



Michael Francis Meirick

February 9, 1944 - November 4, 2025

A Great Husband, Father, Brother, Uncle, Grandfather, and Friend.

Michael Francis Meirick, 81, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on November 4, 2025, with his family by his side. Born on February 9, 1944, in Elma, Iowa, Mike was the middle of three children to Francis and Jean Meirick.

Mike grew up in Elma, IA and was known for his high energy, fun spirit, loyalty, and strong work ethic. After graduating from Loras College, he moved to Chicago and began a long career with Illinois Bell. He started as an engineer and retired 27 years later as an internal auditor.

Retirement didn't last long for Mike, who loved to work so much that he added a few more years at MCI, Western Utility, started a business as a home inspector, and finished his career at West Chicago Ace Hardware.

Mike married Beverly on February 10, 1989, and they brought their families together as one, raising five children: Michael Meirick (Ali), Angela (Mike) Peterson, Keri (Milton) Lenon, Kelly Schieve (Matt), and Michael (Lauren) Schieve. He was a proud and loving grandfather to Eric Peterson, Lauren Peterson, Madison Schulz, John Schulz, Katelyn Schulz, Haley Deverick, and Mia, and a great-grandfather to Astrid Schulz. He is survived by his sisters, Louise (Donn) Harris and Maureen Bird, sister-in-law Pamela (Roger) Gola,

and brother-in-law Paul (Sandy) Dolle. He was a beloved uncle to John Harris, Brian Harris, Amelia Bird, Carson Bird, Jaclyn Gola, Elizabeth (Ramiro) Fernandez, Michelle McBride, and Cynthia (Nathan) Richardson.

Mike loved to learn, and he was a teacher, too. He never missed an opportunity to explain, share, or pass along something he knew. Mike could be called the ultimate competitor. He loved golf, was an avid reader and fisherman, played bridge since he was 14, and enjoyed crossword puzzles and Sudoku. He had a passion for cooking and grilling and was famous for his spirited dance moves.

Mike was happiest sitting on his front porch, where he spent countless hours reading, listening to music from his vast collection, calling family and friends, and greeting anyone who passed by with a smile and a wave. There wasn't a person Mike met who didn't become a longtime friend. His infectious smile made everyone around him feel comfortable, and that familiar smirk and warm twinkle in his eye will be in our hearts forever.

A memorial visitation will be held at DuPage Funeral Chapel, 951 W. Washington Street, West Chicago, IL, on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., with a chapel service to follow at 4:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Francis Meirick.



December 02, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Carson, Morgan and Willow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Francis Meirick.

Carson, Morgan and Willow - December 02, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Love, the Witter family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Michael Francis Meirick.



Love, the Witter family - December 02, 2025 at 04:55 PM



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BG

“ Mike was a year ahead of me in school and lived just a block away. Spent lot of time playing H-O-R-S-E at his driveway hoop. I did not win many. Like to think it taught me resilience(😊) Followed Mike on Facebook in recent years, admired how he built his life and enjoyed so many aspects of it.

Bill Gardner - November 19, 2025 at 08:25 PM

CA

“ Cheryl A. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Francis Meirick.

Cheryl A. - November 19, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ I grew up across the street from Mike he was a great guy

Lloyd Hyberger - November 16, 2025 at 05:00 PM

MG

“ Mike was a very special 1st cousin to me and my family, he was especially fond of my brother Merle and would come out to visit us a lot on the farm. My thoughts and love to all of his family, I'm sure he will be missed so much.
Marian Gebel

Marian Gebel - November 12, 2025 at 10:41 PM

MN

“ Mike and Cara Naill purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael Francis Meirick.



Mike and Cara Naill - November 12, 2025 at 11:29 AM

CS

“ Bev and all of Mike's family, we are so sorry for your loss. Memories of our visits to West Chicago with golf, pizza and shopping expeditions to your visits to New Hampton, Dan and I so enjoyed time spent with you and Mike. His death is such a shock--someone as energetic and active as he was. May all the memories you hold bring you comfort in the days to come.

Carolyn and Dan Shaw - November 12, 2025 at 10:45 AM