



James A. Snyder

October 30, 1947 - May 10, 2020

James Allen Snyder, age 72, of Spring City, PA and formerly of Hopewell, PA, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2020 in Phoenixville Hospital. Born on October 30, 1947 in Rochester, PA, he was a son of the late Frances Louise (Baker) and Donald Martin Snyder.

Known to most as Jim or Jimmy, he cherished the memories of his childhood on the family farm with younger siblings Gary, Kathleen, Karen, Daniel and Dawne Marie. He also cherished relationships with many of his extended family members of beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and generations thereafter, all over the country.

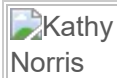
Jim was a 1965 graduate of Everett High School, attending West Chester University in 1966, and graduating from the Armed Forces Music School, Norfolk, VA in 1967. He enlisted and served in the United States Navy for 6 years during the Vietnam War, receiving the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon. After his service, Jim was employed with Timken Co. in Bucyrus, OH for 11 years. He went on to work for a small home siding company in Sebring, FL. Later in life, he trained with and drove for Schneider National Trucking, having received advanced training and certification from Appleton University in WI. In 1987, he settled back in PA and was employed at JLG Industries in McConnellsburg, PA for 22 years, retiring in 2009.

Jim's life was filled with many loves; playing music and being in the outdoors were his passions. He was a self-taught musician and spent his life entertaining those around him, creating wonderful life-long friendships with many of the talented musicians he was honored to play with. As an avid hunter and fisherman, Jim volunteered much of his time and skills to Trout Unlimited and was a certified instructor for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in Bedford and Blair counties. He also was a member of Trout Unlimited, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and The Big Brothers of America. In recent years, he had returned his focus on music: playing parties and holiday celebrations for the other residents at the Southeastern Veterans Center, where he had resided for the last year and a half of his life.

Mr. Snyder is survived by his daughter, Jennifer (Sebastian) Ricci, of Pottstown, and three granddaughters: Mallory, Gillian and Amelia. In addition to his beloved parents Don and Louise Snyder, Mr. Snyder was preceded in death by siblings Karen Snyder and Gary Snyder.

Due to current events and restrictions, graveside services at Koontz Church of the Brethren in New Enterprise, PA will be held privately at the discretion of the family. Memorial services will be planned at a later date when permissible. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jame's name to The American Heart Association or Trout Unlimited. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

 Kathy
Norris

“ I knew Jim from band, in highschool; then reacquainted years later, first on facebook then a visit in Fayetteville; a reunion with Jim, his sister Kathleen & niece Carrie; such a memorable time. I miss you Jim, your stories, your sense of humor and know many others do too. You must be rejoicing with the angels in glory, no more nights! . My sincerest condolences to your family.

Kathy Norris - November 06, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Jim when he was a volunteer Fishing Skills Instructor for the PA Fish and Boat Commission. Facebook served to keep us connected once he "retired." What a kind and wonderful person he was. It was my pleasure to know him. My most sincere condolences and prayers to his family and friends. I could see just how proud he was of his children and grandchildren... And the pleasure and value he had of his friendships. God bless.



Mandy Smith - September 28, 2020 at 01:45 PM

SS

“ Shirley Fern Fannin Schmid lit a candle in memory of James A. Snyder



Shirley Fern Fannin Schmid - September 16, 2020 at 06:47 PM

CL

“ *Carol Labshere lit a candle in memory of James A. Snyder*



Carol Labshere - September 16, 2020 at 06:33 PM

BT

“ *Met Jimmy thru my husband, Harry who has been friend with Jim for years. They played music together and loved every minute of it. I loved when Jim came south to Florida and we would go out for seafood. Man loved seafood so much. I will miss so much about Jim, his humor, his caring, his music and his stories. Bless you Jim.*
Bonnie Trott

Bonnie Trott - May 20, 2020 at 04:53 PM

DC

“ Jim was my next door neighbor when he lived in Hopewell. A better neighbor one could not find. He and I often had conversations across the fence. Some involving politics and others about his outdoor activities. One I remember so well was when he hit and killed two deer at once while traveling home on Rt. 915 from his work in McConnellsburg. It damaged his vehicle to the point it would not run. He loved to play his banjo. He asked me to take some pictures of him with a scenic background so he could choose one to put on a selection of songs he was going to put on a cassette. We did this over along Rt 26 in the village of Sunnyside. I have posted the series of pictures that were taken elsewhere. I don't recall which one, if any, he decided to put on the cassette.

David Chisholm
May 20, 2020



David Chisholm - May 20, 2020 at 01:16 AM

GL

“ James Snyder was a good friend and fishing buddy while we were in high school. After high school i joined the army and Jim went to the navy. Welost track of each other for many years till i saw his poc on face book and sent him a message. Our old friendship was soon rekindled. We woud meet in Altoona, he really liked the chinese place across from the VA Hospital. We always stayed in touch after that no matter where he was living. I knew something wasnt right after several calls to his phone and it went to voicemail and he did not call back. And. i came across this. Gods Blessings to all his loved ones. And Gods everlasting eternal rest to you my very good friend James A Snyder. Im going to miss you till i get there with you soon

Gregory k Leach - May 16, 2020 at 12:06 AM

DM

“ Jim and I were in the band together. He was a very good trumpeter. He was well liked and very kind. I was also a 1965 graduate from Everett. My deepest sympathy and prayers to the family. Delores Marshall Myers

Delores Marshall Myers - May 15, 2020 at 02:03 PM

KN

“ Jim was a very kind person who was liked by everyone in the Everett HS class of 1965. Prayers to his family.

Kermit "Doc" Norris

Kermit Norris - May 15, 2020 at 01:23 PM

PT

“ Jim was my classmate and friend on Facebook--loved to see his posts and hear his music..He'll be greatly missed. Fly high with the angels Jim!! Patty Edwards Trueax

Patty Edwards Trueax - May 15, 2020 at 08:36 AM

DL

“ Jimmy was a kind and great cousin, he will be missed.

Darlene (Harman) Lillpop - May 14, 2020 at 09:15 PM

LG

“ Lorraine Adams Dawson Guyon lit a candle in memory of James A. Snyder



Lorraine Adams Dawson Guyon - May 13, 2020 at 07:14 PM