



Deacon William E. Meyer

May 15, 1932 - February 5, 2026

Deacon William (Bill) E. Meyer, 93, of Manito, peacefully passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at the Lodge in Manito surrounded by his loved ones. Born on May 15, 1932, in Pekin, Illinois, to William and Minnie (Albrecht) Meyer, William lived a life deeply rooted in his faith, family, and love for farming.

On January 30, 1960, Bill married Anna Marie Osterman, beginning a marriage that led to 64 years of unwavering devotion, partnership, and joy. Together, they grew a large and loving family—a legacy that remains one of Bill's greatest blessings. Anna preceded him in death on July 10, 2024.

Bill is survived by his seven children: Fidelis (Tina) Meyer of Manito, IL, Mary (Donald) Hermes of Manito, IL, Patricia (Larrie) Meyer-Hedrick of Forest City, IL, Bernard Meyer of Manito, IL, Matt (Tami) Meyer of Manito, IL, Mark (Shelly) Meyer of Topeka, IL, and John (Kimberly) Meyer of Rushville, IL; nineteen grandchildren; and twenty-two great-grandchildren. He is also remembered fondly by his siblings Don Meyer, Marie Selk, Joe Meyer, Lawrence Meyer, Carol Bullock, Eileen Hahn, and Paul Meyer. He was preceded in death by his wife Anna, his parents, his brother Jim Meyer, and his sisters Lorraine Meyer, Marcella Coyle, and Gertrude Wiebler.

As a devoted member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Manito,

Deacon Meyer's faith was the cornerstone of his life. Ordained in 1983, he served faithfully in many ministries, including Prison Ministry, the Pekin Prayer Group, the Charismatic Renewal Program, and the Cursillo Movement. His compassionate service touched countless lives and reflected his deep desire to live out the Gospel through action and prayer.

Bill was a committed farmer, gifted horseman, and skilled craftsman. Bill dedicated many years to the beauty and discipline of horsemanship, training many horses and becoming an accomplished trick rider. He worked the land with reverence and purpose, honoring the traditions passed down through his family. His craftsmanship and work ethic were further reflected in his years with Pekin Local #644 and Carpenters Local #63 in Bloomington, where he was respected for his skill, reliability, and humility until retiring in 1997. Upon retirement, Bill enjoyed his years on the family farm, transferring his love for the land and hard-working tendencies to his children and grandchildren.

Deacon Bill's life was a testament to faith, family, and the enduring connection between a man and the land he cherished. His kindness, integrity, and steady presence will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Visitation will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m., followed by the Rosary. A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church with an additional hour of visitation from 9:00 until 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow the services at St. Frederick's Cemetery, in Manito. Fr. Geoff Horton and Deacon Bob Sondag will officiate.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Frederick's Cemetery

498 W. State St.
Manito, IL 61546

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
501 S. Adams St.
Manito, IL 61546

Rosary

FEB 10. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

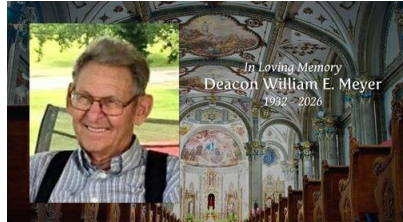
FEB 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
501 S. Adams St.
Manito, IL 61546

Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deacon William E. Meyer



Hurley Funeral Home - February 10 at 11:01 AM

CP

He was such a blessing to so many people, and will be missed on the earth. 🙏🙏❤️

Carol Parrish - February 14 at 09:58 AM

ES

*If only we could all live our lives being as faithful to the Almighty God as Bill. Death would be so much less frightful. May he rest in eternal peace and join in the celebration of heavenly bliss with Lorraine, Annie, and his parents.
Connie and Ed Sondag*

Edward Sondag - February 16 at 02:58 PM

JA

“ Marie and family; I am sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We were all about the same age and were in school about the same time. Jim and I were in the same class. It's sad to hear of the death of such good people. I live in Hollybrook at Morton now.

Jane Armbrust - February 09 at 10:47 PM

SS

“ *May you find comfort and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know Bill is.*



Steve and Kim Singley - February 09 at 09:14 PM

DJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Donald L Meyer Jr. - February 09 at 08:56 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William E. Meyer*



Larry and Mary Hundt - February 08 at 10:41 AM

LH

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Larry and Mary Hundt - February 08 at 09:47 AM

SH

“ this is to all of my loving family Uncle Bill was the warmest kindest man I have ever known You are all truly Blessed to have a wonderful Holy man to be called father grandfather and great grandfather My prayers are with you Love Sandy and Kirk

Sandy and Kirk Hall - February 08 at 07:47 AM

DS

“ Bill Meyer was a “good and faithful servant” on many levels. He leaves quite a legacy: his family. We send our sympathy and prayers to the entire Meyer clan.
Dorothy and Jim Shifflet

Dorothy and Jim Shifflet - February 07 at 08:50 PM

RC

“ Richard And Lanette Crum lit a candle in memory of Deacon William E. Meyer



Richard and Lanette Crum - February 07 at 07:46 PM

JS

“ Sending deepest of sympathies. Lifting up family and friends in prayer.
In Christ
Jerry&Jackie Schier



Jackie Schier - February 07 at 12:26 PM

PD

Bill and Ann were amazing people. Bill's spiritual presence radiated and was felt whenever I saw him. Over the years he was a good friend, and I will greatly miss him. Condolences to all his family.

Pam Davis

Pamela Davis - February 08 at 10:27 AM