



Jan D. Snyder

November 19, 1935 - February 11, 2021

Jan D. Snyder, 85, of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of Holgate, Ohio died Thursday, February 11, 2021 at the Flower Hospital.

Jan was born November 19th, 1935 in Holgate to the late Chet and Virginia (Zachrich) Snyder. He graduated from Holgate High school in 1954.

Jan was born with a hard work ethic. He helped on the family farm as a child and retired from General Motors after working for more than 30 years. He was a business entrepreneur and created and ran several businesses while working a full-time job at GM. Still after working all those numerous hours, seven days a week, Jan would find time to drive an hour to attend church with his family on Sundays.

He was a race car enthusiast and competed in numerous drag races over the years. He loved NASCAR and attended the Daytona 500 for over 50 years. He was an avid boater and was a member of the Bay View Yacht Club and spent his summers at Lost Peninsula Marina, where many people knew him and his boat as Fancy Farmer.

It didn't take much to make Jan happy; from driving his machinery and tackling projects to out-drinking all his friends at Put in Bay, whether it was for work or play it all seemed to fill his cup. Jan's laugh was contagious and people loved being around him. He had many amazing friendships that carried on with breakfast at diners and one-on-one visits when his fast paced life began to slow down.

At last, he cherished the time he spent with his family, spoiling his grandkids, and holding his great grandchildren. He was always checking in on all of his nieces and nephews, always willing to help and give advice to everyone. He was a proud member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate.

He is survived by his children, David (Linda) Snyder and Pamela (Cameron Smith) Sloan; grandchildren, Stacy (Randy) Steel, Kathy (Eric Fenter) Snyder, Ashley (Ryan Lukasik) Sloan, Brandy (Sean) Pawlowski, Cassidy Sloan, and Oliver Smith; numerous great grandchildren, and a sister, Marsha (Randy) Lambert. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Linda Handyside.

A private funeral and burial will take place at St. John's United Church of Christ and Cemetery, Holgate. A public viewing will take place on Friday, February 19th from 3-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the St. John's UCC Church or St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

St. John's UCC Cemetery

13063 County Road J
Holgate, OH 43527

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **19**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

KV

“ *What can I say? Jan was one of the nicest people I know. He always had a smile and something good to say. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to his family.*

Kevin and Tammy Vajen

Kevin and Tammy Vajen - February 19, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jan D. Snyder.*



February 17, 2021 at 12:28 PM

YC

“ *Young Cuz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jan D. Snyder.*



Young Cuz - February 16, 2021 at 11:05 AM

PE

“ *I can still hear his mother, my Aunt Ginny, yelling up the stairs, Jan, Jan get up, when I would stay overnight with Marsha. It was time to get up and help milk the cows, work the fields, pick tomatoes, or help bale hay. So many things needed to be done on the Snyder farm. What fond memories for me and a day in the life of the farm.*

Fondly, Peggy Stevens

Peggy - February 14, 2021 at 04:30 PM

TD

“ *Our corner at Lost Peninsula Marina will never be the same now that you have left us for a far better place RIP our dear friend, love ya Tom & Suzie Dudley*

Tom Dudley - February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM

SA

“ *The Obituary beautifully described who he was. Thank you for your 44 plus years of friendship and support. You will be missed.*

The Ahmed Family

Sam Ahmed - February 14, 2021 at 10:01 AM

TL

“ *We always enjoyed spending time with Jan at the marina. He was always surrounded by everyone who loved him. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace my friend. Tom Lehman & Kim Wanous*

Tom Lehman - February 14, 2021 at 09:37 AM

TG

“ *Jan I will always have Great memories of the fun times we had! You were a generous ,loyal friend. Rest in Peace my friend!*



Tim Gorsuch - February 14, 2021 at 03:19 AM

BA

“ *Jan, our oldest cousin. He was a wonderful cousin, man and worker, not only for the farm, his many businesses and his God. I loved listening to his stories because he always stayed on the bright side of life. I will miss his texts and his messages through fb. Rest In Peace 🙏*

barbara - February 13, 2021 at 07:20 PM

BW

Jan, the patriarch of cousins, kept God, family and friends close. Jan was easy to love and gave the Best Hugs ever! We loved Jan's Arizona visits with John & Joyce, cousins and friends. He always made US feel special. A Very generous, sharing, gentle man that made Memories! Jan has earned His everlasting life with the Lord and with the ones that have gone before US! Anchors Away, Be at Peace 🚢 Jan is loved and will be missed by us left behind. Be at Peace all, Jan is in great hands!

Beth Wood - February 19, 2021 at 01:01 PM

BH

“ *RIP JAN. Worked with Jan for 32 years at GM. Always ready to give me a hand.*

Bob Hiser - February 13, 2021 at 12:31 PM