



WILLARD SNYDER

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Obituary of WILLARD SNYDER

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Willard R. (Will) Snyder of Leesburg, FL, 82, passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon,

April 9, 2014 and has now won his battle with cancer. He was born February 10, 1932 in Cincinnati, OH, the son of Leslie and Anna Marion Snyder and grew up in Cincinnati, OH.

Following his honorable service in the Army in Korea, where he earned the Purple Heart, he returned home to marry Erleen R. Bruns. They lived and raised their family in Cincinnati and West Chester, OH. As empty nesters, they moved to Kansas City, Missouri and eventually settled in Leesburg, Florida where they have lived for the past 16 years.

Will worked for Cincinnati Bell Telephone as a mechanic until retiring in 1988 after 35 years of service. Will was a volunteer fireman and EMT, a clown for

Cincinnati Bell Telephone where he entertained at orphanages, and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. He was also the leader of the Motor Hawks, a 4-H club for boys and dads, which held the largest membership of all 4-H clubs in Butler County, Ohio. Will was a community servant and an involved church member in each town in which he lived. He used his mind, heart, and hands to help anyone in need. He loved to be outdoors, camping, and waterskiing. His faith and service in the name of Jesus was very important to him.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Erleen Rose (Bruns) Snyder; his children Cyndy and Jim Walther, (Aurora, IN), Bill and Debbie Snyder (Hamilton, OH), and Jim and Karen Snyder (Fishers, IN), 9 grandchildren: Jason, Joshua, and Christian (Hamilton, OH) and Caleb, Alecia, Sophia, Natalia, Isabella, and Christian (Fishers, IN) as well as many nieces and nephews. He is survived by brothers Armand and Kenneth Snyder and preceded in death by his sisters Florence Eckstein, Audrey Bender, and Ruth Winans. He also leaves his brother-in-law Tom Bruns (Aurora, IN) and sister-in-law Sylvia Teel (Independence, KY).

Services

Celebration services will be held Wednesday, April 16, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Umatilla, FL. Relatives and friends are welcome to attend the service and the reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Umatilla.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Jim and Family, please know that you and your family are in our prayers to find peace and comfort in the passing of your dad. Jim, through our many conversations brother to brother, I know how much you loved your dad and how much he loved you. You honored him with your Godly life and how you led your family and taught your children. His legacy will be felt for generations and yours continues to grow as you keep your eyes on Him. Love to you all.....

Doug and Cathy King - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Jim and Family, You have been such a wonderful friend, not only to me, but to my entire family. I didn't know your father very well, but from watching you with your own children I can only conclude that he was a terrific man and a terrific father and that he is in Heaven with Jesus right now bragging about what a wonderful son you are. Our love and prayers are with you! The Beswicks

Bryan and Angela Beswick - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ We are praying for your family during this time! It was neat reading about all that Will did during his lifetime to serve others and Jesus. May God's comfort be with you all!

Kevin and Suzy Roth - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ May God give you peace as you remember your Dad and grieve his loss. Praying for you and your family during this difficult time and that you will lean on the promise of Easter that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Brian Daily - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jim, Sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I pray you will rest in the Father's love and remember your dad well. I still miss mine. In Christ, Ron Stohler

Ron Stohler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Erleen very sorry for your lose uncle will was a good man and will truly be missed

Daniel and Ruth Winans - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ you will be missed uncle Will

david winans - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Very sorry to hear Aunt Erleen. Uncle Will was a favorite Uncle to me. Our prayers go out to the family. He has joined his family in Heaven and we will meet again some day .He was a good man and will be missed.

Barbara WinansBlinn - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ He wa a grea uncle, my mother's broher, he will be truly missed

pam L.scott - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM