

Gerald W. "Jerry" Meyer of Hampshire. Funeral services for Gerald W. Meyer, 59, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 43W301 Plank Road, North Plato. The Rev. Howard Gleason will officiate. Born Dec. 31, 1943, in Bloomingdale Township, to Elroy and Elsie (nee Zarndt) Meyer, he died Sunday, June 1, 2003, at his home, after a courageous battle with cancer. Burial with military honors will be in the Hampshire Center Cemetery. Jerry was a 1961 graduate of Hampshire High School, and served in the Army during the Vietnam War, receiving the Purple Heart. He married Linda L. Meier on Feb. 3, 1968 in Elgin. He was a lifelong farmer, operating a dairy farm in Hampshire, and serving on the board of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. Mr. Meyer was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and formerly a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Pingree Grove. Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Linda; children, Michelle Meyer and Michael Meyer, both of Hampshire; sister, Shirley Armand of Peoria; twin brother, Harold (Ardith) Meyer; step-mother, Meta Meyer; and mother-in-law, LaVerne Meier, all of Hampshire. He was preceded in death by his parents,; and his father-in-law, Erwin W. Meier. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and from 10 a.m. until the time of services on Thursday. Memorials contributions in his name may be made to Provena St. Joseph Hospital Care-A-Van, Hampshire Paramedics, or the Fox Valley Hospice. Arrangements were made by the Fredrick Funeral Home, Hampshire. Friends may visit [www.dailyherald.com/obits](http://www.dailyherald.com/obits) to express condolences and sign the guest book. For funeral information, (847)683-2711.

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