



John James Snyder

August 28, 1915 - November 30, 2011

John J. Snyder Sr., 96, of Wenatchee passed away at Highgate Senior Living on Wednesday, November 30, 2011. John was born in Ephrata, WA to Jacob Albert (Bert) Snyder and Ethel Ruby Florence on August 28, 1915. John made Wenatchee his home for the majority of his life. After graduation from Wenatchee High School in 1933, John went to WSU beginning in 1934 and 1935; John then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and became a flight school instructor obtaining the rank of Staff Sargent. While stationed at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah, John met the love of his life Mary Ann Piccone while he was on leave with an army buddy from Denver, Colorado. John & Mary Ann were married on January 6, 1946. After his completion in the military, John was hired by Jackson and Perkins Rose growers as their General Manager of operations. Under Mr. Perkins, John & Mary Ann's first home was in Pleasanton, CA where the J & P rose growing grounds were located. In 1955 John was asked by his father Bert to consider moving back to Wenatchee and becoming a partner in the family business, C & O Nursery Co, joining his two brothers Gene and Bob. John decided to move back to Wenatchee and take his father's offer and ended up working for C & O Nursery Co until his retirement in 1989 as the President and CEO of the company. John was past President of Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association serving two terms as President in 1956 and 1957. John was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in WSNLA and received the Pioneer Award in 2006; he was a past member of the American Nursery and Landscape Association and

served as Washington State's Governor for the AAN. John was a life member of the Elks, and the Knights of Columbus Council 1545 and just received an honor during their 100th year anniversary celebration for being a member for 77 years -- the oldest living Knight member in the Wenatchee area. John was also a member of the American Legion, the Eagles and an Honorary Chapter Farmer of the FFA. John loved family gatherings along with traveling, dancing, swimming and working in the family business. John and Mary Ann are survived by six children: sons John Jr (Jack), (wife Jan) E. Wenatchee; Richard (Dick), (wife Barbara) Wenatchee; Gary, (wife Teresa) E. Wenatchee; daughters Patricia (Pat) Norton, (husband Curt) Wenatchee; Judy Johnson, (husband Jay) E. Wenatchee and Sandra (Sandi) Clark, (husband Tim) Wenatchee. John is also survived by his brothers Robert (Bob) of Wenatchee and Albert (Al) of Dayton, WA and sister, Margaret Sampson, (husband Don) of Wenatchee. John was preceded in death by his parents; wife Mary Ann; brother, Eugene (Gene) and sister Florence Dolwick. John had 13 Grandchildren, 9 Great Grandchildren and one on the way.

Viewing will be Thursday December 8th from noon to 8:00pm and Friday December 9th from 9:00am to 8:00pm, Holy Rosary will be held on Friday December 9, 6:00pm at Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Memorial Mass and Christian burial will be held on Saturday December 10, 9:30am at Holy Apostles Catholic Church East Wenatchee -- Father Argemiro Orozco and Father Seamus Kerr Officiating. Concluding service and interment will follow at Wenatchee Cemetery.

Memorials in John & Mary Ann's name may be made to the Community Foundation of North Central Washington or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Highgate Senior Living and their staff, Dr. Steve Aguilu and Central Washington Hospital Hospices Care.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dad we love you & miss you. Tell mom hi & we love her too.
Hope you had a Happy anniversary together.
Love Gary & family*



The Gary Snyder Family - January 10, 2012 at 08:44 PM

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The Gary Snyder Family - January 10, 2012 at 08:40 PM

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The Gary Snyder Family - January 10, 2012 at 08:34 PM

DD

“ *are prayers and thoughts are with you and uncle john. he will truly be missed. we are glad we have the memories of being with him at the last family reunion.*

don&barb dolwick - December 14, 2011 at 12:55 PM

JM

“ Dear Jack, Dick, Gary and family:
I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I'm particularly sorry that I did not know this last week when I saw you Dick...I would have given you a big hug. What great pictures of your father and families! I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Jan Melvin - December 13, 2011 at 06:32 PM

DP

“ You will be greatly missed you were a wonderful man I will always remember you for how friendly ,kind and how you always would chit chat with me when you were outside when I came to visit my grandparents Deloris and Don Kirk Rest in Peace John (Mr.Snyder) you will be in my memories forever!!

Desiree Page - December 09, 2011 at 12:48 AM

SC

“ Until we see each other again

Sandi Snyder Clark - December 04, 2011 at 10:53 PM

DW

“ Our very deepest condolences on the death of Uncle John. May the many memories you all shared with him bring you consolation and peace. With love and sympathy, Dianne and Al

Dianne and Allen Werner - December 04, 2011 at 05:51 PM

SC

“ *The Greatest gift I ever had, Came from God I call him Dad. Dad your life was full of loving deeds, forever thoughtful of my special needs. Today, and tomorrow my whole life through, I will always love and cherish you!! Your're special smile your caring heart your warm embrace. There's a place in my heart That no one else can fill- I love and miss you Dad and I always will!!! your daughter Sandra Ann*

Sandra Ann Snyder Clark - December 04, 2011 at 12:47 PM

KW

“ *Sandi- So Sorry for the loss of your father~ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!! ((HUGS))*

Kim Williams - December 03, 2011 at 11:34 PM