



Calvin Richard Myers

December 15, 1942 - August 2, 2025

Calvin (Cal) Richard Myers, age 82, peacefully passed away on August 2, 2025. He was born on December 15, 1942 to Richard and Marion (Veale) Myers of Big Rock, IL. At an early age, he developed a love for both the outdoors and for baseball. He graduated from Hinckley-Big Rock High School in 1960. After graduation, he journeyed from the rural setting to enroll as a freshman at Aurora College. As an undergraduate, Cal distinguished himself both as a student and as an athlete. He earned varsity letters in both baseball and basketball and was coached by Aurora College legendary coach, Sam Bedrosian. After graduating from Aurora College, Cal earned his MBA from the University of Chicago where he studied under Nobel Prize recipient, Milton Friedman. He would later go on to earn his Ph.D. in Economics from Northern Illinois University.

He joined the Aurora College faculty in 1966 as a Business and Economics professor, later becoming chair of the department. He was also assistant coach of the baseball team. While being a demanding teacher and coach, he had the reputation for being sincerely concerned for his students and players.

He met his wife, Jan, in 1967 while living in the same apartment complex. He liked to quip that, in a way, they lived together before it became fashionable. They married on December 28, 1968. During their marriage they traveled and served as volunteers throughout the community.

He joined Aurora's Merchants National Bank in 1977 and was named President & CEO in 1989. During his tenure as a banker and after his retirement, he served on numerous community boards and organizations.

In 1987 he received the Outstanding Alumni Award from Aurora University, and in 2014 he was inducted into the Spartan Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church for over forty years and served on the finance committee.

Cal enjoyed all Chicago sports but especially his beloved Cubbies. He also enjoyed golf, jogging, and tennis. He could often be seen cheering on the Aurora University Spartan baseball and basketball teams. Cal was a regular attendee of his grandchildren's school and athletic events. He was well known for his masterful wood working skills and cultivating his large vegetable garden. He also enjoyed a good political discussion while sipping a glass of scotch.

Cal is survived by the loves and joys of his life. His wife, Jan, of 56 years, his daughter, Jennifer, her husband, Steve, and his grandchildren, Charlie and Grace. He also shared a close relationship with his sister-in-law, Jackie and he was also very fond of his brother-in-law, Jack.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his younger brother, Craig.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the staff at Bickford and Angels Grace Hospice for their care and kindness.

A remembrance gathering will be held at Aurora Country Club on September 5, 2025.

Visitation will be from 10:00 to 12:00 followed by a short program and luncheon for family and friends.

Private arrangements are under the care of The Daleiden Mortuary, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL 60506 630-631-5500.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ We enjoyed our neighbors, Cal and Jan, for many years. Cal loved to practice his chipping until he took out the big front window of their house.
costly swing! We both owned Shelties and they named Benny for the Chicago Bulls! They took us to see the Bulls play in the Jordan era, Lovely night. Good memories. God bless his wonderful family at this sad time. Our thoughts and prayers, Jan Janis Rae and Jim Ruddy

JANIS RUDDY - August 06, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JM

How beautiful. Thank you for remembering such good memories. Jan

Jan Myers - August 09, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JM

I should have signed it Janis Rae right back!!

Jan Myers - August 09, 2025 at 12:26 PM

CM

*Cal was my Professor and Faculty Advisor at Aurora College and my banker at Merchants. He was also my friend. A true giving individual who will be missed by all who knew him. He taught me about pre and post decision dissonance in his Econ class which I remember to this day. I suspect he wishes I remembered more, but...
Craig Martin*

Craig Martin - August 10, 2025 at 01:49 PM

DM

Through my involvement in the Chamber of Commerce, I learned that Cal was a traditional "Pillar of the Community" due to all his engagement as a civic and business leader. Later, Mary and I also got to know him as an individual as neighbors. Always pleasant and personable. He will be missed by many.

Bill and Mary Marzano

Dr. Bill Marzano - August 12, 2025 at 11:55 AM

MD

Cal was my college professor at Aurora College, my mentor, my friend and fellow Rotarian. I have many happy memories of him but want to share 2. When I got my MBA at the ripe age of 53 Cal was on the stage and got up and gave me a big hug! My other favorite memory happened when Cal had a sky box at a Chicago Blackhawks game. He knew that my mom was quite ill with cancer and that my father was a HUGE Blackhawks fan. He offered me 3 tickets to the sky box and handicapped parking for us. My dad was wheelchair bound by then but made his way to the front row of the skybox and never stopped smiling. Thank you Cal for the memories and your kindness.

Mary (and Pat) Dougherty

MARY S DOUGHERTY - August 20, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KE

Both Scott and I worked at Merchants Bank under Cal's leadership. He helped create an enjoyable working environment and believed in educating staff. Also was a great example to all of the employees at the bank on giving back to the community and being an active member of the community you worked and lived in.

Karen Everhart

Karen Everhart - September 05, 2025 at 09:34 AM