



## Obituary

**Born:** Tuesday, June 23, 1942

**Died:** Friday, February 12, 2021

Eugene 'Gene' F. Meyer, age 78, of Pittsfield, IL passed away Friday, February 12, 2021 at his home. Gene was born on June 23, 1942 in Benton, MO to Ben and Lorena Essner Meyer. He and Kathy Shipley were married on June 11, 1994 in Pittsfield, IL and she survives.

Gene attended St. Denis Catholic School and then graduated from Thomas Kelley High School in 1960. He served his country in the United States Air Force for four years. After his honorable discharge, Gene went to work for GTE/Verizon and retired after thirty-six years. During those years, Gene was a single father to his two daughters and two sons. He was not only loved by his own children, but all children were welcome in his home. He never missed a sporting event, taught them to fish, and how to drive. The family always looked forward their annual vacation to the family reunion in Benton, MO. Gene was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. He was a past commander of the Pittsfield American Legion Post #152 from 1982-1983 and served as commander from 1983-1984. Gene was President I WIGPAC and a board member of IGGVA. Gene began growing wine grapes in 1999 and enjoyed making wine and gardening. He loved to cook and bake, especially Chex mix and baking cookies at Christmas to share with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy; daughter, Lisa (Mark Grigiski) Meyer of Riverton, IL; sons, Jeff Meyer of Beardstown, IL and Rob Meyer of Riverton, IL; stepchildren, Brandi (Terry) Gratton of Pittsfield, IL and Troy Dawdy of Lincoln, IL; brothers, Tom (Peggy O'Steen) Meyer of Elsberry, MO and Charlie (Ronnie) Meyer of Jacksonville, IL; sisters, Marie (Carl) Rankin of St. Peters, MO, LaVerne (Anwar) Zubairi of Conquitiam, BC, Helen (John) Schreckengerg of Cahokia, IL, Margie (Bob) Stull of Benton, MO, Carolyn (Tom) Schumacher of Benton, MO, Bernadette (Wayne) Landis of Scott City, MO, Jane (Joe Werner) Meyer of Riverside, IL, Eileen (Dwight) Gates of Cape Girardeau, MO, and Denise (Bob) Walton of Kenneth Square, PA; grandchildren, Brittany (Cord Knight) Meyer of Springfield, IL, Brooke Gratton of Pittsfield, IL, Christopher Gratton of Pittsfield, IL and Declan Dawdy of Lincoln, IL; mother in law, Anna Bell Dawdy of Detroit, IL; brothers in law, Gary (Melissa) Shipley of New Berlin, IL, Bobby (Barb) Shipley of Winchester, IL, Larry (Jennifer Hogan) of Jacksonville, IL and Bruce (Jody) Shipley of Winchester, IL; and several nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Lorena Meyer; daughter, Laura Meyer; sister, Rita Mansell; brother,

## Service Summary

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### Visitation

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, Fri Feb 19, 2021

### Pittsfield Location

530 W. Adams & Franklin St.  
Pittsfield, Illinois 62363

### Funeral Mass

11:00 AM Fri Feb 19, 2021

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

226 East Adams Street  
Pittsfield, Illinois 62363

John Meyer; and father in law, Lewis Dawdy.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday, February 19, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pittsfield, IL with interment following at Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be held prior to the service 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM at Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield, IL. Memorials are suggested to be made to Knights of Columbus. Online condolences may be left to the family at [www.nieburfh.com](http://www.nieburfh.com). Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield is handling the arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made in Eugene's memory to the following organization:

**Knights of Columbus #2967**