



Mr. Gerald Dean Snyder

August 27, 2013

SNYDER, Gerald Dean, 58, of Plant City, Florida, died peacefully at his home on August 27, 2013. He was born in Muncie, Indiana, on December 7, 1954. He was a resident of Plant City since 1986. He was a Veteran of the United States Army having earned the rank of Staff Sergeant, and was the owner of Snyder Investments and Financial Services in Plant City for 26 years. He was a member of the Million Dollar Round Table, the National Association of Insurance and Financial Services, and the Tampa Bay Estate Planning Council, and was appointed to the State Health Insurance Board. He was awarded Top of the Table by the Million Dollar Round Table. Known for his commitment to the community of Plant City, he served on the advisory board for the Photo Archives and History Center, the Arts Council of Plant City, and assisted with the Veterans' Memorial Monument Park Project. He served as President of the Plant City Lions Club, President of Toastmasters, and Leadership Alumni of Plant City. He participated in Relay for Life and served on the board of the YMCA. He was the Director of the Southeast Hillsborough Unit for the American Cancer Society, and served as the Annual Gala Chairman for 2 years. He was an active member of the First Methodist Church in Plant City for over 26 years, where he served on many committees, including Chairman of Finance. In 2011, the Boy Scouts of America presented him with the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth. His scouting career included Assistant Cub Master, Assistant Scout Master, Scout Master, District Chair of the Boy Scouts of America, District Finance Chair and

Vice-President of Operations. He attended the National Scott Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, in 1997. He helped 27 boys reach the rank of Eagle Scout, including his two sons. In 2003, he created the annual Friends of Scouting Dinner to benefit Boy Scout troops in the Plant City area. In 2009, the Friends of Scouting recognized him as a Distinguished Citizen. He was an accomplished gardener and avid automobile enthusiast. He was a member of the Avanti Club of Florida- John Epstein Chapter. During his year-long battle with cancer, he continued to serve his community. He joined with the local YMCA to create a fundraiser to promote their Livestrong Program, which is a 12-week program designed for adults who have recently become de-conditioned or chronically fatigued due to their treatment and/or disease. Last January, Dean's Ride, a cycling event, made a large contribution to the program. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Ceresa Michele "Mikie" Snyder; sons, Adam Justin Snyder (Candice), and Michael Brandon Snyder; grandchildren, Brock Joseph Snyder, and Gunner Gabriel Snyder; siblings, Mark, Bruce, Keith, Bonnie, Kent, Eric, Todd, Beth, and Brett; and many loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Leon Snyder and Rosemary Hudgel Snyder, and brother, Michael Snyder Sheaks. He was a man of strength and honor and will be greatly missed. The family will receive friends on Friday, August 30 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 31 at 3:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church of Plant City, 303 North Evers Street. Private interment at Pelote Cemetery, Lithia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scouts of America c/o Gulf Ridge Council, 13228 North Central Avenue, Tampa 33612. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Alderman-Pelote Cemetery

Pelote Cemetery Road
Lithia, FL 33547

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Celebration of Life

AUG 31. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Plant City
303 North Evers Street
Plant City, FL 33563
<http://www.firstchurchplantcity.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Gerald Dean Snyder



Hopewell Funeral Home - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I only had the privilege of working with and knowing Dean for a few years. In that time, he became mentor, friend, and family. He loved his family, friends, and community and gave them his all. He was one of those people whose light shined from the inside out. Dean's light will now shine on from heaven, to guide us, to inspire us, to show us the way.



