe" on July 12th at 7:30 pm on Indian Rocks Beach (10th Avenue access).




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Gathering

 **Saturday**, July 12, 2025

 7:30 PM ET

 **Indian Rocks Beach-10 Avenue Access**
99 10th Avenue N, Indian Rocks Beach FL 33785

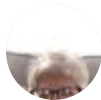




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Judy Nodland posted:

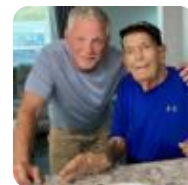
We were so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. For 15 years we were 6 month visitors from Canada to Indian Rocks Beach and fished with Joe from the shore or across the street at the intercostal. I loved helping find shoreline treasures for him depending on his current art project. Joe was a gentle soul with a huge and kind heart. You will be missed our friend. Klaas and Jude

July 6 at 9:49 AM



Richard Wengler shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Joe was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He was always there to lend a hand with advice or a tool to fix things. I have many fond memories of Joe. Going to his shop to cut wood on his table saw for a project. Having dinner together, Popeyes fried chicken. I think it was one of his favorites. Or riding around IRB in his golf cart. I enjoyed spending time and talking with Joe. He had an easy way about him. With a smile and laugh he made you feel glad you did. You will be missed my friend. Rick

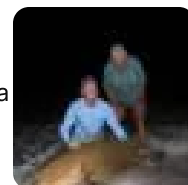


July 3 at 4:05 PM



Pete Cronin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I will always remember Joe standing on the beach with a rod in hand. He would hook a whiting and immediately look around for the nearest kid to pass the rod to so they could reel it in. I learned a lot about fishing the gulf from Joe and I know many others did as well. When his knee prevented him from walking to the beach I would stop in and share fishing stories and photos with him. I was lucky to call him a friend for over a decade and will truly miss him.



July 1 at 8:47 PM



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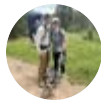




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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jose by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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