



James "Sharkey" Meyer

January 28, 1945 - June 7, 2026

Dateline: Sheboygan, WI

James A. "Sharkey" Meyer, 81, died at 7:10 a.m. Sunday, June 7, 2026 at OSF St. Anthony's Healthcare Center, Alton, IL. He was born in Sheboygan, WI on January 28, 1945, a son of the late Albert F. and Ann M. (Yochis) Meyer. He graduated from St. Clements Grade School and in 1963 from Sheboygan South High School. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1964 and spent three years in the Army, until the day he died he always said he should have volunteered for the draft. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in January 1972 with a Bachelor of Business Administration, his major was Real Estate. He worked in the real estate and mortgage loan servicing industry and a couple of years prior to his retirement he worked as a security guard. He and Caroline Gillespie were united in marriage in October 1991.

He enjoyed a good life. He particularly enjoyed taking his step grandchildren swimming, to amusement parks and museums. For over forty years he drove to Madison from Chicago to attend the Wisconsin Badgers home football games; he had season tickets with his high school friends from Sheboygan South. He was a lifelong Green Bay Packer fan and in December 1977 and December 2011 he became a share holder in the team. He loved to travel; he said that the two best trips he ever took were in 2010 to Rio for Carnival and

that summer he went on a two-week guided tour of his maternal grandparent's home in Lithuanian. He was member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton.

He is survived by his wife Caroline of Alton, three stepchildren, five step grandchildren, and six step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Albert F. Meyer who passed away in March 1968, his brother, John J. Meyer who passed away in June 2000, and his mother, Ann M. Meyer who passed away in May 2008.

Services are scheduled on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Sheboygan, WI. Cemetery, Weden Creek, Sheboygan.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com