



Dr. Harold Eugene Snyder

December 9, 1923 - January 14, 2015

Snyder, Dr. Harold Eugene

Dr. Harold Eugene Snyder (91) passed away on January 14, 2015 at Hospice of

Palm Beach County, Jupiter, FL, after a battle with cancer. He was born on December 9, 1923 in Rittman, Ohio to Raymond and Ethel Kurtz Snyder, where he attended Rittman High School. He was a minister in the United Brethren Church and later in the Evangelical Friends Church serving at the historic Portsmouth Friends Church in Rhode Island. He also taught science at Bethel College in Indiana and Barrington College in Rhode Island. Dr. Snyder graduated from Malone University, formerly Cleveland Bible College, and Westminster College, New Castle, Pennsylvania. He received a graduate degree in Education from Bowling Green State University and PhD in Biology from Notre Dame. He was a Renaissance man with diverse skills and interests. He was an astronomer who made his own telescopes. He was a luthier who crafted historically accurate ancient stringed instruments. He also authored several religious books and study guides. His wife Juanita M. Snyder, also from Rittman, Ohio, preceded him in death in 2002, and his brother Russell Dale Snyder in 1971. Mourning their loss are his loving wife Frances Stampfle Snyder, two sons; Dr. Ronald Snyder, MD and grandchildren Rachel Leverone and Angela Snyder; and Mr. John Snyder and grandchildren Justin, Wanda, Joanna, and Jesse; and eleven great-

grandchildren. Faith and family were important to him. His message was simple: Love Never Fails. His life manifested never-failing love to all who knew him. A visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 pm, with a Funeral Service beginning at at 5 p.m., Saturday, January 17th, at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center St., Jupiter, FL. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Youth Ministry, at Ocean View United Methodist Church, 701 Ocean Dr., Juno Beach, FL, Phone 561 626-2500, or to the your favorite charity. For directions and online condolences please visit [www. taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com)

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Harold Eugene Snyder*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *We met Harold at Winona Lake School of Theology when we were both students at that great institution. Bethel College was looking for a science professor at the time and we encouraged him to consider applying for the position. He did and that led to a very pleasant friendship for both our family's. We trust God' comfort will be with you during this time of loss.*

Albert & Barbara Beutler - South Bend, IN - Friend - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Family of Dr. Harold Snyder*

I first met Harold when I served under Dr. John Williams when he was our General Superintendent. He impressed me as a man of God who was filled with God's joy. Unfortunately, I cannot be with you tomorrow.

On behalf of the EFC-ER, I want to express our condolences. His service among us whether as a student at CBC or as the pastor at Portsmouth was exemplary. We will miss him and have a memorial service at our Yearly Meeting sessions in July to honor him.

May the Lord bless you.

Dr. Wayne Evans - Canton, OH - General Supt of EFC-ER - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I was a pre-med major at Barrington College from 1969-73. Dr Snyder was my advisor and my Biology prof. I have a number of memories of Dr Snyder. One that I always mention is that he allowed us new freshman, who had not quite caught on to the college study motif, to retake the first big Invertebrate Zoology test. And we could keep the higher of the two scores. I did horribly on the first. Quite well on the retake. And learned I had to study a bit differently in college. What a difference that small gracious act made to my college career. He often talked about spiders since as I recall his PhD research was on *The Horizontal and Vertical Migration of the Field Spider*. And he loved parasites, and taught a very memorable Parasitology course. I also still remember his self-deprecating humor. We were looking at slides, I forget the topic. One showed him stooping or leaning over so that you could see the top of his bald head. It was quite prominent. He quipped, *And there is the landing strip!* He led a full life. I wish that I knew then what I know now about how fine a man he was. These things don't always become apparent when we are young. But we will have eternity to chat about these things. Something tells me that will be just fine with him!

Steve Shive - White Hall, MD - former student - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Dr. Snyder was a kind, gifted man who used his gifts to bless others. May he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

Eric, Annette, and Philip Self - Junction City, OH - Friend - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ When Dr. Snyder and Juanita were pastoring at the Portsmouth Evangelical Church he married my son and daughter. He also shared in the marriage ceremony of my younger son at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth more than 20 years ago.

I also remember celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in our fellowship hall. The catering was done by their daughter-in-law who shared recipes with me that I still enjoy to this day.

At that time we enjoyed visits to their home in Barrington. We saw that huge telescope in the yard and the beautiful lutes he made.

Our lives have been enriched with fond memories having known both of these wonderful people.

Betty Nutt - Portsmouth, RI - Friend, member of PEFC - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire family. What a truly wonderful man. I am blessed to have know him. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers with much love.

Rosanne Leverone - West Wareham, MA - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Years ago, Harold wrote periodic family newsletters that included not only current news but also wonderful family history stories. We so enjoyed each of Jim's Dad's copies (Neil Kurtz, son of Clarence Kurtz) and learning more of our history and keeping up with all the Family. What a wonderful keepsake Harold left behind for so many! Our thoughts and prayers are with his Family and all of the extended Family .

Jim and Judy Kurtz - Whitwell, TN - cousins - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dr..Snyder was our Pastor at the Friends Church in Portsmouth, R.I. He and Juanita were such loving and caring leaders. He will be greatly missed.*

Melvin Tabor - Buford, GA - Friend - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *Harold was a co-worker and neighbor in Barrington, RI, and an exemplary Christian. We remember the day when our young daughter fell out of his tree and broke her arm! May God's love sustain the family in these days.*

Ray and Betty Leavitt; Huntersville, NC

Ray and Betty Leavitt - NC - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *I went to Barrington College ('79-83) and had Dr. Snyder for Astronomy....I remember he invited the class over to his home one evening to see the stars through his huge telescope in the backyard. But what I remember most was his wife's hot cocoa, the best I've ever had! God Bless this gentle soul and his family.*

Laureen (Arico) Lewis

Laureen Arico Lewis - Barrington, RI - student - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM