



Thomas L Meyer

December 29, 1918 - March 6, 2017

Thomas L. Meyer, 98 years of age, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 6th, at his home in Cape Girardeau. He was born December 29th, 1918 in Old Appleton, Missouri, the son of Hugo J. Meyer and Albertine Buchheit Meyer. He attended grade school at St. Joseph in Apple Creek, as well as St. Boniface in Perryville, and high school at St. Vincent DePaul in Perryville, MO. He married the love of his life, Helen Giroir Meyer, on May 8th, 1941. They were both active and engaged members of St. Mary's Parish. Thomas L. was a patriot and proudly served his country as a Master Training Sergeant in the Army Air Corps in World War II from 1941 to 1945. Thomas L. Meyer received his real estate license in 1946. He became an entrepreneur in 1950 and started Thomas L. Meyer Realty in Cape Girardeau. He was a true pioneer of the real estate industry in Southeast Missouri and was the longest-licensed Realtor Broker in the State of Missouri. Thomas L. enjoyed flying, woodworking, making rosaries, and spending time with his great grandchildren. Thomas L. made prayer bracelets that numbered over 5,000, with the plant seed called Job's tears. He numbered and tracked each bracelet with names and addresses, some as far as Europe. Thomas L. also made other items, such as candle holders and crucifixes for St. Mary's church where he was a radio announcer for the 8:30 mass for several years.

A lot of Thomas L.'s experiences were shaped by growing up during the

depression. His work ethic, his love of life, his positive attitude, and his belief that through God all things were possible shaped him into the man we all knew and loved. Thomas L. wasn't afraid to embrace technology either. He was a pilot, using his skills once again to help people, from transporting organs to helping children born prematurely that needed flights to hospitals, and picking up costumes for Notre Dame plays that otherwise would have been late. In the late 80's he purchased a digital camera in order to make listings perspective clients could view from his office, saving them valuable time and money. His vision knew no bounds. His love of people and his altruistic viewpoint of life was best demonstrated in his "Live for others" attitude and actions.

Some of his professional achievements include bringing Proctor and Gamble, Armstrong Cork, Dow Chemical, & Wood & Huston Bank, to the Cape Girardeau area. He, along with Al Zimmer Harry Schmidt, and Charles Drury, was instrumental in relocating and building St. Francis Medical Center in 1975. His favorite story to tell was how the Franciscan Sisters spread holy medals all over the land in hopes that they would be able to obtain the property for the future hospital, which they did.

Thomas L. also held many community leadership positions and memberships including Former St. Francis Hospital board member and first secretary of trustees, charter member of The Cape Girardeau County Board of Realtors (1953), past Missouri Realtor State President (1968), past Missouri Realtor of the year (1970), National Omega Tau Rho Member, SEMO University T.K.E. Advisor, Realtor Emeritus NAR, Chairman of the Board for Wood & Huston Bank, Knight's of Columbus 4th Degree with Council #1111, St. Mary's DDF Chairman for the Dioceses, Notre Dame Annunciation Award, City of Cape Girardeau Planning & Zoning Chairman (1952), Cape Girardeau School Board President (1970), American Legion Member, Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce Board Member, and Cape Rotary Club Member.

Despite all of his many accomplishments, Thomas L. will be remembered most for his deep faith in God, his love for Helen, his family, and his desire to place others before himself. Thomas L. once wrote “My loves: God, Helen, and my children.” Later, he would add grandchildren to that list. He was a servant-leader who sacrificed his time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of his community and those in need. He would often ask “What can I do for you?” to both friends and family. He was a man of great perseverance and determination in the face of adversity and he leaned on God’s strength to see him through everything. He believed in the sanctity of life and was a champion for the unborn. Above all, he was a man after God’s own heart and his legacy will continue in the lives of those he touched.

He is survived by one brother, Urban Meyer of Sarasota, Florida, three sisters, Theresa Meyer, Laverne Hinchey (Harry) of St. Louis, and Sister Frances Meyer of San Francisco, California. He is also survived by 7 children including two sons; Thomas M. (Mary) Meyer, and David L. Meyer; five daughters; Mary Jean McIntyre, Debra J. Joyce, Beth McFerron (Alan), Madonna Boyd (Ken), and Maranda Meyer, 13 grandchildren; Chris Edmonds, Nick Meyer, Heather (Meyer) Philips, Jean Marie (Meyer) Boctor, Benjamin Joyce, Easton Meyer, Megan (Joyce) Harter, Thomas N. Meyer, Sara Boyd, Catherine Meyer, Kelbie Joyce, and Tara Meyer; and 18 great grandchildren; Devon Edmonds, Christen Edmonds, Brooklyn Sides, Britain Sides, Maicee Sides, Dalyia Sides, Gabriel Meyer, Hunter Gates, Haven Gates, Kaitlyn Joyce, Annabelle Joyce, Cammron Brand, Ciara Brand, Marlee Hall, Lucas King, Olivia Harter, Rami Boctor, & Hattie Philips.

The family would like to extend its sincerest appreciation and gratitude to Maureen Simpkins for her love and tremendous caregiving, and to Jessica the VA nurse practitioner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers; Hubert Meyer, Clete Meyer, Rupert Meyer, and three sisters Hildegard Meyer, Hedwig Meyer, Margaret Walker, and his daughter Janice M. Meyer.

