

# James (Steve) E. Shotwell, Jr.

## Class of 1981

- James (Steve) E. Shotwell Jr. graduated from Lumen Christi High School (1978), earned an associate degree from 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.
- He is a Certified Pedorthist (C. Ped., O.S.T.) and has been the owner and manager of Miller Shoe Parlor, Inc. for 22 years. In recognition of his business leadership, he was named Businessman of the Year in 2003.
- With over 45 years of community service, he's been active with the Jackson Kiwanis for nearly 40 years, chaired the Education Trust Board and is a longtime member of the Men's Garden Club.
- Served on the board of Disability Connections and Big Brothers/Big Sisters and was an active member of the Jackson Jaycees. He is a member of St. John's Catholic Church.
- A lifelong Eagle Scout with 50 years of involvement in the Boy Scouts of America, he served as Scoutmaster of Troop 309 at St. John's Parish (1998–2004). He held leadership roles as District Chairperson for Teetonkah Trails District (2005) and Chief Lenape Trails District (2006–2008), each earning "Quality District" distinction.
- Received numerous honors, including District Scouter of the Year (2001), the St. George Award for Catholic Scouting (2003), the John Miller Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (2003), the Chief Lenape Trails District Award of Merit (2006), the Silver Beaver Award (2007), and the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (2019).
- Shotwell was appointed 13th District County Commissioner in December 2002 and has been re-elected as 7th District County Commissioner from 2004 through 2024.
- Served as Chairperson of the Jackson County Commission from 2006 to 2024 and has chaired multiple committees, including Conservation Agencies and Personnel & Finance.
- Received the National Republican Congressional Committee Leadership Award and served as Honorary Co-Chairman.
- Married to Beckie, his wife of 40 years. They have two children: Betsy (38), a graduate of Lumen Christi, JCC, and MSU (2010), currently serving as a U.S. Customs Officer; and Michael (36), an Eagle Scout (2007) and graduate of Lumen Christi and JC (2014), who now works as owner/manager of Miller Shoe Parlor.

Guiding mantra: *"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."* ~ Aristotle