*Some people come into our lives
and leave footprints on our hearts
and we are never ever the same.*

Tracey & Melissa Garrison

Melissa Garrison - September 03, 2013 at 09:26 PM

 Sonia
Jenkins

“ To have known Dean was to know a truly amazing man. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren and family so much. He was positive even when he found out about his cancer. He fought so hard in this battle. He died with grace and dignity which is what he most wanted. I will strive each day to be more like him. Thank you Dean for setting such a high example. God bless and prayers for your family. Heaven is a brighter place tonight. Our tears on earth reflect your shine in heaven. Sonia Jenkins

Sonia Jenkins - August 31, 2013 at 08:15 PM

KB

“ It is hard to express my feelings after working for Dean for 20 years. I considered him not my boss, but my brother and I will truly miss him. His world revolved around his family and community. Mikie, Adam and Brandon, I love you as if you are part of my family (and you are)! Kay & Alan Ballard

Kay Ballard - August 29, 2013 at 12:19 PM

BS

Thank you Kay. Dean loved you as well. We will all miss him so very much. I hope you can continue helping things at work. I love you, you have always been very sweet.

Bonnie Snyder Shortridge - September 10, 2013 at 12:13 PM

RJ

“ I have known the family for 44 years and over the years have had many wonderful times with Dean and his family. Many, many wonderful meals with his family and his wife, Mikie's family also Anniversary Celebrations, weddings and Eagle Scout Celebrations. The respect that I have had for Dean and his wife Mikie really cannot be explained. I cannot express my sorrow that Dean is gone at such an early age. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Snyder Family.

Rita Johnson

Rita Johnson - August 29, 2013 at 09:52 AM

NC

“ I knew Dean only for a short period of time, but knew that he was a wonderful person. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Nadine Costigan - August 29, 2013 at 09:32 AM

BR

“ I'm so sad to hear this. What a sweet family you were always to me and I pray for you in this difficult time.
Love to you all ~
Brooklyn

Brooklyn - August 29, 2013 at 01:48 AM

EB

“ Emily (Drowns) Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Dean Snyder



Emily (Drowns) Brown - August 28, 2013 at 09:49 PM

SA

“ *Mikey, Adam and Brandon,
So very sorry for your loss. I've known Dean for so many years. He was such a good person, everybody's friend, always positive and friendly. He did so much for Plant City and for his friends. He will be greatly missed.*
Starr (Coons) Anderson

Starr Anderson - August 28, 2013 at 07:55 PM

JJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers for Mikie & family. Dean was a wonderful man and our community will miss him. God Bless*

Jennifer Fenner Jackson - August 28, 2013 at 07:18 PM

MP

“ *I remember our band playing for an AWESOME party at Dean and Mikie's house... that was 8 years ago..... I remember how gracious you were - and how supportive you were of the music ministry at FUMC during my tenure there as the Music Director.... Prayers for the family, and PEACE to all here on earth who are longing to see him again. We will. Blessings, The Pruyyn family- Michele, David and Jamie*

Michele Pruyyn - August 28, 2013 at 07:11 PM

CO

“ DEAN WAS SUCH A FINE PERSON! HE AND ALL OF HIS KINDNESSES WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. OUR HEARTS ARE SAD THAT YOU ARE GONE FROM THIS EARTH BUT WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN A BETTER PLACE. WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN. YOUR FRIENDS AT THE PLANT CITY PHOTO ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CENTER



CANDY OWENS - August 28, 2013 at 01:45 PM



“ Well DeanZ our elevator rematch will have to wait till we meet again. It wasn't always easy to love you as a young man but as I became an adult and later a father it was hard not to love and admire the man and father you where. Thank you for all the memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mikie, Brandon, Adam, Candace the boys and the rest of the Snyder family. The Richey Family

Christopher Richey - August 28, 2013 at 11:05 AM



“ Our sympathy to your family and friends. May you find peace and comfort in these difficult days. A delightful man with a kind spirit. May he rest in peace after a difficult battle.

Vonda Gainey - August 28, 2013 at 11:04 AM

JB

We are so sad to hear of Deans passing. Love and our prayers to you all. He was a very special person and loving family man. He set a great example by the way he lived his life. He will be missed.

Joe and Jan Bodenmiller

Joe and Jan Bodenmiller - August 28, 2013 at 08:26 PM

MF

“ Dean,
It has been a true pleasure working with you
the past few years. I will hold you and your
family in my prayers. You will be greatly
missed.

