

James (Steve) E. Shotwell, Jr.

Class of 1981

- Graduate of Lumen Christi High School (1978), Jackson Community College (1981), attended Ferris State College, and completed his studies at Ball State University (1983). He also holds a certification in Pedorthic Management of the Foot and is a Certified Pedorthist (C. Ped., O.S.T.).
- Owner and manager of Miller Shoe Parlor, Inc. for 22 years; he was named Businessman of the Year in 2003.
- Given over 45 years of dedicated community service, serving Jackson Kiwanis, Education Trust Board, Men's Garden Club, Disability Connections, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Jackson Jaycees.
- Member of St. John's Catholic Church.
- Lifelong Eagle Scout with 50 years of involvement in the Boy Scouts of America; served as Scoutmaster of Troop 309 at St. John's Parish, District Chairperson for two trails districts and earned numerous honors over the years, including the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (2019).
- Appointed Jackson County 13th District County Commission in 2002, re-elected as 7th District County Commission from 2004-'24.
- Served as Chairperson of the Jackson County Commission from 2006 to 2024 and has chaired multiple committees, including Conservation Agencies and Personnel & Finance. He also received the National Republican Congressional Committee Leadership Award and served as Honorary Co-Chairman.
- Married to his wife of 40 years, Beckie, and they have two adult children, Betsey and Michael.