



## James Merlin Snyder Sr.

February 18, 1931 - May 22, 2022

James (Jim) Merlin Snyder, aged 91, of Oxford, MD, passed away peacefully on Sunday afternoon, May 22, 2022.

Jim was born in Hagerstown, MD, on Feb. 18, 1931, the second son of G. Merlin and Janet Snyder. Jim's brother George passed away in 2017. His sisters, Jean Hicks and Anne Geyer, reside in NC. Jim graduated from Hagerstown High School in 1949 and attended Loyola College in Baltimore. He enlisted with the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and was stationed in West Germany. After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to Maryland.

In the early 1950's, he entered business by establishing Motor Truck Service Corp., a truck repair facility in Hagerstown. He subsequently became a dealer for International Harvester Trucks. He retired in 1983.

Jim married Joan Hoffman of Waynesboro, PA, in June 1956 in Hagerstown. They raised four children: Pamela, James Jr., Todd and Susan. Jim and Joan bought a second home in Oxford, MD in 1978. Soon after, this became their permanent residence. Joan passed away in December 2010.

Jim was on the Board of Directors of Hagerstown Trust Bank from 1972 to 1998, Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown from 1974 to 2021, and St. James School, St. James, MD. He was a long-term member of Fountain Head

Country Club in Hagerstown, The Kiwanis Club of Hagerstown, the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, the Assembly Club of Washington County, the Tred Avon Yacht Club, and the Poplar Island Yacht Club. Jim and Joan worshipped at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Oxford, MD.

Jim leaves behind six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many friends.

There will be a memorial service held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Oxford on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 1:00pm.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Oxford Volunteer Fire Dept. or the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

A family service will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery at a future date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Merlin Snyder Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Merlin Snyder Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Merlin Snyder Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *With much love, Lynne Hershey purchased the Loved One Vertical Blanket for the family of James Merlin Snyder Sr..*



**With much love, Lynne Hershey** - July 06, 2022 at 10:57 PM



“ *Marlene Rice, Avon Dixon Ins Agency lit a candle in memory of James Merlin Snyder Sr.*



**Marlene Rice, Avon Dixon Ins Agency** - June 03, 2022 at 11:43 AM

PM

“ Pam, Jonathan, Christopher, Dixie & Matthew purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Merlin Snyder Sr..



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**Pam, Jonathan, Christopher, Dixie & Matthew** - June 02, 2022  
at 11:16 AM

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“ I was saddened to learn of Jim's passing. He and Joan were always very kind to me over the years and I like to think that they've found each other again and are holding each other in the spirit now that Jim has left this life. All condolences and best wishes to his many family members and friends...

*Tom Edwards*

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**Tom Edwards** - May 30, 2022 at 04:33 PM

JW

“ Dear Snyder family, We are deeply sorry for your loss and ours. Jim was a wonderful friend and more recently, neighbor. We have so many wonderful memories over the 14 years we knew him. So many lunches, dinners, Halloweens, drinks, pool and his generosity with his guest house when our family overloaded us. He made us always feel welcome. He was proud to show us his favorite spots, from diners to yacht clubs. We always has a seat for the fireworks and a pool to swim in. Our grandchildren called him Mr. Jim. We will miss his friendship more than words can say. God be with him as we know he is with Joan in heaven.

*Brian and Julie Wells and family*

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**julie wells** - May 26, 2022 at 08:44 PM