



Merlin Kenneth Snyder

June 24, 1935 - December 14, 2017

Merlin (Merl) Kenneth Snyder, 82 years of south Toledo, passed away on Thursday December 14, 2017 in the Northwest Ohio Hospice Inpatient Center in Toledo. Merl was born on June 24, 1935 in Lostant, Ill, to Sylvan and Ethel Snyder; he grew up on the family farm in Lostant, Ill and was a graduate of Lostant High School. Merl served in the National Guard for nine years and achieved the rank of Specialist 3rd Class. In the 1960's he formed the country band, Merl and The Drifters, in Streator, Ill, where he was the vocalist and played the guitar.

Merl married the former Jean Harcharik on June 11, 1955. They lived in Streator, Ill, where he worked as an accountant for Owens Illinois. The company transferred him to Toledo in 1973 where he worked in their corporate offices. After 34 years with the company, he retired at the age of 52 and soon afterwards he became known as the "neighborhood handy man".

While he was still working, Merl enjoyed music, golfing and bowling; but most of all he enjoyed his family. Merl is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Jean (Jeanie) Snyder, children Greg (Maryjane) Snyder, Sharon (Robert) Gerken, Sandra (Michael) Stevens; grandchildren Ian Smolenski, Staci (Tim) Ozuk, Brent Snyder, Ben Gerken, Rachel Stevens, Leah Stevens; Great Grandson Henry Ozuk; sister Emma Jo Kiesewetter and his loving canine friend Mandy. Merl was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Wendy Snyder; brothers Herman, Gerald, Meredith and Robert.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday December 20, 2017 from 10:00

am to 11:00 am at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd.
Toledo, Ohio, 43614, where the funeral service will be held at 11:00 am.

Interment services will be private.

In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Snyder: Imagine the time when there will be no more old age and Merlin will be young and vibrant as she once was. This fact is stated at Job chapter thirty-three verse twenty-five. Imagine a time when there will be no more death and all those in the grave will be resurrected. Read Isaiah chapter twenty-five verse eight and Acts chapter twenty-four verse fifteen. Very soon we won't have to use our imagination because these things will be a reality. We can put our faith and trust in God's word because we know that "God does not lie" based on what Numbers chapter twenty-three verse nineteen says.

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“ May all your cherished memories of your love one 'help you thru this difficult time. Please find comfort in the love and support of family, friends and the beautiful promise at Acts 25:15.

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'Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come, follow Me, and I will give you rest'. Now and during this season of Christmas, may our newborn King, Jesus, hold you all in the palm of His hand as you remember and celebrate Merlin's life legacy. He will not be forgotten in the hearts of all who knew him.

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“ *Jean from the first time I meet Merl when I was just cutting the grass on the empty lot next door. I enjoyed his company for the next 13 plus years till we moved, I wish we were still there , and we are real sorry for your loss.*

Bob and Ann Toth

Bob Toth - December 19, 2017 at 10:09 PM