

# Ian Lee Tilmann

10/26/76 – 5/26/05



**Ian Tilmann** loved skateboarding and spent many hours enjoying the sport. He loved feeling the wind surrounding him as he sped downhill carving each and every curve of the road beneath him. He was fearless with a strong belief in enjoying life to its fullest. He was a street surfer....his passion was long-boarding.

On the evening of May 16, 2005, Ian and several friends were skateboarding down Hercules Ave. in Clearwater, FL on a hill known locally as Cemetery Hill. As he was making his last run down the hill that evening his skateboard suddenly stopped and he was thrown headfirst onto the

pavement. Ian was NOT wearing a helmet and as a result he suffered severe traumatic brain injuries. Ian never regained consciousness and died 10 days later on May 26, 2005. Our beloved son was 28 years old. When people hear Ian's story many ask with shock and disbelief "he died from falling off a skateboard"? We truly believe our son's death could have been prevented by simply choosing to wear a helmet.



Ian served our nation admirably as a member of the U.S. Marine Corp. He had a passion for humanity and helping others. Ian's family and friends understood this passion and his "pay it forward" attitude. We will

forever miss him. It is our hope that through our tragic loss we can pass on Ian's passion for humanity by saving other families the pain that we have endured.



**THE IAN TILMANN FOUNDATION, INC.** was incorporated in November 2005 as a Florida Non-Profit corporation. The Ian Tilmann Foundation is certified as a Public Charity under the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) with Florida Tax Exemption Certification. Our core mission is brain injury prevention with a focus on skateboarding. Our mission is achieved with the "Helmet for a Promise" program. Our approach is simple and direct. If you promise to wear the helmet when skating, the Foundation will give you one....free! Since Ian's death the Foundation has given out over 2,300 FREE Helmets.

## Skate Parks

In 2010 the Foundation will continue expanding our Skate Park program to promote the "Helmet for a Promise" program in communities nationwide. Currently in partnership with numerous local skate parks, the "Helmet for a Promise" program reaches thousands of skaters each year. The program is part of local Skate events, GO SKATE DAY, safety fairs and other community events. The Skate Parks help distribute the FREE helmets to local Skaters.



### The Direct Ship Program

In 2009 we expanded the “Helmet for a Promise” program nationwide. Skaters can log on to the Foundation’s website to make the “Promise” and get a free helmet. In 2009, over 200 Skaters nationwide pledged for a FREE Helmet. The process is simple: first go on-line to the Foundation website at [www.theiantilmanfoundation.org](http://www.theiantilmanfoundation.org).

Download the Registration form, select a helmet brand, style and color, fill in the form, sign the “Promise” and mail the registration with \$7.00 for shipping to the Foundation. In a few weeks the Skater receives the helmet mailed to their home address.

The direct ship program is growing every month and is very popular with Longboard skaters who rarely visit a Skate Park.

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

To continue our programs and further the mission of the Foundation, we seek contributions, product donations, volunteers and Corporate Sponsors to sustain the “Helmet for a Promise” program.



MARCY TILMANN, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER



### CONTRIBUTIONS

Financial contributions are applied almost entirely to the helmet program costing about \$20.00/helmet. Administrative costs are less than 15% of expenses. We are an all volunteer organization.

### PRODUCT SPONSORS

Are needed for contest awards and raffle prizes at our skate events. Skate Shop co-sponsors are welcome.

### CORPORATE SPONSORS

Are needed to adopt a skate park in their community and assist with funding.

To learn more please visit our websites at:

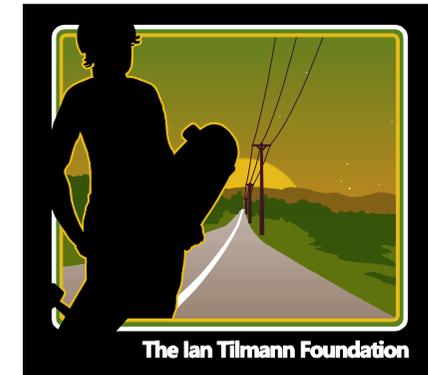
[www.theiantilmanfoundation.org](http://www.theiantilmanfoundation.org)

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