



## Jeffory Howard Forbes

November 27, 1947 - August 10, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jeffory (Jeff) H. Forbes of St. Petersburg, Florida, a Vietnam veteran, beloved family man, and respected leader in the local banking community. He passed away peacefully on August 10, 2023, at the age of 75. Born on November 27, 1947, in Morgantown, West Virginia, to Howard J. Forbes and Mildred R. Selby Forbes Parker. Jeff served in the Vietnam War. Following his honorable military service, Jeff continued to excel, graduating with an Accounting degree from the University of South Florida and becoming a prominent figure in the banking industry. With a brilliant mind for business and a relentless work ethic, he climbed the ranks to become the CEO of Seminole Bank and then First Home Bank (now, BayFirst). His visionary leadership, integrity, and dedication to the welfare of both his employees and clients were unparalleled. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Jeff was a devoted family man. He leaves behind a legacy of love and care, having touched the lives of his children, grandchildren, and extended

family in immeasurable ways. He was a pillar of strength, a source of wisdom, and a model of integrity for all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In addition to his professional achievements, Jeff was active in the local community. He served for many years on the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg. He was especially proud of being a part of the San Jose Mission, a residential community in Dover that provides housing for low income families involved in the agriculture or aquaculture industries.

Jeff will be deeply missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. His legacy of courage, leadership, and love will forever be cherished in the hearts of his family, friends, and colleagues. As we bid farewell to this remarkable man, let us remember the impact he made on our lives and the world around him.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife of 53-years, Sherry B. Forbes, his daughter, Nicole (Nikki)

Forbes Stowell, son-in-law, Shane Stowell, granddaughter, Caroline Amy Stowell, grandson,

Brendan Forbes Stowell, sister, Judy MacKendrick, brother-in-law, Gregg MacKendrick, step-

brother, Jack Parker (Gail), sister-in-law, Sheila M. Graham, and nieces, Lisa Kappel (Jim), and

Laura Foster (Kevin) and nephews, Glenn MacKendrick (Danielle) and Alex Graham. His

daughter, Amy Forbes, passed away in 1997.

A funeral mass to honor the life of Jeff will be held on Friday, August 25 th at 11:30 am at St. Paul

Catholic Church, 1800 12 th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that you consider making a donation to Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg or a donation to the Jeffory Forbes Memorial Scholarship in Accountancy with a check made payable to USF Foundation, Inc. and mailed to the Office of Donor Relations, 4202 E. Fowler Ave, ALC100, Tampa, FL 33620, Attn: Beth Corbin or online at [usf.to/ForbesIMO](http://usf.to/ForbesIMO) .

Rest in peace, Jeff. Your memory will live on, and your contributions will continue to inspire generations to come.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jeff was the person we all would have liked to have been. He was always trying to help someone no matter who they were. A kind gentle person with a great sense of humor. I had the pleasure of being one of Jeff's employees and have some great memories of those years.

*Paul Trice*

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**Paul Trice** - August 26, 2023 at 05:34 AM

JD

“ Jeff was an inspiration to everyone he touched. God Bless

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**John Domeier** - August 24, 2023 at 05:31 PM

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“ Terrific Father, Grandfather & All Around Family Man...  
Jeff will be Missed and Remembered!  
RIP  
Dick Stowell

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**Dick Stowell** - August 21, 2023 at 04:27 PM

CJ

“ I had the pleasure of working around and with Jeff for many many years. I could not have asked for a more wonderful person to be my boss and friend. Jeff made us all feel like family that worked for him. And we had some pretty awesome bank Christmas parties too as many of you will also remember! Hugs and prayers to Sherry and family! May God give you strength to find comfort in the days ahead.

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**Charlene Jasmin** - August 17, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffory Howard Forbes.*



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August 15, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ *Jeff thanks for your friendship and all things you made possible for myself and family. Thanks for the the enjoyment that you brought to your friends and people all over. Thanks jeff what you brought to the life you lived,you will be sadly missed.*

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**Randall Bauldree** - August 15, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Our family will cherish all the great memories we have of Santa's special visits. We love you and send our sincere sympathy for your loss. -Grant, Elaine, Ana and Lauren*

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**Elaine** - August 15, 2023 at 10:40 AM