



James E. Snyder

December 25, 1935 - February 28, 2014

Latham-James E. Snyder, son of the late John and Katherine (Walsh) Snyder, entered into Eternal Life on February 28, 2014. He was born on December 25, 1935 in Elmhurst, NY. Jim was a graduate of St. Bonaventure University and was associated with Siena College for 50 years. During that time he helped to implement the Big Brothers and Sisters program that later blossomed into the Siena Mentoring Program, which has served thousands of children from the Albany area who were matched to Siena student Volunteers. The devotion of generations of Siena students to serving urban youth was a powerful force in Jim's life. He cherished the generosity of spirit of the Siena Community.

Jim is survived by his wife and best friend of forty years, Teresa Thayer Snyder; his beloved children, Jonathan, Amy (Stephen) Hegener, Christine, and Zachary; his granddaughter, Olivia Snyder, and the countless sons and daughters and brothers and sisters he picked up along the way through his gently, compassionate nature. He is also survived by his brother, the Most Reverend John J. Snyder, retired Bishop of St. Augustine, FL. He is predeceased by his brother Eugene P. Snyder, who died in World War II.

Jim was a kind and gentle soul who loved being with his family, friends, and neighbors, and of course he had a special place in his heart for his beloved dogs.

Funeral services Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 10:00 am from Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, now located at 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to St. Mary of the Angels Chapel at Siena College at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be concelebrated.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited and may call Wednesday, March 5, 2014 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Those wishing to remember James E. Snyder in a special way may send a contribution to the Siena College Mentoring Program Scholarship Fund, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.LGFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors
208 North Allen Street
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 463-1566

Service

MAR 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

Siena College
515 Loudon Road
Latham, NY 12110

Tribute Wall



“ *Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of James E. Snyder*



Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors - February 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the family. We are saddened to hear of your loss. May you find solace in the love and memories shared together and may God comfort you with the words at Revelation 21:4,5. Happily we can look forward to the day God promises to reunite us with loved ones by means of the resurrection John 5:28,29. May this thought bring you some comfort in the days ahead.*

Beltran Family - March 11, 2014 at 02:13 PM



“ *Comfort Soup Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Snyder.*



March 07, 2014 at 12:44 AM

SH

“ Dear Teresa, Jon, Amy, Christine, and Zak,

I'm sorry for your loss and saddened that I, too, have lost Jim. He has always been one of the most important people in my life. He made my college experience more fun and gave it so much depth and meaning. After I graduated from Siena, he continued to show me what it means to be a good leader, a good husband, a good father, a good mentor, a good teacher, and a great man. Most meaningfully to me, though, he showed me that I can be those things, too.

Jim was a role model and mentor for so many people over the course of his life, but what's affected me the most is the impact he's had on me as a person. From the moment I met Jim, I could feel that he believed in me more than I even believed in myself. He gave me the gift of his unending support, and he asked for nothing in return other than that I do what is right and best for me.

I know what Jim felt for you all is so much greater, but the unconditional positive regard with which Jim treated me made me feel loved, and for that, I will always love and remember him as well. Jim is one of the most wonderful people I have ever known. Thank you for sharing him with me. My life and the world I live in are better because of Jim, and my only regret is feeling like I'd never thanked him enough, which, given all he's done for so many people, probably would have been impossible.

*Sincerely,
Stephen Hensel ('06)*

Stephen Hensel - March 07, 2014 at 12:35 AM

HH

“ My family lived next door to Jim's family in Flushing, New York, when we were growing up. I, too, have very fond memories of Jim who was several grades ahead of me at St. Andrew Avellino School. I recall very well his showing me his beautiful May altar one year. I have been praying for you, Jim, since learning about your illness a month ago. Rest in Peace, good and faithful servant.
Helen Fritz Hornbake

Helen Fritz Hornbake - March 06, 2014 at 06:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James E. Snyder.



