



## James "Jim" D. Meier

March 21, 1939 - April 9, 2020

James D. "Jim" Meier, 81, of Yorkville, formerly of Plano, IL, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2020 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 21, 1939 in Plano, IL, the son of Charles W. and Lena B. (Spiess) Meier, Jr. Jim married Barbara Walseth on December 14, 1968 in Sandwich, IL. Barbara passed away on June 3, 1992. He later married Sheila A. Mack on September 15, 1995 in Niagara Falls, NY. Jim was a proud Veteran of the US Army, serving four years. He worked for the US Postal Service starting as a city carrier, then assistant Postmaster in Plano, he later became Postmaster in Waterman, IL. Jim also worked at Plano Centennial School for 29 years. He was a member of the Sandwich Moose Lodge. Jim enjoyed baking, working in his beautifully landscaped yard, and he was an avid Plano Reaper Sports fan. Jim and Sheila enjoyed spending winters in Florida for many years. He was known throughout the community as a kind neighbor, always willing to help others. Most of all, Jim loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sheila of Yorkville, IL; his four children, Tammie (Anthony) Johnson of Sandwich, IL, Traci (Tim) Lynch of Cumberland, RI, Teri (Dan) Hagedorn of Glencoe, IL, and Jim (Melissa) Meier, Jr. of Leland, IL; his stepson, Jeffrey (Shana) Vines of Sugar Grove, IL; his nineteen grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; two brothers, Kenneth (Melva) Meier of Lakewood, CO and William (Judi) Meier of Carthage, IL; his sister, Diane Borino of Newport Richey, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife of 23 years, Barbara, his daughter, Tina Smith, his brothers, Richard, Dwayne, Eugene, and Ronald, and his sisters, Delores Allen, Charlene Babbitt, Beverly, Marilyn, and Gloria Meier.

Private graveside service will be held in honor of James at Little Rock Township Cemetery in Plano, with Pastor Derek Johnsen officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Shriners Hospitals for Children or Plano Reaper Sports Boosters. For more information or to sign the online guest book, go to <http://www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com>

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# Comments

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“ I cant believe Mr.Meier passed.I had no idea until I came across this today. I loved visiting the Meier's house as a kid and as an adult, I loved seeing Mr.Meier at all the sporting events.Hugs to all the family.Rest in peace Mr.Meier.

**Cara Kensel** - January 10 at 11:48 AM

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“ I enjoyed talking hoops with Sheila and Jim at basketball games.  
Ron Hunt

**Ron Hunt** - April 29, 2020 at 01:28 PM

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“ Sending deepest sympathy to Jim's family. He was a brother to my Aunt Delores, my mail carrier, and the janitor at my children's school. He was kind of crusty on the outside, but had a soft and loving interior. He was a good man who will be missed by many. So sorry for your loss.  
Joan Allen Nelson Hafenrichter

**Joan Hafenrichter** - April 25, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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“ Teresa and I were saddened when we learned of Jim's passing. I have known Jim for many years, going back to our days together at Centennial School in Plano. Over the years, I always enjoyed chatting with Jim, whether over a cup of coffee or at an athletic event. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to Sheila and the family.  
Jim & Teresa Jensen

**James L Jensen** - April 21, 2020 at 10:49 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Sheila & all the family of Jim. May God give you all comfort and strength during this difficult time. He was a wonderful man & will be missed.  
Sincerely,  
Larry & Laura Allen

Laura Allen - April 13, 2020 at 11:06 AM

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“ Dear Sheila and Meier Families, May the memories in the days ahead bring each one of you comfort, as his legacy will remain in our hearts forever... Uncle Jimmy has such a wonderful soul, he always was so kind and we had shared many conversations throughout the years, as when we would get together with the family gatherings, with him as he cared so much for his lovely family and his smile will last a lifetime with all of us. Our condolences goes to all our Meier family members that we all cherish very much and were had the biggest family in Plano township! Oh... the beautiful memories at Grandma & Grandpa Meier's back in the days was such fun gatherings and joyful at Christmas time!

Best Regards,  
Dawn & Scott Cessna  
Sarasota, Florida



Dawn - April 11, 2020 at 01:01 PM

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“ Jim was a classmate, a lifelong friend. a confidant, and I was his sounding board on occasion. My condolences to Sheila and the family.

Don Hausler

Don Hausler - April 10, 2020 at 10:48 PM

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“ If I'd never met Jim Meier, I'd have been convinced he was a tall tale imagined by Traci. How could one man rise before dawn, build a spare room by lunch, manicure the legendary lawn, then knock out three chocolate pies before grilling up some garage burgers? I don't know but my father-in-law did these things seemingly daily. If Heaven has a roof, Grandpa Meier has already climbed a ladder and begun replacing shingles.