Friends may call at Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau on Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday morning at St. Mary's Cathedral, with the burial to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Birthright, St. Mary's Grade School, St. Joseph Church in Apple Creek, St Vincent De Paul High School in Perryville, Notre Dame High School, and Southeast Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cape Girardeau
829 N. West End Blvd
(4 blocks north of Southeast Hospital)
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 335-3223
crain@crainsonline.com

Service

MAR 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary
615 William St
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
(573) 335-9347

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas L Meyer*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Tom Meyer was one man who really gave of himself. The Tau Kappa Epsilon chapter in SEMO, will never forget all he did for us when we were young and needed guidance, Tom was always there. Today he has truly joined his maker. Thank you for all you did, Jim Keithly, Troy, Mo. DZ 254.*

jim keithly - March 10, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ *I just found the sweetest letter that Mr. Meter wrote me after my Dad passed away. I'm so sorry your loss. Hugs & Prayers. Christy Smith Lewis*

Christy lewis - March 10, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ *I had the honor of caregiving your dad for the last 2 years of his life. Not one day of it was work. It was sharing my day with the most caring, loving man. His wisdom and compassion and tremendous love boosted me on my darkest day. I loved him like a dad and will carry him in my heart for life. Thank you to your equally wonderful family for trusting me with your precious dad. He's at peace with your mom, Janie and his other loved ones. And he can SEE again!!*

Maureen Simpkins - March 09, 2017 at 09:11 PM

HC

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences with the loss of your father,
With caring sympathy ”*

Mark & Bonnie Conrad

Helen Conrad - March 09, 2017 at 08:35 PM

JR

“ *Your Dad's legacy will live on through his years of community service,dedication to his church, and his fine family that he leaves behind. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Janis Huckstep Rebert*

Janis Rebert - March 09, 2017 at 06:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas L Meyer.*



March 09, 2017 at 01:46 PM

MH

“ *Mark Hinchey purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Thomas L Meyer.*



Mark Hinchey - March 09, 2017 at 11:25 AM

RW

“ *My thought and prayers are with all of you!*

Robin Williams

Robin Williams - March 09, 2017 at 10:19 AM

BF

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your dear father. Please except my sincere sympathy.*

Bobbie Abbott

Bobbie Abbott Foster - March 09, 2017 at 07:28 AM

DL

“ *I will always remember the kind heart of Mr Meyer. He paid me a generous amount to paint his families lake cottage at Lake of Egypt when times were very rough for me and my wife, allowing me to put food on my table.*

Doug Lewis - March 08, 2017 at 09:08 PM

DS

“ *I am sorry to here the passing of your father. My prayers are with you and your family*

Darrell Sides - March 08, 2017 at 12:32 PM

KB

“ *All of us in the real estate community have learned so much throughout the years from Mr Meyer. He was always happy to help and also share his experiences, which were many and vast. I know he will be sadly missed*

kim baker - March 08, 2017 at 11:20 AM

LE

I am deeply sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a wonderful man. He was a man of God and showed it through how he lived his life and his wonderful family. Beth, Mr. Tom will live on through your beautiful smile and loving heart. God bless all of the Meyer family.

Linda Ervin - March 08, 2017 at 07:54 PM

DK

I enjoyed learning from your dad in classes as well as working with him at the office. He and Helen are reunited and awaiting the rest of us. He will be missed but we have many special memories to add a smile to our face in this time of loss.

Donna Komorech - March 08, 2017 at 09:37 PM

KS

Mr. Meyer was one in a million. Such a fine, genuine man who inspired goodness in others. His unconditional love was extraordinary and an example as I raised my own family and interacted with others. God bless you, Mr. Meyer and thank you for touching our lives in a beautiful way. Many prayers to the Meyer family.

Kate Schaefer - March 09, 2017 at 07:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas L Meyer.*



March 08, 2017 at 10:46 AM

CB

“ *Our Thoughts and Our Prayers go out to you during the sorrowful time. I will always remember him as a true Gentleman and a Dedicated Realtor. A candle will be lite for him this Sunday after the 9 AM Mass.*

*Carole and Fred Baras
St. Louis MO>*

Carole Baras - March 08, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas L Meyer.*



March 07, 2017 at 05:22 PM

SC

“ *Loved Mr. Tom! He always confused me with another person but I did not take it personal. Miss him and Ms. Helen and Janie but they are all together now.*

Sue Cork

Sue Cork - March 07, 2017 at 04:15 PM

SC

“Debbie & Family:

We are truly sorry to hear of your recent loss of your dad. We extend our sincere sympathy to all of you at what we know is a very sad and mournful time. We know first hand how profound a loss it is when you realize that he will no longer be there for all the events in your life. We can tell you the very best way to mark his passing is by filling your mind with all of the wonderful memories you have of happier times. Your dad lived a long and rewarding life and accomplished so VERY much in his lifetime. He will long be remembered as the hardworking, intelligent, and loving man that he was. Our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you. May you find comfort in the outpouring of sympathy from all of us who share your loss.

In Deepest Sympathy,

“Randy, Sandy, Logan & Talon Camden”

Sandy Camden - March 07, 2017 at 10:49 AM

SO

“Dear Meyer family,

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with you during this very difficult time.



Susie Pickett O'Connell - March 06, 2017 at 10:08 PM