Michael Fraser



Michael Fraser - August 28, 2013 at 09:15 AM

GC

“ Gail Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Gerald Dean Snyder



Gail Calhoun - August 28, 2013 at 08:32 AM

JD

“ To Byron and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss, you are in
my thoughts and prayers

Janelle (Hawley) Dorr- Cleveland Tennessee



Janelle Dorr - August 28, 2013 at 07:49 AM

AG

“ Thank you Mr. Dean for always making "us kids" feel like we were a part of your family too. You and Mrs. Mikie always welcomed us into your home with open arms and gave us love and kindness. Your sweet nature and gratitude will forever live on in my heart. God has a wonderful angel in heaven with him now and we will see you again one day.

Alison Grooms - August 28, 2013 at 07:25 AM

LB

“ My heart breaks at the news of this terrible loss! Dean was such a kind man. He always had something kind to say and was sincere in his caring for others. Mikie and family, I pray that God will comfort you during this time. God bless you.

Lorraine Bennett - August 27, 2013 at 11:14 PM

PL

“ A beautiful man ... we all feel the vacuum left by your passing.

Peggy Lee - August 27, 2013 at 10:00 PM

JH

“ Godspeed sweet Dean. Much love and light accompanies you in your passing. Love and prayers to Mikie, Brandon, Adam, Candace and the family. You all will be in our thoughts tonight and in the days ahead.

Jean and John Hehn

Jean Hehn - August 27, 2013 at 09:47 PM

MS

Thank you Dean for introducing our family to the world of scouting when we first moved to Plant City. We have so many friends due to your encouragement to get our boys involved. Your generosity and kindness for all you have done for the community and others leaves a legacy to be proud of. Our love and prayers to Mikie, Adam, Brandon, Brock, Gunner, family, and friends. You will be missed by all you have touched.

The Sweet Family

Mike & Natalie Sweet - August 28, 2013 at 09:16 AM

AB

*“ Dean, you have always been full of quiet wisdom. We've cherished you and Mikey as friends and mentors in Christ. You have been followers of Christ worthy of imitating. Your impact on our lives is eternal. Dave calls you "his Paul"; and rightfully so. We will miss your laughter, smile and friendship.until we meet again in glory....
Dave and Anne Butcher*

Anne Butcher - August 27, 2013 at 09:39 PM

JR

“ I'm gonna miss you Mayor McCheese...

Jay Ritenbaugh - August 27, 2013 at 09:20 PM

PD

“ Dean you will be missed..You will live on in all the people who's life you touched..You will also live on in Adam and Brandon.Rest in peace my friend

Paul Davis - August 27, 2013 at 09:12 PM

ZP

“ My husband, Bill, and I have had the pleasure of knowing the Snyder/Rousch family for about 20 years. We have been invited to share in family reunions and Dean and his wife were always so congenial and a pleasure to be around. He will be missed by many people. Prayers for peace to the family.
Zelma Pack

Zelma Pack - August 27, 2013 at 08:47 PM

BR

Thank you Zelma you are a great friend..

beth snyder rousch - August 27, 2013 at 09:02 PM

SC

“ Though we only met a few times, each time was a lovely memory! Our friend Jay's 50th birthday party.....then at the Christmas party....it was always a pleasure to see you and Mikie. You are the kind of friend I can only hope to be towards my own friends. It was evident that your greatest joy was making others happy. "In the arms of the angel, fly away from here. We know you are in good hands now. Rest in Peace" -Ty and Suzanne Calder & family



Suzanne Calder - August 27, 2013 at 08:46 PM

GH

“ We have such loving memories of Dean and his smile and influence with youth . Especially with our son, Ryan . We will all miss him and send our love and support to Mikie and the family . We love you , Clint , Garnette ,Ryan,Nicole , Amy , Scott and Kim <3

garnette Humphreys - August 27, 2013 at 08:39 PM

GB

“ *Dean and Mikie have been great friends and neighbors. It is a very sad day but Dean will not be forgotten*



George Banning - August 27, 2013 at 08:35 PM

CC

“ *Connie Corley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Dean Snyder*



Connie Corley - August 27, 2013 at 08:31 PM

CC

Love and hugs to you dear Mikie, continued prayers for you and your family.

