



Ivan L. Joslin

September 9, 1935 - April 4, 2025

Ivan L. Joslin, age 89, a resident of The Villages, FL for over 20 years, left his earthly life on April 4, 2025, and immediately entered the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Ivan was a committed follower of Jesus, serving as a choir member, deacon, and faithful church attender for many years at Bayside Baptist Church in Virginia Beach and First Baptist Church at The Villages. He, along with his pre-deceased wife Marjorie, were also actively involved in The Villages High School Football Booster Club and several antique automobile clubs in Virginia before moving to The Villages. Ivan attended college in North Carolina, graduating from Western Carolina University with degrees in English and Biology. He was an avid sports enthusiast, watching as much football, basketball, baseball, hockey, tennis, and racing as his schedule would allow. Ivan was a proud veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserves for more than 38 years, with much of that time on or supporting submarines and other activities in Norfolk VA and Charleston SC. While in the The Villages, Ivan continued his love for the Navy and served as Commanding Officer of the Seadragon Base, the local group of submarine veterans. He also had been a member of The Villages Motorcycle Club and had sung with The Villages Christian Chorale and with The Village Voices.

Ivan was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Lucile Joslin of Raleigh, NC, and by his devoted wife of 55 years, Marjorie Fitchett Joslin. He is survived by two brothers and their wives: Arnold Joslin (Joan) of Loveland CO, and Lloyd Joslin (Foye) of Venice, FL; by five children and their spouses:

son Stephen Fitchett (Ruby) of Summerville, SC; daughter Beverly Nobles (Jim) of The Villages, FL; daughter Lessie Crosson (Randy) of Sarasota, FL; son Brian Joslin (Jan) of Summerville, SC; and son Michael Joslin (Carole) of Windsor, VA; sister-in-law Lois Price and husband Ray of Chesapeake, VA.; nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. The service will be held at First Baptist Church of The Villages on April 16, 2025 at 10:00am. The burial service will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida at 12:30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church at The Villages and The Villages High School Buffalo Football Booster Club. Online condolences may be made at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Church Service

APR 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church at The Villages
16523 SE 76th Chatham Avenue
The Villages, FL 32162

Burial Service

APR 16. 12:30 PM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

With Honors

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ivan L. Joslin*



Beyers Funeral Home - April 14, 2025 at 10:30 AM

FJ

Very well done. Ivan certainly had a full life.

Foye Joslin - April 14, 2025 at 05:26 PM

RF

Papa J. Really impact my life and my Faith, the way he loved his beautiful wife and all his children was really remarkable in my eye , he love them all equally , showed forgiveness and support and strength to each and prayed with them all , I told him they are like the waltons tv show , he smiled . I will miss him dearly the Christ in him truly shined . I thank him and our Lord for such a man .

Ruby Fitchett - April 16, 2025 at 09:26 AM

LC



Lessie Crosson - May 12, 2025 at 11:02 PM

PF

“ Price Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Ivan L. Joslin.



Price Family - April 12, 2025 at 11:18 PM

RT

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Rad and margie tillett - April 09, 2025 at 06:33 PM

LC

Thank you.

Lessie Crosson - April 30, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ivan L. Joslin.

April 09, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Ivan L. Joslin.



April 09, 2025 at 11:58 AM

LY

“ Ivan became my mentor in 1961 on the submarine *Sea Poacher*. We became good friends and served together on the front line during the blockade. We even wrote a book about our encounter with the Soviets but decided not to publish it. There was a 40 year absence of contact until 2006 when we reunited then and for the rest of our lives together. Ivan was truly a brother of mine. I will truly miss him. I will try and add a photo website permitting.
Lanny Yeske, Commander, US Navy Ret, PhD in Forest, Virginia

Lanny Yeske - April 08, 2025 at 04:08 PM

LC

*Hi Lanny,
Thank you for your amazing memory. Dad spoke of you often.
Thankful for your brotherly friendship.
God bless and keep you,
Ivan's daughter Lessie and family.
(My sister and I got to see you in Pensacola FL for that very special
Reunion gathering. ❤️)*

Lessie C. Crosson - April 22, 2025 at 11:06 PM