



Clayton E Snyder

March 31, 1930 - May 31, 2018

With his family at his bedside, Clayton Snyder of Myrtle Beach, SC, husband of Jean L Snyder, died on May 31, 2018. Throughout his life Clayton sought service and family before self.

Born in Pittsburgh PA, the youngest of Edith M Snyder's eight children, he grew up in the small town of Jersey Shore PA. Stories of his childhood were filled with examples of how family and friends looked after one another. Out of love of country and family, Clayton joined the US Marine Corps at age 16. The Marine Corps matched him well as "always faithful" or "Semper Fi" was a good description of how he viewed his responsibilities to country, family and friends. He served from October 1946-October 1949 and was called back to active duty in 1950 during the Korean War.

On August 13, 1950, Clayton married Jean, his high school sweetheart. In 1958, they moved to Roanoke VA, where Clayton started a 34-year career with the Hartford Casualty Insurance company. After four years in VA, he transferred with his wife and newly born son to the Pittsburgh regional office as their Audit Manager until subsequently moving to Philadelphia in 1970 as Territorial Audit Manager.

Seeing a need to advance his profession across the insurance industry, Clayton founded the Premium Audit Auditors Association, serving as their first president. He continued serving these organizations in Philadelphia, holding various positions with the Philadelphia Insurance Auditors Association. Knowing his desire for service, Clayton was assigned by Hartford as a

representative to the PA Compensation Rating Bureau and represented Hartford as a member of the Premium Audit Advisory Service. As he valued continuing education, Clayton received his APA designation from the Insurance Institute of America. He also embraced the personal computer as it became prominent in the late stages of his career.

After Clayton retired in the summer of 1992, he and Jean moved to Myrtle Beach, SC to enjoy golf year-round. Retirement did not mean that his commitment to others had ended. He served on the board of the Homeowner's Association dedicated to the well-being of his new community. He was an active member of Myrtle Beach National Men's Golf Association. Through both activities, Clayton and Jean created many new friendships. Clayton continued his service as a substitute teacher and as a volunteer for Mercy Care Hospice. Having three brothers who served in WWII, and from his service in the USMC, he was passionate about the care of our veterans and he became active in Mercy Care's Veteran's Recognition Pinning program. (Mercy Care continues to work with Coastal Carolina University to collect and preserve the memoirs and records of local military veterans in the US Library of Congress.)

Clayton was preceded in death by all of his siblings. He had five brothers: Eugene, Tom, Robert, William and Charles; and two sisters: Miriam and Gladys. Three brothers (Robert, William and Charles) were WWII veterans. Survivors include his wife Jean, after 67+ years of marriage; his son Bruce Edward and daughter-in-law Linda Anne, and granddaughter Laura Grace, of Pottstown PA. Three sisters-in-law survive, including Anna Mae Snyder of Turnersville NJ, Carole Snyder of Sayre PA, and Gladys Snyder of Mt. Hope WVA, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held in Conway at the Goldfinch Funeral Home on the 12th of June. His family requests that donations can be made in lieu of flowers to the Salvation Army, 1029 3rd Avenue, Conway, SC 29526 or Mercy Care Hospice, 8216 Devon Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Clay was a special man. He would always take the time to stop and talk. He was a good neighbor. Jean you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers
The Brad Brown's

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“ Clay was one of my favorite neighbors. He would always stop to talk and tell me something funny. He had a wonderful sense of humor! He took pride in his home and community. I will think of him when I am cleaning my pine cones up every year. He would do this for me and tell me it was his daily exercise! I will miss seeing him. Fran Hines

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