



Xavier Joshua Strunk

May 1, 2004 - June 2, 2026

"It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of former JROTC Cadet Strunk, who tragically lost his life in a motorcycle accident in St. Petersburg on the evening of June 2, 2026, at the age of 22.

Cadet Strunk was one of my cadets during his high school years. He was a true go-getter with a "can-do" attitude and a personality full of joy. He approached every challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

One of my favorite memories of him was after attending the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge

(JCLC) summer camp, where he earned four certificates from different training areas. His immediate question afterward was, "CSM, can I go back to JCLC next summer?" That eagerness to learn, grow, and participate defined who he was.

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss

While the pain of losing him is profound, I hope we can all find comfort in the memories he gave us, the laughter he shared, and the positive impact he had on everyone fortunate enough to know him. His spirit, kindness, and dedication will continue to live on in the hearts of his family, friends, fellow cadets, and instructors.

On behalf of our HOLLINS JROTC family, we extend our deepest condolences to his loved ones during this incredibly difficult time.

Rest easy, Cadet Strunk. You will always be a part of our JROTC family, and your memory will never be forgotten"

-Sergeant Edwin A. Rivera (FACEBOOK)

Xavier J. Strunk is survived by his loving parents, Darrin and Elizabeth Strunk; his brother and sisters, Darrin Jr., Bayleigh, and Rayne; grandparents, Jeff Bash and Denise McAllister and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and cherished friends.

Those who knew Xavier will remember his strength, his compassion, and the way he could bring comfort and joy to those around him. His memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who loved him.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 13th, 2026 at 2PM located at DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - 3530 49th St. N Saint Petersburg, FL 33710. A Memorial Service will proceed Saturday, June 13th, 2026 at 5PM located at Ten Pin Lanes Bowling Alley - 1453 Pasadena Ave. Saint Petersburg, FL 33707.

Memorial contributions can be made through the family's GoFundMe page to assist with funeral expenses and ongoing family support. Donations may be made at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-liz-and-darrin-after-the-loss-of-xavier>

The family extends their sincere gratitude to all who have offered prayers, support, and acts of kindness during this difficult time.

“You will be loved, my son, my brother, my friend. Though your journey here has ended, your memory will remain forever in our hearts.”

Upcoming Events

Public Visitation & Reception

JUN **13**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory R. Lee Williams Chapel
3530 49th St N
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
(727) 527-1177
todd@degusipe.com

Celebration of Life Memorial Ceremony

JUN **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ten Pin Lanes
1453 Pasadena Ave
Saint Petersburg, FL 33707