Connie Corley - August 27, 2013 at 08:38 PM

WW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out for Mikie and family. Dean will be missed by all that knew him. He was a loving Christian husband, father and friend. May you find peace and comfort in his release from earthly pain and suffering, and joy in the faith and knowledge that he is with God in heaven and one day we will all be together again. We love you! Sincerely, Bill and Suzanne Wicker*

W. P. Wicker - August 27, 2013 at 08:06 PM

MD

“ *Margie Denner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Dean Snyder*



Margie Denner - August 27, 2013 at 07:57 PM

MD

Mikie, you and your family will be in my continued thoughts and prayers.

Margie Denner - August 27, 2013 at 07:59 PM

 Katie Cullen

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Snyder family and friends. Mikie all my love.*



Katie Nickerson and family

Katie Cullen - August 27, 2013 at 07:52 PM

BR

“ *This is the info on my brother Dean Snyder*

Beth Snyder Rousch - August 27, 2013 at 07:30 PM

KS

“ *The day Dean married my niece was a great day for our entire family. I know that he and my brother are having a great time together now and are waiting for us to join them for all eternity. Jil and I are praying for you and the family Mikie. Praying for the peace that passes all understanding that only Jesus can bring. As you know Jil and I have experienced that peace many times and can vouch for HIS faithfulness.
God bless you all. We love you so much*

Ken Springer - August 27, 2013 at 07:26 PM

JF

“ *Dean you will be greatly missed. As you know, I thought of you more like family. I learned a great deal from you and enjoyed working with you. I still can't believe that God called you home so soon. You were a great disciple of Christ here on Earth. I am certain that Christ was there to welcome you with open arms. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Snyder family, especially Mikie, Adam and Brandon. Dean loved you all so much. He will always be a part of you. God will bring you comfort and peace. Hugs, JoAnna and Dale Franz*




JoAnna Franz - August 27, 2013 at 06:03 PM

JF

“ *JoAnna Franz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Dean Snyder*



JoAnna Franz - August 27, 2013 at 05:53 PM

 Laurie
Reidinger-
Hofts

“ I am honored to have considered Dean my friend. An amazing man of honor, faith, integrity and courage. He has taught me so much over the years and has also allowed me to lean on him a time or two as well. My heart is heavy as I loose a friend, but I know he is now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Mikie, Adam, Brandon, Adam & Candice, my prayers continue to be with you today and always. I love you so much.



Laurie Reidinger-Hofts - August 27, 2013 at 05:40 PM

LJ

“ We truly appreciate the solid friendship and personal relationships we've built with Dean and his family over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mikie, Adam, Brandon and the entire Snyder family. Your father/husband is an outstanding, loyal man full of character and integrity. We wish you the best – Larry, Tyger, Carson and Ryder

Larry Jimenez, Jr. - August 27, 2013 at 02:50 PM

JH

“ We've had the pleasure of knowing Dean and the Snyder's for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mikie and the entire family. Dean will always be fondly remembered by our family. - John & Amy Haney

John Haney - August 27, 2013 at 02:24 PM

CD

“ Mikie: I am thinking of you and your family as you cope with the loss of Dean. I am so glad to have shared time with him at the FLC and HBI meetings. He was a wonderful, considerate, giving man. I hope your memories of him will eventually bring more smiles than tears. Wishing you all the best, Connie Dupras

Connie Dupras - August 27, 2013 at 02:10 PM

LR

“ All my love and prayers to Mikie, Adam, Brandon, Candice, and family. <3 Your Florida family member in Chicago



Lindsay Ritenbaugh - August 27, 2013 at 01:41 PM