



John William Snyder Sr.

June 22, 1942 - April 29, 2026

John William Snyder passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on April 29, 2026, at the age of 83, after a long and courageous battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), a rare degenerative brain disease. Born on June 22, 1942, in Randallstown, MD, John was the son of Robert Orville Snyder and Evelyn Marie Strauss. He graduated from North Hagerstown High School in 1960 and went on to attend the University of Maryland, where he played football and graduated in 1965. That same year, he married his college sweetheart, Susanne Evans. Together they built a life in Seaford, Delaware, where John began his career with DuPont. They welcomed two children, Kristin Jean (1966) and John William Jr. (1969). In 1976, the family moved to Wilmington as John's career at DuPont flourished. He worked his way up to Vice President, General Services Business, after spending most of his career in the Nylon and Fibers businesses, John was very proud of his accomplishments and his 37 years with the company.

John approached life with energy and enthusiasm. He enjoyed boating, golf, racquetball, and was a big NASCAR fan. Most of all, he enjoyed time with his family. Whether in business or for pleasure, he had a deep curiosity about the world, traveling to countries including China, South Africa, Egypt, Australia, Russia, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Yugoslavia, and Vietnam. He had a gift for connecting with people everywhere he went. In 2001, John retired and moved to Bishopville, Maryland, just outside Ocean City. By then, he had been

blessed with seven grandchildren, who became the center of his world. He showed up for them fully—with pride, humor, and a presence that filled every room. John had a way of making people feel seen, offering advice, a firm handshake you wouldn't forget, and a warmth that drew others in.

After the loss of his beloved wife Sue in 2012, John later reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Sharon Munday. They married in 2014 and made their home in Easton, Maryland, where they built a life filled with companionship and care. John was diagnosed with PSP in 2017 after years of searching for answers. Even in the face of this devastating illness, he met each day with strength, optimism, and determination. Advocacy became deeply important to him, and he was actively involved with CurePSP, working to raise awareness and support the search for a cure. In a final act of generosity, John donated his brain to Johns Hopkins to further PSP research.

John was predeceased by his first wife, Susanne Evans and his parents Robert Orville Snyder and Evelyn Marie Strauss. He is survived by his second wife, Sharon Boublitz Snyder; daughter, Kristin; his son, John W. Snyder Jr., daughter-in-law Elizabeth Kreck Snyder; brother, James Robert Snyder (Susie); sister, Roberta Lynn Wachter (David); grandchildren: Summer (Vincent), Sarah (Eric), Robert, Max, Kathleen, Evan, and John (Ashley); Step Daughter: Kate Munday; Step Granddaughter: Kailynn Fridley, and many nephews and nieces. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him for his humor, his strength, and the unmistakable presence he brought into every room.

A memorial service will be held at The Tidewater Inn, May 22, 4-6 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CurePSP – Home. A private burial will take place at a later date in Wilmington, Delaware.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Tidewater Inn
101 E Dover St
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall

GH

“ Greg & Terry Harris purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John William Snyder Sr..



Greg & Terry Harris - May 22 at 10:32 AM

TB

“ The Barry's purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John William Snyder Sr..



The Barry's - May 21 at 12:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John William Snyder Sr..



May 21 at 11:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John William Snyder Sr..

May 21 at 11:04 AM

JB

“ I have been fortunate to work with some very successful people. Most of them had excellent judgement backed up by strong conviction and perseverance. Brother John had all of these traits in abundance. John was a natural leader. He liked to be “large and in charge” and he usually was.

John was responsible for planning several great experiences that we shared, including 2 golf trips to Pebble Beach and one to Brandon Dunes in Oregon. He and Sherry also planned a great joint trip to Alaska with Susie and me.

Growing up I was under John’s umbrella of protection- it was understood that if you mess with Jim, you would deal with John. Of course, this did mean that John could not mess with Jim. Fortunately, I could run faster and was normally OK if an escape route was possible.

John was “a presence” and had an impact in most situations.

He will be greatly missed.

jim Snyder, younger brother. - May 17 at 05:21 PM

JS

“ Jim snd Susie Snyder purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John William Snyder Sr..



Jim snd Susie Snyder - May 17 at 04:49 PM

JE

“ *Joseph E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William Snyder Sr..*

Joseph E. - May 15 at 10:43 AM

MS

“*"Cousin John" That's the way he announced himself when he called me; and he called me "Cousin Mike". As a kid, it was a special day when we went to visit Uncle Bob and Aunt Evelyn, and Bobbie, John, and Jim. That's because they were always doing fun things. They had a farm, a horse, race cars, motorcycles, go-carts, roller coasters, and more; fast cars, boats.*

They were football players and high school stars. John and Jim went off to the University of Maryland. Aunt Evelyn gave me a red Terps sweatshirt which I cherished.

I followed them to Maryland and then to Phi Delta Theta fraternity. They were my role models. John was a legend there, known as "Stoney". He was fraternity house manager, where he ruled with an iron, but compassionate, fist.

I wanted to buy John's '49 Chevy as my first car. I remember he and Sue's wedding at a Navy club in Bethesda.

At DuPont, John managed the iconic DuPont Hotel and Theatre. I enjoyed visiting he and Sue there.

John never had a problem speaking his mind. As a DuPont Vice-President, he was involved with a business meeting in Russia. He admonished his colleagues not to give trade secrets to our enemies. Once, John encountered then Senator Joe Biden on a commercial flight, where he chided Biden for flying first class on the taxpayers' money.

John Enjoyed hearing about my baseball and softball exploits; and enjoyed our golf together. He and Jim were my partners when I shot an even par round at his Lighthouse Sound course; but from the ladies' tees where John Preferred later in life.

He always enjoyed conversing about the Terps, NASCAR, the Orioles, politics, and many other topics. He kept himself well versed on everything.

John was like a brother to me, and I will miss him greatly.

*Brother in the Bond
Cousin Mike*

Mike Snyder - May 12 at 12:40 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John William Snyder Sr..*



May 08 at 07:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John William Snyder Sr..

May 08 at 07:05 PM



“ *I had the honor to work for John at DuPont, a true leader and mentor, rest in peace*

bill sullivan - May 07 at 11:29 AM



“ *John was a dear friend who we knew for 34 years. It was an honor to work with him at DuPont. We know he is in heaven with Sue now. May God comfort and Bless his family as they mourn his loss. He will be missed.*

Pat and Cheryl Armstrong Bagnol - May 01 at 10:17 PM