



John Frederick Mayers

December 31, 1941 - October 24, 2025

John Frederick Mayers (83) of Mount Joy passed peacefully in the early morning of October 24, 2025, at the Carolyn Slane Hospice Residence after a short, courageous battle with cirrhosis of the liver and kidney failure. Born in Pontiac, Michigan, on December 31, 1942, he was the son of Fred Walter and Jeanette (Trebilcock) Mayers.

After graduating from Central Michigan University in 1964, Fred taught high school math before joining the Navy in January 1966. He served on the USS Columbus until his discharge in October 1971. He then began a distinguished 34-year career with BAE Systems in Montgomery County, MD.

While at Vitro, Fred met Cheryl Bokelman, and they married in Rockville, MD, on November 23, 1974. Together they raised two sons: Christopher, married to Elizabeth Hunko of Dumfries, VA, and Craig, married to Regina Ceneviva of Frederick, MD.

A passionate golfer and diehard Michigan State fan, Fred was most happy when surrounded by his six grandchildren: Adam (married to Grace Gremillion), Emma, twins Sean and Ryan, Luke, and Andrew.

Fred faced every challenge with courage and a fighter's heart. Though our hearts are broken, we take comfort that he is at peace and now free of pain.

A funeral service honoring Fred's life will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 2 PM. Family and friends will be received before the service from 1 PM to 2 PM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be

made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas
66675-8516.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home
16 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I miss you. It's a simple phrase but it means so much. I remember the circumstances of getting our first dog. We were looking forward to moving into our first home as it was being built. I asked if you'd like a dog and you agreed it would be okay. I saw an ad for beagles and we both liked the breed. I drove out to get one and there were only 2 left. You didn't bat an eye when two got out of my car. All in all we had six dogs and though sometimes you weren't as eager to get another as I was - you always agreed because you knew how much I wanted to have a dog in my life.

You were always one who people could ask for help and you'd give it - even if it meant putting off something you were in the middle of. One of your hobbies was Legos. When we moved, we dumped every Lego set the boys had owned into an enormous moving box and you spent the first fall and winter season sitting on the floor sorting them out by color and size and then into sets - even ordering missing parts from people all around the world. You then packaged each set with instructions and began to build. You now have a city on your dresser top. It was typical of you to set your mind to something and see it through to the end. Through your love of building, both of our sons and 3 of our grandsons became avid Lego builders.

I think your greatest passion was golf. From the first days of our marriage to the last summer season, you so looked forward to getting out the clubs and onto the greens. Your favorite board game was even Golf cribbage.

I know where you are now and I'm quite sure you and Tom M are playing golf with the angels. I miss you.



Cheryl Mayers - November 01, 2025 at 07:13 PM