



Gerald (Jerry) M. Snyder

August 12, 1946 - August 22, 2017

Gerald (Jerry) M Snyder, age 71, of Sarasota, passed away on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at his home.

A celebration of life will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, August 27th, at TPC Prestancia Country Club in the Orchid Room at 4409 Tournament Players Club Drive, Sarasota, Florida 34238.

Jerry was born in Hillsdale, Michigan to Ralph E and Madeleine (Gaillard) Snyder on Monday, August 12, 1946. His parents met during the war in Africa. Shortly after Jerry was born, his family moved to Paris, France for several years. (Jerry spoke fluent French). After returning to the United States, Jerry's family moved back to Hillsdale and then to Coldwater, Michigan during his senior year of high school. Jerry graduated from Coldwater High in 1964.

Jerry met his wife JoAnn (Derrickson) Snyder in high school, and they were married on June 24, 1967. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24, 2017.

Jerry attended Alma College and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1968 with degrees in Prelaw and Political Science. He attended the University of Colorado for graduate school and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Master of Arts in Medieval History in 1970. He also holds 75 hours towards a

PHD from the University of Colorado. Jerry served as a teaching associate at the University of Colorado from 1968-1971. After leaving Colorado, Jerry began his career by teaching advanced placement history classes at Bolles Private School in Jacksonville, Florida from 1971-1976.

Jerry and JoAnn moved to Indiana in 1977, and Jerry started working for Ashland Chemical in the Industrial Chemicals and Solvents Division. Their only son Bryon was born in 1979 in Ft. Wayne. Jerry continued to work in the chemical industry in Columbus, Ohio, and he became Ashland Chemical's Global Business Director in 1989. Jerry worked his way up at Ashland Chemical and served as the Vice President and General Manager of Ashland Plastics International from 1994-1998 and VP/GM of the Fine Ingredients Division from 1998-2002. Jerry ended his successful career at Ashland as VP of Strategy and Change from 2002-2004 and VP of Strategy ADC/AI from 2004-2005.

Jerry and JoAnn then moved to Sarasota, Florida where Jerry continued to work as a Professional Consultant for Compass Minerals, Nachurs Alpine Corporation, Metts Corporation, and Rhodia Corporation (Novecare Division in both Paris, France and Cranberry, N.J.).

Jerry enjoyed playing golf, reading, swimming, keeping up with his favorite college football team—the University of Michigan—and playing with his grandchildren.

Jerry is survived by his wife, JoAnn, son, Bryon, daughter-in-law, Monica, and three beautiful grandchildren, Cameron (18), Isabelle (3), and Rayne (3). Jerry is also survived by his brother, Phillip Snyder, and his wife, Kathi, and their two adult children, Sean and Mark, and their families.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Vintage Paws at Ace

Kennels for the care of unwanted elderly dogs at vintagepaws.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *I worked with Jerry for a number of years, always found him very kind, R. I. P. till we all meet again through the love and grace of Jesus. Ian Munro. Ashland (uk)*

November 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the family.
Jerry has been my mentor and the person who believed in a few "Europeans" to build a beautiful business. We were invited at his home and he was taking really good care of us.
I owe him a lot and I feel really sad that is no longer with us.
My memories will be with him, wish his family a lot of strength in this difficult period.*

Jan Mulderink - September 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *He was the type of guy to give you shirt off his back. I still have a Ashland shirt from him.*

Jeff - September 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ My deepest condolences to The Snyder family. I just learned of Gerry's passing. He was a great coworker and mentor to me at Ashland. We traveled all over the US and Europe together, I was Gerry's "advance man" doing PR and arranging media interviews and meetings when Gerry took over leadership of Ashland Plastics. I lost touch with him after I left Ashland for other opportunities. Little did I know he was living in Sarasota, as I am just south of there in Venice. Opportunity lost - I would have loved to chat with him again.

Traveling through Europe with Gerry was educational, as he viewed the world through the context of an expert historian. This view helped him work with and negotiate through dealing across the many borders of Europe.

I'll miss Gerry and remember him with much fondness. A great guy.

Peter Losocco - September 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Connie Duquin lit a candle in memory of Gerald (Jerry) M. Snyder



Connie Duquin - August 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I knew Jerry for nearly 20 years as a supplier and most recently, as a colleague in consulting with NASi. I enjoyed his insight and strategy on business, supply chain, and chemistry. He will be missed greatly from the team at NASi. My thoughts and prayers are with Jo and his family during this difficult time. We will miss him very much.

Bill Howat - August 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I will miss you Jerry, very very much. You were one of the few good guys that I've met along the road of life. The days I've spent playing golf with you on Friday's are some of my most cherished memories. You became my best friend at TPC, not only on the golf course but off the golf course as well. I will especially miss our "kibitzing" back and forth over your \$12 Sterling Melot and my \$5 House Scotch. We made a good pair. Rest easy my Friend and someday we'll renew our "kibitzing;" hopefully the Bar in Heaven has lots of Free Sterling and Scotch.



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