



William "Bill" Kent Snyder

July 29, 1935 - December 24, 2023

William "Bill" Kent Snyder was born on Monday, July 29, 1935 in Nevada, Missouri, the son of Frank LaRue and Helen Bartlett (Wharton) Snyder. He passed this life on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at Canoe Brook in Catoosa, Oklahoma. He was 88 years of age.

Bill was a 1953 graduate of Nevada High School. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Missouri. Bill was employed for some 35 years in the accounting department of Amoco, later B.P. Petroleum. He served in the Army, and he also served as a deacon for many years at Brookhaven Christian Church where he enjoyed creating thought-provoking marquees. Bill was a runner, biker, and swimmer, logging well over 100,000 miles. Participating in over 800 races, Bill almost always placed in his age group. He became a nationally ranked triathlete and "no one could beat him on a bike." He retired at age 55, and for the last 33 years his greatest joy has been spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

The family requests in lieu of flowers donations be sent to John 3:16 Mission, 506 North Cheyenne Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74103 or john316mission.org.

Bill is survived by,

Daughters, Kendra and husband Bobby Polanco, Tulsa, OK

Dianne and husband Bob White, Catoosa, OK

Grandchildren, Kalee, Aleksey and Josh, Jordan and Nate, Adrian and Kelsi

Great Grandchildren, Calvin, Alice, James, and "One on the way"

Former Son in law, Matt Hixenbaugh, Tulsa, OK

Former Wife, Sandy Williams, Tulsa, OK

Niece, Sidney and Sandy Schwartz, Orange City, FL

Girlfriend, Kathy Farley, Springfield, MO

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Helen, sister, Frances Lee, brother, John and his wife Marge, and nephew, Johnny.

Cemetery Details

Newton Burial Park

Nevada, MO

Previous Events

Reception

JAN 5. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 05, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kent Snyder.



January 03, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ Janet E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Kent Snyder.

Janet E. - January 03, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kent Snyder.



January 03, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kent Snyder.*



January 03, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kent Snyder.*



January 03, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *I met this lovely man, hanging out with his daughter Dianne. I remember tacos every weekend. Pool games and lots of love and laughter in his home.
Hugs to my dear friend, what a special father you have.*

Jenn Tatum - December 30, 2023 at 08:22 PM



Jenn, thank you for sharing! So many good memories! ❤️

Dianne White - January 05, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ *Millie Mosher and Phil Lehrman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Kent Snyder.*

Millie Mosher and Phil Lehrman - December 29, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kent Snyder.*



December 29, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *I met Bill through the Hixenbaugh family My daughter was married to Steve Hixenbaugh.the Moshers and the Hixenbaugh became a close.family We had many wonderful holidays together.Bill was always welcome, and always joined us. Bill and I became drinking buddies. We would sit off to a corner. And enjoy our wine tell stories and just laugh at our conversation. Well that's what people do when they have a little to much wine. I have missed that so much, and will miss it even more. So Bill everytime I have a glass of wine I will be thinking of you. Cheers good buddy. Rest in peace*

Millie Mosher - December 29, 2023 at 09:24 PM



Millie, so many wonderful memories! And my dad always looked forward to gatherings when you were there! You two were great buddies! Thank you for sharing! ❤️

Dianne White - January 05, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ *I remember running many races with Bill.
He was a very kind man who always wore a big smile.
My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time!
He was an amazing running friend ❤️
Rhonda & Gil Ratliff*

Rhonda Ratliff - December 29, 2023 at 05:46 PM

DW

He was so happy on race days! Thank you for sharing that, Rhonda!

Dianne White - January 05, 2024 at 08:59 AM

NM

“ I think I was about 14 when I met Bill, spent many days and nights with the girls at his house and through church. A memory I will always hold dear is riding in the car with him one day and he started being silly saying “you can call me Ray” over and over....from then on out “Ray” it was! (and to make it even, I nicknamed Sandy “Faye”) Ray and Faye..an extra pair of parents for me. Never called him Bill again. You were something special Ray! Thank you for the memories. All my love family.

Nikki Mayer - December 29, 2023 at 01:24 PM

DW

Nikki, I had forgotten you always called him Ray! Thank you for sharing that! ❤️

Dianne White - January 05, 2024 at 08:57 AM

CM

“ Was deeply saddened to hear of Bill's passing. We weren't related by blood but man he always made me feel like family. He was a rare larger than life type that someone how still had time for everyone. I will never forget the holidays and fun nights we got to spend with him, or the loving and caring nature he radiated.

Rest in peace big man, we'll never forget you.

Chris Mattix - December 28, 2023 at 08:43 PM

DW

Thank you, Chris! It is so good to remember those wonderful memories with my dad at Christmas, enjoying our huge family times together! And we were all one big family! ❤️

Dianne White - January 05, 2024 at 08:55 AM

RH

“ I remember when Bill would dress up as Santa for his morning run and then come visit us on Christmas morning, it's one of my favorite Christmas memories ever. Bill was such a great man and he has left a lasting impact, he will be truly missed.

Rachel Holloway - December 28, 2023 at 04:51 PM

DW

Thank you for sharing that memory, Rachel! The way you guys loved to see him coming in that Santa suit, it made his day! Those were great memories indeed! ❤️

Dianne White - January 05, 2024 at 08:52 AM

HO

“ My first memory of Bill was when us kids were sitting with him in church. He, trying to keep us entertained during the service, would take a deep breath and attempt to hold it through an entire prayer. We would crack up, trying not to laugh out loud! Hyland Owens

Hyland Owens - December 27, 2023 at 07:11 PM

DW

Oh yes!!! And he would sing very loudly (every other word) just trying to make us giggle! Great memory!! Thank you Hy! ❤️

Dianne White - December 28, 2023 at 11:56 AM

CB

Bill and I go a long way back. I was fortunate to have shared a lot of our activities with him. We met at Amoco and played golf together for many years. Then he discovered running and he quit playing golf and introduced me to running and later biking. I was fortunate enough to run and bike many miles with Bill. He and I shared lots of memories during our early morning drives to races in various towns and cities. After he started doing triathlons he ran less and certainly wasn't playing any more golf. Bill was like a brother to me. We shared a lot with each other that we wouldn't ever feel comfortable talking to anyone else about. He was a very special person, one of a kind, and I miss him and his friendship very much. Charles Bertalot

Charles Bertalot - December 29, 2023 at 03:38 PM

DW

Thank you, Charles! You were such a good friend to my dad! I recall my dad reminiscing and telling us so many wonderful stories about you two. One in particular is that you two rode your bikes to Claremore on a few Saturday mornings. Wait, you rode your bicycles all the way to Claremore? Yep, rode bicycles to Claremore for breakfast. When we asked what you did after breakfast, he said...we rode our bicycles back home. The ride, the friendship, and breakfast together...that was the outing on those Saturday mornings. Thank you so much for your dear friendship with my dad, Charles!

Dianne White - January 05, 2024 at 08:44 AM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 27, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Snyder family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of William.* ”



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 26, 2023 at 02:13 PM