



## Ronald "Bud" Meyer

February 10, 1930 - January 5, 2025

A much-loved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother to Elaine and Monica; Bud Meyer, 94, of Racine, Wisconsin, passed away on January 5, 2025 at his daughter and son-in-law's home where he resided. Although hard work took its toll, Bud still maintained a dry sense of humor right up until his final words. Born on February 10, 1930, the son of Joseph J. And Cecelia R. (nee: Jordan) Meyer, he graduated from Racine County Agricultural High School in May of 1947 and enjoyed his life along with many lifelong friends.

Bud was united in marriage to Mary Ann Rizzo on January 16, 1954 at St. Sebastian's Congregation in Sturtevant, WI, who preceded him in death, February 13, 2021. They had seven children and fostered many more in addition to the numerous pets and farm animals that filled their lives. Bud farmed for many years, then was self-employed in the Securities and Insurance business where he took pride helping his friends' long-term financial planning. In retirement, both Bud and Mary Ann enjoyed many winters vacationing with Racine County friends as well as forging many new friendships in Arizona.

In past years, Bud had been an active member of St. Sebastian's serving as a board member and secretary of the parish. He was also a past member of Roma Lodge, past president of Racine Toastmasters Club 481, and a board

member of the Franksville Businessmen Association. Bud served three years each in the Army Reserve and National Guard, ending his duty as a recruiting sergeant. He was active as a coach for several years for Racine County Little League and Colt League baseball teams. He took pride in coaching his eldest son and many of his son's friends. He and Mary Ann enjoyed playing Sheepshead card games with their high school friends for more than 60 years followed by newcomers who joined the group while others of their original team players entered heaven to continue their beloved games. That's where we expect Bud most certainly has a seat at the table right now.

In addition to cards, Bud relished planting a great garden and harvesting fresh vegetables from the field for Mary Ann's gourmet meals. He especially loved to read good books. He enjoyed brandy ice or a good martini, cracking jokes with a Cheshire Cat smile, which he repeated often. He taught his children, through example, to work hard, be kind and appreciate others throughout life and then success will follow. Bud loved his family and instilled in them strong values that have served them well. Not to be forgotten, a rousing game of cribbage, especially with his grandchildren, was one of the highlights of his days in later life (as long as they let him win). He will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

He greatly missed his departed wife, Mary Ann, son Robert 'Bobby' Meyer, sisters Monica and Elaine and his parents Joseph and Cecelia. United together again for all eternity.

Surviving Bud are his sons Michael (Julie) Meyer and Kim Meyer; daughters Shawn (Mario) Denoto, Tamara (Brian) Jackson, Deborah Meyer and Gina Meyer (Mark) Hardiman; grandchildren Amanda (Omar) Rivera, Mateo and Owen Denoto, Robert (R.J.) and Brooklyn Meyer-Shaffer and great-grandchild

Michael Rivera.

In honor of Bud's life, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Sebastian's Parish. A visitation will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. A luncheon will follow immediately after Mass on the lower level of the church.

Our family would like to thank his team of doctors over many years including Dr. Gullberg who on Dad's 80th, said he would get him to 90 (Dad was doubtful) and at 90, said he could live to 100 (Dad replied, no thank you!). We are thankful for almost 95 years of a very full life.

For those wishing to remember Bud in a special way, in lieu of flowers, donations to Pathways Living & Learning Center at 1100 Commerce Drive, Mt. Pleasant, WI, an organization that supports his special needs son, Kim and many wonderful individuals or St. Sebastian Parish at [stsebracine.org](http://stsebracine.org) are suggested.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Sebastian Catholic Church  
3126 95th Street  
Sturtevant, WI 53177

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald "Bud" Meyer*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - January 11, 2025 at 11:17 PM

BR

“ *What a fantastic tribute to a wonderful man. I spent hours with the Meyer family in my formative years and they left an indelible print on my heart. Quality people with first rate folks. My heart is with them as they celebrate their dad.*

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**becky ryan** - January 24, 2025 at 07:53 PM

JK

“ *Mike and Julie- so very sorry for your familie's loss. I hope the days ahead go as well as they can.*

*Jon Keiser*

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**Jon Keiser** - January 18, 2025 at 07:49 AM

CB

“ Hello Mike....you're my old 1969 Racine County championship baseball team Franksville Pirates teammate and 1971-72 opponent here. I have great memories of your dad and our farming and baseball relationships both. And 95 years is certainly a very full life and his wisdom in not wishing to get to 100 (although I think Dr. Gullberg could've gotten him there) owes to his faith and confidence in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Your dad now knows all of the answers and one day we can all enjoy some great conversations and memories without an end. Condolences to you and your entire family. I am sorry to be unable to attend the wake/funeral as I lost another close friend whose services are at the exact same time. I will be with you in thought and prayer.

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**CRAIG BORGARDT** - January 16, 2025 at 05:52 PM

JM

*Bud Meyer was a great man. A man of deep convictions. Deeply committed to his wife, MaryAnn, and their adult children. My wife, Karen, and I had the privilege to be their neighbors in the Auburn Hills subdivision late in Bud's life. Although he was twenty years my senior, we became friends quickly and he often stopped by for warm conversations. We loved his self-deprecating sense of humor and his positive outlook on life. We consider him a dear friend and extend our condolences to all of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. We will never forget him. He made his life count. (Jim and Karen Magruder)*

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**Jim and Karen Magruder** - January 17, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.

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January 16, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.*



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January 16, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.

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January 15, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.*



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January 15, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.*



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January 15, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ Letter to Bud Meyer:

*Hello Bud:*

*I never met you but from what I have heard, you must've been one heck of a Man! I can see your manifestation in your Son Mike. Not only is he a Great Guy, but a Great husband, father and grandfather. Your great grandson Michael is very fond of him.*

*I don't know how but Michael wins in wrestling all the time!*

*I also heard you were a Baseball Coach. No wonder Mike made All State Shortstop! I wish I had met you in person so you could've given me some good tips. Maybe we can pick up a game up there someday.*

*See you down the Trail Amigo*

*Homer Rivera*

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**Julie Meyer** - January 12, 2025 at 02:09 PM

MH

“ Meyer, Shaffer & Hardiman planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.

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**Meyer, Shaffer & Hardiman** - January 12, 2025 at 12:04 PM

NB

“ Nelson and Barb purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.



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**Nelson and Barb** - January 11, 2025 at 09:06 PM

NB

“ Nelson, B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.

Nelson, B. - January 11, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.

January 11, 2025 at 08:45 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.



January 11, 2025 at 08:45 PM

BD

“ Brook and Dianne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.

Brook and Dianne - January 11, 2025 at 07:35 PM

BD

“ Brook and Dianne purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald "Bud" Meyer.



Brook and Dianne - January 11, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ 117 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - January 11, 2025 at 06:13 PM