
William C. SNYDER

WILLIAMSBURG - William Cleveland Snyder, 95, died on Friday, Feb. 5, 2010.

He was born in Warwick County and graduated from Morrison High School in 1931. He was a charter member of the Virginia Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, a charter member and oldest active member of the Five Forks Ruritan Club, and a charter member of Hidenwood Presbyterian Church. At the time of his death he was a member of Jamestown Presbyterian Church.

He was a well known local naturalist as well as the author of four books about nature in the tri-city area. He also wrote nature articles for local newspapers.

Mr. Snyder retired from Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in 1963 after 40 years of service. After his retirement he worked for 25 years at the guest services desk at Patrick Henry Inn. During this time he also was a tour guide for the area.

Survivors include three daughters, Sandy Meadows (John), Mary Lynn Edney (Maurice), and Rachael Tidwell (David); seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A special thank you to Donna Brady with Comfort Keepers for her loving care and compassion for our Dad.

A graveside service will be held at noon, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at Peninsula Memorial Park in Newport News.

The family requests no flowers. Memorial donations may be made to the Virginia Living Museum, 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601, or Heartland Hospice, 11835 Fishing Point Drive, Suite 101, Newport News, VA 23606.

Please leave condolences at www.wjsmithandsonfh.com. Arrangements by W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home. *View and post condolences on our online guestbook at dailypress.com/guestbooks.*

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