



J. Roy Snyder

March 15, 1931 - September 6, 2017

J. Roy Snyder passed away September 6, 2017.

He was born of Eleanor Van Alstyne Snyder and Joseph Dudley Snyder, March 15, 1931, at Coppick Lane in Burlington County, NJ. In his youth, when not working on the farm growing tomatoes, sweet corn, peaches, and turkeys, he was active in the YMCA and Future Farmers of America. He graduated from Burlington County High School in 1949.

He met and married his wife, Barbara Christine Stewart, in Burlington County 1954, and they lived on the farm there until moving in 1956 to Deer Track Farm on Double Creek Road, Queen Anne's County, near Chestertown, MD. A beach house built by his father, Roy, and brothers on Long Beach Island, NJ, was a shared and treasured family vacation spot.

He was an early practitioner of irrigation systems and plasticulture in the area, shipping tractor-trailer loads of sweet corn to urban markets, creating machinery and other innovations he and brother John implemented. They were known regionally for the excellent quality of sweet corn, cantaloupes and tomatoes. Sweet corn was picked at night to provide cool dew covered corn to local markets for same day sale, a business innovation that created a market demand. He provided employment for many local high school students during the summers on the farm. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, instilling in

his children and grandchildren a love of the outdoors, a conservation ethic, fairness, and sportsmanship. He was a devoted family man, gentle, easy going, a great smile, and a great sense of humor that stayed with him till the end.

Roy was active in the Chestertown Lions Club for many years. Prior to retiring from farming, he obtained a realtor's license. He built a house on Brices Mill Road in Kent County, and lived there for 26 years. Roy and Barbara have traveled throughout the US, Puerto Rico, and Mexico with friends, and enjoyed spending the early months of the year in Florida.

He is predeceased by his brother, Robert. He is survived by brothers, John M. and Thomas E. Snyder; sister, Marion Powers; his wife, Barbara; their children, James Roy Snyder of Millington MD, Richard Allan Snyder of Craddockville, VA, William Joseph Snyder of Chestertown, MD, and Anne Barbara Snyder O'Connor and husband Brian of Rock Hall, MD; grandchildren, Christy, Mandy, and Daniel (James), Corinne and Meredith (Richard), Brennan (Anne), great-grandchildren, Colton and Casey (Christy), Abby and Price (Mandy).

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 7579 Sandy Bottom Rd, Chestertown, MD at 1 PM, on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Internment will be family only.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centerville, MD 21617 and/or Living at Home Health Services LLC, 818 High St, Suite 5, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *J. Roy Snyder*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *J. Roy Snyder*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *J. Roy Snyder*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

DJ

“ Dear Barbara,

Sorry this is so late. I discovered this while researching my dad's past. My dad was David W Worth. Throughout the 1960s, I rode in the produce truck with him from South Jersey to your farm to load up with sweet corn. After reading about how good Roy's was, I now know why we traveled so far to get it. I remember how important it was for my dad that he get the corn that had passed through the hydrocooler. Sometimes we were late in getting to the farm and could not wait for a bigger truck to load; we would have to skip that step and get ice on the way back to the market in Neptune, NJ.

I remember his smile so well, that when I saw this picture, I immediately knew it was Roy. I remembered your name, too.

I remember our family visiting for the day one summer for a picnic and recreation.

Since losing my dad in 2009, I have missed him very much. I can't know how much you must miss Roy. I will pray for God's Spirit of peace to comfort your heart.

Sincerely,

David W Worth, Jr

David W Worth, Jr - January 01, 2019 at 06:13 PM

JH

“ My sincere condolences to Barbara, Jim, Richard, Bill, and Anne. I was so sad to hear of Roy's passing. Roy was a wonderful mentor to me when I needed one in my life. Roy and your entire family always treated me like family! I will celebrate all the wonderful memories I experienced while working on Snyder Farm on Double Creek. And all the fun experiences we all had while keeping Snyder Farm going. What an amazing time in my life! And An Amazing Farm! And Truly An AMAZING Family! God Speed And RIP J. Roy Snyder

*From The Bottom Of My Heart,
Johnny Roe Hudson*

John Hudson - September 14, 2017 at 07:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J. Roy Snyder.



September 13, 2017 at 06:07 PM

MF

“ Marty Freeman lit a candle in memory of J. Roy Snyder



Marty Freeman - September 13, 2017 at 01:44 PM

MF

“ *Sending prayers and sympathy to your family..*

*Marcus Fenimore
Delanco, NJ*

Marcus Fenimore - September 12, 2017 at 08:29 PM

MS

“ *Mary Simmons lit a candle in memory of J.
Roy Snyder*



Mary Simmons - September 12, 2017 at 02:41 PM

JF

“ *Dear Snyder family:*

I wish to convey my sincerest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. There is a great hope held out to us for the future because God promises to bring those we lost back to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

Johnson family - September 11, 2017 at 07:14 AM

BB

“ Thinking of the family. Two memories, in designing their kitchen he disagreed with Barbara and I about the sink placement, we ganged up on him and he just walked away, it was a funny moment, I smile in remembering, also Brennan would bring interesting objects and stories to show and tell provided by his grandfather. Take Care, Beverly Blakeney

Beverly Blakeney - September 09, 2017 at 10:23 AM

RJ

“ ROBBIN-ROBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of J. Roy Snyder



ROBBIN-ROBIN JOINER - September 08, 2017 at 07:28 AM

CC

“ Chris Crouch lit a candle in memory of J. Roy Snyder



Chris Crouch - September 07, 2017 at 09:58 PM

HP

“ Roy had a green thumb and always gave me an Amaryllis plant when in Florida.
Sorry for your loss, missed you both last season.
Pat Hazelman

Hazelman Pat - September 07, 2017 at 05:22 PM

JS

“ Roy was such a kind and generous man - so much so that the memory of those qualities has stayed with me since I was a young boy. My heartfelt condolences to Barbara, the boys, and Anne.

J Kent Sweezey - September 07, 2017 at 05:11 PM

DE

“ Roy and I attended Shedaker School in Burlington Township, NJ and then went on to Wilbur Watt's High School in Burlington City. I feel privileged to have been one of his friends over all these years. Roy followed the Boy Scout creed as he left this world in better condition than when he arrived. We will all miss him but smiles will appear with his memories. Barbara and Family, our prayers are with you.

Rich and Pauline Edge

Dick Edge - September 07, 2017 at 03:47 PM

BR

“ Roy gave me my first job.... moving irrigation pipes on his sweet corn farm. A true gentleman in every sense of the word. My deepest heartfelt sympathies to Barbara, Dick, Bill & Ann. Roy was a wonderful person with an infectious smile.

Bob Ramsey - September 07, 2017 at 10:51 AM

JB

“ Barbara I am so sorry about Roy! He always had a big smile and I loved chatting with him. Sending hugs.



Joyce Benton - September 06, 2017 at 08:12 PM

SH

“ Roy always had a wide smile and time to talk. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to Barbara and the family, my thoughts and prayers are for you during this difficult time of loss.

Susan Merriken Haggerty

Susan Haggerty - September 06, 2017 at 08:09 PM