March 06, 2014 at 09:08 AM

JC

“ Jim is a shining example of what it means to live one's mission in life. He had a vision as to how his life was to be lived and he never wavered from that. He mentored me when I first met him at Siena (1964), married Joyce and I in 1970, was the sponsor of our daughter Jamie's confirmation and co-officiated at the welcoming ceremony of our granddaughter Hannah. He truly embraced all that had the good fortune to spend time with him. He was a great friend, a fabulous teacher, a beacon of light for those who felt alienated and always creating new possibilities for children through the Big Brother Program and mentoring program at Siena. Truly a life well lived and an example for all of us.
Our sympathy to the Snyder family,
The Chupka's

john chupka - March 05, 2014 at 02:19 PM

JP

“ To the entire Snyder family. I am truly sorry for your loss. Mr. Snyder was truly the type of man that the world needs more of, generous and kind hearted. I hope that the fond memories you have help to ease this loss.

Sincerely,
The Pinotti Family

John Pinotti - March 05, 2014 at 10:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James E. Snyder.



March 05, 2014 at 10:06 AM

DR

“ I see Jim smiling in his photo here and I think of all times I would see him and that big smile coming down Alpine Drive, dogs obediently walking beside him, a friendly shout of "Hello David!" Jim was the only one who could use my full name in a more friendly way than most people could use my nickname.

We'd catch up on the news of the world, the neighborhood, Siena or anything else that caught our interest. Occasionally, there'd be some gentle teasing about my latest attempt at home repair.

By the end of the conversation, I was always the one with the big smile.

My friend Jim, it has been an honor knowing and I will miss you.

Teresa, Jon, Amy, Christine, and Zak - I'm sorry for your loss.

Dave Robert

David Robert - March 04, 2014 at 08:17 PM

Jl

“ My deepest sympathy to the Snyder family on the passing of Jim. I worked at the Siena College Campus Center as a student from 1983-1987. I met Jim there and thought he was the sweetest, kindest man I had ever met. He definitely left his mark on this world.

Sincerely,

Jill Louis Irving
Siena Class of '87

Jill Irving - March 04, 2014 at 04:26 PM

RE

“ Dearest Teresa, Jonathan, Amy, Christine and Zachary,

Even though my time spent with Jim was small - what a wonderful man your dad was. So gentle, so kind and so compassionate. His gentle smile and soft voice always made me feel welcomed. I'll never forget coming over to the house to have dinner and leaving feeling like part of the family.

May all your wonderful memories sustain you during this time of loss and sorrow. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*All my love,
Robin Samiof-Emanatian*

Robin Emanatian - March 04, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BF

“ I am a 1967 graduate of Siena and Jim was my instructor in "Marriage and the Family". My wife Holly and I teach Pre Canna classes and at each class refer to Jim. Even though it was many years ago, I clearly remember Father Gabe as a witness of Christ's love, patience and a friend to all. He obviously continued his witness in his personal life and the wonderful gift he has been to the youth of Albany and the Siena community. The memory of his loving presence will continue in the many lives he has touched over the years. The program he started and dedicated himself to will continue to be a source of hope and support to many. He has run the race and won his reward. God's peace to him, his family and to all those who were touched by his presence in their lives. Bob Flynn

Bob Flynn - March 04, 2014 at 09:29 AM



“ *Jim helped me become a Big Sister in 1973 or 74.....when I was young, newly married and working full time. He firmly believed in me from day one, and encouraged me to start a support group for other new Big Brothers & Sisters. No one had ever given me that speech before: "you can do this really you can". Where would I have been in those days without his guiding light? We are lucky to have him in our life, and he will always be remembered. Marty DeLaney.*

Marty DeLaney - March 04, 2014 at 07:01 AM

CB

One of the most giving men that I have ever known. Praying the Lord will comfort all of you with His peace, surround you with His love, and encourage you with His presence.

Carl Baker

Carl Baker - March 05, 2014 at 03:26 PM