



Eugene "Gene" Snyder

July 27, 1924 - April 11, 2011

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East Wenatchee, WA

Gene Snyder, lifelong resident of the Wenatchee Valley, passed away at his home the morning of April 11, 2011. He was born at his home on Methow Street in Wenatchee, WA on July 27, 1924, to Bert and Ethel Snyder. Growing up in Wenatchee as the youngest of six kids, Gene enjoyed an active and fun childhood. He graduated from Wenatchee High School on January 14, 1943, and entered the service soon thereafter. After a successful stint in the Army serving under Lt. General Mark W. Clark during WWII (Italy Theater), Gene returned to Washington State to attend Washington State University. Gene began working at C & O Nursery at a very young age, and by the time he entered college (Agriculture), he already knew the Latin names for numerous plant varieties, giving him a leg up on many in his class. Gene loved to bowl, dance and golf — and he became proficient at each. He was asked to tap dance with Sammy Davis, Jr. during his early 20's, and enjoyed anything that benefited from rhythm. Gene loved youngsters and for 20+ years was the annual Santa Claus at the Wenatchee Elks Club, of which he was a lifetime member. Starting much later in life than most, Gene took up golf at the age of 35, and joined the Wenatchee Golf & Country Club in 1964, retaining his membership for the past 47 years. With the remarkable accomplishment of

four holes-in-one (two on WGCC #14, and two on WGCC #17), he often shunned the limelight and would boast more about how his son got a hole-in-one on the same length hole, one year and one week to the day of his first accomplishment. Gene met Wanda Richardson on her 18th birthday (1954), but delayed a steady courtship due to Wanda's young age. They were married November 5, 1961, and loved each other for 50-½ years. Gene shone as a registered Landscape Architect, and after spending a month in Japan studying under Mr. Toeman Sano in 1968, came back to an award winning landscape design career for C & O. Some of his many awards include the E. P. Marquess home in 1968, the Harvey Davis home in 1969, the Cascade Natural Gas building in 1970, as well as the Omak funeral home. He was co-owner of C & O Nursery with his brothers, John and Bob. He retired in September of 1989, to golf, travel and spend time with his family, which he enjoyed up until the very recent past.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; his children, Todd (Teri) of East Wenatchee and Beth O'Bryan (Mark) of Cashmere; his three brothers, John Snyder and Bob Snyder, both of Wenatchee and Al Snyder of Dayton, WA; his sister, Margaret Sampson of Wenatchee; and six grandchildren, Todd Jr. "TJ" (Andrea) Snyder of New York, Ty Snyder of Wenatchee, Tia Snyder of East Wenatchee, Katie Wagg of Wenatchee, Stephanie O'Bryan of Cashmere and Samantha O'Bryan of Cashmere. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bert Snyder, in 1962, and Ethel Snyder, in 1984; and his sister, Florence Dolwick of Youngstown, OH, in 1995.

While he will be greatly missed by his large family and many friends, we find solace in the fact that he is absent from the body and present with the Lord.

Private Graveside/Committal Service was held in Evergreen Memorial Park in East Wenatchee. A Celebration of Life will be held at Wenatchee Free Methodist Church, 1601 Fifth Street, Wenatchee, WA, on Monday, April 18,

2011, at 11:00 a.m. Donations may be made to the Our House, c/o Cancer Care of NCW, 1708 Castlerock Street, Wenatchee, WA. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com
Arrangements are by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

1301 10th St NE
East Wentatchee, WA 98802
(509) 884-4651

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