



Ralph M. Snyder

March 9, 1930 - December 9, 2022

Ralph M. Snyder, 92, went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 9, 2022 at Lancaster General Hospital after a brief illness. Ralph was born in Rheems, Lancaster County on March 9, 1930, son of Jacob S. Snyder and Martha (Myers) Snyder. Ralph grew up in Rheems, attending Rheems Grammar School until the family moved to Mount Joy in 1941. He attended East Donegal High School in Maytown until leaving after the eighth grade to work for his father. He married his wife, C. Lucina Myers of Mount Joy in July, 1954 and they were together for 67 years.

Ralph served in the United States Army in Korea, from 1951 to 1953. He was assigned to the 6th helicopter company, where he learned helicopter mechanics, eventually working in the parts depot.

After learning auto mechanics and body repair from his father at Snyder's Garage, he and his brother Roy, opened Snyder Brothers Antique & Classic Auto Restoration in Mount Joy in 1966. There Ralph did body work and painting while Roy did the mechanical work. In 1977 the brothers dissolved the partnership and Ralph continued on with the restoration business. He was a true craftsman, able to transform a rusty piece of junk into a beautiful piece of automotive art. He did all of his own work including engine rebuilding, body work, welding, painting, and upholstery. He was a perfectionist, never overlooking the smallest detail, which was reflected in his customer's cars receiving many first place awards across the country.

Ralph was an active member of the Mount Joy Church of God. He served on

the Church Council and in the Sunday School Department for many years. He was also a member of the senior choir. He served on the building committee, able to see the completion of the new sanctuary in 2005, which was his wish for many years. He had great love and concern for his many friends and family whom he prayed for every day.

Ralph is survived by a son, Joseph Snyder of Shippensburg, a son, Benjamin Snyder of Mount Joy, married to Jolene (Lindemuth) Snyder, and a daughter, Grace Julian of Washington Boro, married to Michael. He is also survived by a brother, Jacob Snyder of Florida, and five grandchildren; Ethan Snyder, Rachel (Snyder) Kalinowski, and Abigail, Matthew, and Elijah Julian. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucy (March 2022), and his brother Roy. Ralph will be lovingly missed by his family and friends.

A memorial service honoring Ralph's life will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Mount Joy Church of God, 30 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Maytown Church of God Building Fund, PO Box 145, Maytown, PA 17550.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Joy Church of God
30 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CZ

“ My condolences to the Snyder family. I remember and cherish our visits at his shop. The history of Rheems that he shared, his view on life, his faith in God, and his values. I remember his great restoration/recreation of his father's tow truck. A brother in Christ that I will miss while on this earth.

Charlie Zuck - December 14, 2022 at 07:52 PM

HH

“ My condolences to Ralph's family. He was a Christian friend, skilled craftsman and a wealth of knowledge of local history. He will be greatly missed by those that knew him. , Henry Hess

Henry Hess - December 13, 2022 at 06:05 PM

TB

“ Ben, I am so sorry to see the passing of your father. Keep him in your heart and he will live forever. Toni Bowman

Toni Bowman - December 13, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ Ralph's passing leaves a void in our town that will not be easily filled. His knowledge of Mount Joy and Florin history was vast. His contributions to the Mount Joy Area Historical Society were many and will always be greatly valued as part of our research library. He was a kind and thoughtful man whose attention to detail was exceptional. I extend my sympathy to Ralph's family. Sue (Schlosser) Hostetter, Mount Joy Area Historical Society

Susan Hostetter - December 12, 2022 at 09:18 PM

GH

“ On behalf of the Mount Joy Area Historical Society it is with heavy hearts we learned of the passing of Ralph Snyder. Ralph was a valuable member of our Society and the Mount Joy Community as well. He had a wonderful store house of memories to share. Especially photos and tidbits about Mount Joy that most of us did remember or even know. He will be missed. Our condolences to Ralph's family. Gail Hawthorne, Member Mount Joy Area Historical Society.



Gail Hawthorne - December 12, 2022 at 08:17 PM