



## James V. Pilliod M.D.

October 19, 1925 - August 20, 2020

James V. Pilliod, M.D. of Bonita Springs FL and formerly of Wauwatosa and Elm Grove WI, passed away peacefully on August 20, 2020 of natural causes. He is reunited with Doris, his devoted wife of 68 years. James was born in Toledo, OH on October 19, 1925, son of Dr. John Victor and Ella Mooney Pilliod. He was the dearest father of Carol (the late Stephen Olszyk), Michael (Mary Beth), Mark, David (Karen) and John Pilliod; beloved grandfather of Christopher (Leslie) Pilliod, Michele (Nicholas) Dearing, Rachel, Matthew and Thomas (Cate) Pilliod; and loving great grandfather of Addison and Will Dearing and Audrey, Natalie and Ryan Pilliod. He is also survived by his loving sister, Mary (the late William) Benton, her children; and other relatives and friends.

Dr. Pilliod was an admired and compassionate physician for over 50 years. He was educated at Oberlin College and Loyola University School of Medicine in Chicago. He graduated medical school on June 8, 1949 and married Doris the very next day. He took his residency in Internal Medicine at Milwaukee County General Hospital and subsequently served in the Navy. After his honorable discharge, he set up his practice in Milwaukee and was affiliated primarily with West Allis Memorial Hospital. He served briefly as West Allis's Chief of Staff and during his tenure, was instrumental in ushering in a new era of investments in advanced technology for improved patient care. After 40 years in private practice, he retired and moved to Bonita Springs. Once there, he

joined the staff of the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Ft. Myers FL where he worked for over 10 years.

Outside of his medical profession, Dr. Jim was an avid golfer and admired Phil Mickelson, another lefty. He and Doris were long-time members of Westmoor Country Club in Brookfield WI and Spanish Wells Country Club in Bonita Springs. Dr. Jim also enjoyed playing the trumpet while Doris accompanied him on the piano. They excelled at dixie. He skied while humming "Sweet Georgia Brown," danced a mean jitterbug to "In the Mood," and knew all the verses in "McNamara's Band" which he sang every St. Patrick's Day. He was also a diehard Packer fan and held season tickets for many years.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Funeral arrangements are pending. Memorials can be sent to Marquette University High School in Milwaukee or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples FL. Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden**

625 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *James V. Pilliod M.D.*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *To the Pilliod family,  
I am sorry to hear of Jim's passing.  
I found out when his birthday card was returned to me today.. I have  
many fond memories of your family, from our days at 7242 Blue  
Mound Rd. And the many visits with Jim and Doris in Bonita Springs  
and Hendersonville.  
With my deepest sympathy,  
Rusty Bradke*

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**Rusty Bradke** - October 29, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *I had the opportunity to work for Dr. Pilliod from 1959 until 1965. He  
was the best Doctor and boss! He taught me so much. I was a art  
major and now I was doing lab work. Xrays, and EKG. The last time  
I saw him and Doris in Florida. We had a great visit and did a lot of  
talking about our time together. I did babysit once but I am sure you  
do not remember. Your father was a big influence in my life, my  
prayers are with you all, Anita jackson*

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**anita jackson** - October 06, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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“ Dear John and Family,  
I was very sad to hear about the passing of your dad. Both of your parents were always warm and welcoming and willing to chat whenever I would run into them at the house in Elm Grove. Your dad was one of the great doctors that made that area famous for all of the doctors that lived there. I remember a couple of family parties where your mom and dad were both playing musical instruments and everyone was singing - they knew how to throw a party. It was great both of your parents were able to retire in Florida where they could swim and golf to their hearts were content and enjoy the good life. It always seemed to me like they were fun people full of adventure and I am sure you will keep those good memories. God bless.

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**Tim Hanson** - September 04, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ I just read Dr. Pilliod's obituary in the Naples Daily News. My sincere sympathy to all of the family. My parents (Audrey and Bill Schwessinger) were friends of Jim and Carol in Elm Grove, I often experienced great medical care by Dr. Pilliod, and I was friend and golfing buddy to Carol in our teens. Carol, I'd love to correspond with you if you would like to. Sincerely, Cindy (Schwessinger) Dehnart (cdehnart@gmail.com)

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**Cindy Dehnart** - August 30, 2020 at 12:29 PM