



## Harold L. (John) Snyder

May 6, 1929 - January 26, 2015

Harold L. (John) Snyder, was born May 6th, 1929 in Lakeside, WA to Joseph and Frances (Bieber) Snyder. He was the youngest of 12 siblings. He attended the Lakeside Primary School and then attended Chelan Junior and Senior High School, graduating in 1947. He continued his education at Washington State University.

John married Joyce Beckman on December 6th, 1947. To this marriage were born four children, Robert, Susie, Joe and Richard. He was preceded in death by his parents, all his siblings, his oldest son, Robert, and many nieces and nephews. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, his daughter Susie (Cindy), and his sons, Joe (Mary) and Richard (Leslie) Snyder, four grandsons, one granddaughter, and 12 great grandchildren.

He started work at Wenoka Fruit Storage, followed by work for the Lake Chelan Boat Company for many years. He then worked for the local Washington State Liquor Store followed by work at the Chelan District office of the Chelan County PUD, starting as a meter reader and retiring as the local manager.

John was a longtime volunteer fireman, becoming Chief in the later years, with the new fire hall named in his honor. He was an avid collector of many treasures and an avid skeet shooter, taking his grandson Russell from novice to Sub Junior Washington State champion two years in a row. John was instrumental in many people's lives, with a nickname for most.

John is remembered fondly by his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a multitude of friends for his love, sense of humor, chats on the porch, and hugs.

Throughout his life John maintained a very large place in his heart for children and animals. He touched many lives and continued to be a loving and caring soul until his last days. He will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the North Cascades Sportsman's Club, Chelan Fire & Rescue or charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank Dr. Waszkewitz, Catherine Freeman, and the loving care from staff at Regency Manor, Chelan.

There will be an intimate memorial on Saturday, February 7th with a Celebration of Life open house to be held in the late spring, with dates to follow.



# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel** - January 31, 2015 at 04:04 PM

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“ I just watched the nicely done memorial video - so many good memories of "Big" John and the Snyder family. I always felt welcome in their home thanks to John and Joyce. And I am grateful that they brought four wonderfully unique children into the world who inherited his sense of humor and skill for nicknames. My condolences to all the family and I hope this sad time is tempered with fond memories and pride in knowing John was a positive, productive, giving, much loved citizen of the Chelan community for many, many years.

Dan Lambert

**Dan Lambert** - February 08, 2015 at 07:19 PM

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“ We have never met a more gracious & genteel man as John! No matter where you might "run into" him, he always had a happy smile & a warm greeting to give you. My hubby always teased him about his "old" Lincoln & asked when he would be able to "take it over". John's answer was always "as soon as you fill the tank!" I will be forever grateful to have been "his" nurse at the clinic and only wish I could have been helpful in these last few moments. Our sincerest condolences are sent to Joyce and all the family and we know your loving memories of John will guide you through this sad time. In God's Love ~~Arnold & Chrystal (RN) Bertram

**Chrystal Bertram** - February 02, 2015 at 10:30 PM