His gruff exterior masked a soft heart, deadpan sense of humor, and genuine love of family and neighbors. He helped many in need in a humble, often anonymous manner; never seeking anything in return. He was truly one of a kind and the hole he leaves in many hearts will not soon be filled.

Sheila, Tammie, Teri, Jimmy, and Traci, there are no adequate words to ease the loss of this truly wonderful man. Thoughts and prayers will have to suffice until time softens the pain and sadness; gradually giving way to fond recollections of joy and love. God Bless and comfort you all during this time of grief.

Love you all,

Tim

Tim Lynch - April 10, 2020 at 08:35 PM

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“ Dear Sheila-- I am so so sorry to hear the very sad news about your loss! My sincere sympathy to you & your family, It's a VERY difficult time! May the support of family & friends & your many precious memories together give you comfort at this time. Thinking of you, "old" friend...



Cathie Swift - April 10, 2020 at 07:41 PM

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“ Sending my deepest sympathies & thinking of our family at this difficult time as we grieve the loss of a loved one. You will be missed Uncle Jim. Xoxo

Erica Borino Fisher - April 10, 2020 at 05:39 PM

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“ Sheila & family with Deepest Condolences on the loss of your loved one. May you find comfort and peace in prayers and in memories you two made together. Sorry for your loss, Mina Vines



**Mina Vines** - April 10, 2020 at 04:38 PM

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“ Jim, my brother, & I grew up together during the '50's & 60's, the good ole days to a loving family of 13, I'm the youngest. Jim was 5 years older than me & the youngest of 7 brothers. Jim played football & his brother Bill played football & basketball at our hometown of Plano High School, & gave me his little sister the love for sports. I learned to drive Jim's black Ford Convertible. I think I sent him one letter while he was away in Germany while he served our country in the Army, & I regret to this day that I didn't write more often. Jim was an easy going man, nothing seemed to upset him & he made friends easily with his friendly & caring personality. Jim would help anyone who needed a hand & didn't expect anything in return. He was a devoted father to his wife, Sheila, (I call a Saint), his 5 children, & many grandchildren & great grandchildren. I'm so proud to have Jim as my brother & I will miss his trips to Florida where I now reside. No one, nobody could have had a brother like Jim. I love you Jim, Diane Meier Borino

**Diane Meier Borino** - April 10, 2020 at 04:20 PM

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“ Sheila, I am very sorry for your loss. Your hubby will always live in your heart. We haven't seen each other for years, nor did I know your Jim, however, I know he made you happy and thats all that counts. I am Jeff and Scott Harris mom, Judy. I've thought of you often. May God give you comfort at this time. My sons are doing well. Jeff lives here with his wife, Lita in Canton, Illinois and Scott lives in Galva, Illinois. May Jim rest in peace. Judy Heffren, Harris, Wickert.



**Judy Wickert** - April 10, 2020 at 04:15 PM

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“ It was my good fortune to meet Mr. Meier when Traci married my brother Tim. I liked him instantly and I recall how friendly he was and how comical our interactions were. While I have seen him only once twice since then, I feel I have come to know him through Traci's many stories about him... his love for the Chicago Cubs, his meticulous lawn care, his amazing chocolate pies and those delicious caramels. And it was obvious how loved he was by his grandchildren. What is most compelling though, is the kind of man he was... a dedicated father, a devoted husband, a good man and a brave man. His influence is clearly evident in Traci's unwavering devotion to him as his daughter, and to her children as an incredible mother, (not to mention in her own militant lawn practices). Jim was Traci's hero. I know this is a tremendous loss for Traci, for Sheila, and for the entire family. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I am so very sorry for your loss. May Jim's toughness, courage and strength inspire you all. And may you always find peace and comfort in you love for him.

Erin M. Lynch

**Erin Lynch** - April 10, 2020 at 01:43 PM

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“ We are so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. We remember him well and always found him in great spirits - a smile on his face and a kind word to share. Our sincere sympathy to Shelia and his family. May your numerous memories bring you comfort at this time and in years to come.

**Dave & Nancy Birch** - April 10, 2020 at 10:33 AM

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“ I never met Jim Meier. But, as I got to know Tracie Lynch and her dear family, I saw the long and beautiful display of love for this kind father and grandfather, The regular long drives from Rhode Island to Chicago have been a sign of that love. So also is the special glint in Tracie's eye where she talks about her Dad, his life, his lawn. Jim Meier has been well loved!  
Peace to him, and his dear ones.

**michael mcnamara** - April 09, 2020 at 09:19 PM