

John R. Snyder

January 1, 1942 - June 15, 2014

Obituary

John R. Snyder, 72, of Rushville, passed away at 7:24 PM, Sunday, June 15, 2014, at Culbertson Memorial Hospital in Rushville. He was born on January 1, 1942, in Macomb, the son of the late Irwin and Helen (Vaughn) Snyder. He married Dianne Busen on July 22, 1967 at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mt. Sterling and she survives. Also surviving are two sons Aaron Snyder and Gregg Snyder both of Rushville, one brother Vaughn Snyder and wife Janet of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, mother-in-law Louise Busen of Timewell, and several nephews and their wives. John grew up in Hersman on the family farm and worked with his father at the Hersman Trading Post and was a 1960 graduate of Brown County High School. He went on to Culver-Stockton College, where he played football. He later attended Parson's College, where he was a member of the parachute team. He enlisted with the US Army during the Vietnam War. He was stationed at Ft. Rucker, where he earned his pilot's license and air traffic controller certification. He was a member of the select Golden Knights parachute team. He participated in many demonstrations and competitions both domestically and internationally. He logged over 2000 jumps and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for breaking many parachuting records. He participated in the Military Olympics in Spain in 1968. He earned pilots licenses from Emery Riddle University in Atlanta for commercial multi-engine and instrumental ratings. After his military service, John worked in insurance sales and management in St. Louis, before being recruited by his mother to run the family business of Snyder's Vaughn-Haven Nursing Home in Rushville, in 1973. He became owner and administrator working until his death. He was also a licensed plumber, electrician and HVAC technician and had many other business interests. He was a member of many pilot and flying associations and founding member of the Rushville Flying Club. A board member and Past

President of the Illinois Health Care Association and board member of the American Health Care Association, co-founder of the Illinois Nursing Home Administrators Association. He was also a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Rushville, Rushville Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M # 9, Quincy Consistory, and the Ansar Shrine. He was a member of the Schuyler American Legion Post # 4, 40 et 8. For many years, he coached and supported Rushville Little League and Flag Football. He enjoyed flying, playing golf and working. A Celebration of Life Service will be at 11:00 AM, Friday, June 20, 2014, at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Rushville, with Reverends John Sowers and Gary Bass officiating. Interment will follow in the Rushville City Cemetery with military rites by the US Army Burial Detail and the Schuyler American Legion Post #4. Visitation will be from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM Thursday, June 19, 2014, at the Wood Funeral Home in Rushville. Masonic rites will be performed by Rushville Masonic Lodge # 9, immediately following the visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Schuyler County Humane Society or the Culbertson Memorial Hospital Foundation. You are invited to share your memories of John, leave condolences and view his memory video at www.woodfh.net. Services are under the direction of the Wood Funeral Home and Worthington Funeral Home both in Rushville.

Funeral Information

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