



John Myers

October 29, 1939 - May 7, 2025

John (Big) Myers, 85, of Gurnee, Illinois passed away Tuesday May 7, 2025. He was born in Waukegan IL at St. Therese Hospital 1939. The son of the late John H. and Helen R. Myers of Waukegan IL. Married to the love of his life for 49 years, the late Kathleen (Kay) Myers.

He is survived by 3 siblings, 4 daughters, 7 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, 4 sons in law, 1 granddaughter in law, 1 son in law to be, one brother in law, and many nieces and nephews.

John grew up in Waukegan, graduated Quigley Preparatory Seminary and attended Loyola University. He worked at the Chicago Sun Times for 38 years in advertising sales.

Charitable donations to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation are welcome: www.themmr.org

The visitation will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa, IL from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a mass immediately following.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Funeral Mass

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ For the past three years, I had the honor and privilege of caring for one of the most wonderful souls I’ve ever met. He was kind-hearted, humble, and full of wit!! By reading all these comments he was clearly the kind of man who left a lasting impression on everyone he met, not with grand gestures, but with quiet strength, a gentle smile, and a heart full of love! Even as Alzheimer’s tried to steal pieces of his memory, it never touched his spirit. He remembered the things that truly mattered. His faith, his family, his beloved bride, and the stories that shaped his life. I was lucky enough to hear those stories over and over again and they never got old! He never lost his sense of humor or that perfectly-timed sarcastic remark that always made me laugh. Like the time I lost my glasses and phone in his condo and he said “it probably had to do with the people I was associating with”. We both cracked up!!

We prayed the Rosary together, and would sometimes watch mass on TV. A ritual that brought comfort and peace to both of us. His devotion to his faith was unwavering, and his love for his family was always front and center. He was a true Catholic, a proud father and grandfather/great grandfather and a man who lived with grace and gratitude.

Caring for him was one of the greatest gifts I’ve ever received. He taught me so much about patience, humility, and how life should be lived, with family always first. I’ll carry his memory in my heart forever, thankful for every moment we shared. I miss him so much but I have peace knowing he is in the loving arms of our Lord.

Bernadette Rowe - May 19, 2025 at 12:28 PM

WW

“ My heart goes out to all of Big's family. A few years back when he came to Florida, it was fun to spend time with him. Such good humor!

Wendy J. Warner - May 15, 2025 at 03:16 PM

WB

“ Wendy Warner, Meghan and Travis Boyle planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Myers.

Wendy Warner, Meghan and Travis Boyle - May 14, 2025 at 10:56 PM

JD

“ Myers Family I am very sorry for your loss. Unfortunately I cannot make the funeral. John was a great guy. 24 years ago he was my manager at the Sun Times. I asked to leave early on Friday cause I was going up to Galena to look for a house to buy for my family. John said come in my office, I'm selling my house in Galena and retiring which no one knows yet you should buy my house he said. Well 24 years later I still have JOHNS house and sat on the swing in the front yard just like he had last weekend to think of him. RIP Big I'll take good care of that home I know you loved.

Jim DeFalco - May 12, 2025 at 08:59 AM

TC

“ The McKean Children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Myers.

The McKean Children - May 09, 2025 at 04:26 PM

TC

“ *The McKean Children purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of John Myers.*



The McKean Children - May 09, 2025 at 04:26 PM

DE

“ *Sending our sympathy to you all. Know there will be a big void at your Family gatherings. I also know he and your mother left you with many Wonderful memories to treasure. I also was blessed spending my childhood With your mother. Then getting to know your father at family reunions And other get togethers have left so many wonderful memories for me to Look back at. May The Lord comfort you all. In our thoughts and prayers.
Donna ETTERS and family*

donna etters - May 09, 2025 at 01:07 PM

DM

“ *I grew up with my cousin John. John had a great sense of humor and always fun to be with. John was a Veteran who served in the Navy.*

Dave Myers - May 09, 2025 at 10:17 AM