



Thomas M. Snyder

March 2, 1944 - April 25, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Thomas Martz Snyder of Haymarket, VA, formerly of Clinton, NJ. He died on April 25, 2026. He lived a life filled with joy, laughter, and an unwavering love for his family. Tom was born in Cuba, New York, on March 2, 1944, the son of Rev. Martz and Gladys (Chiles) Snyder. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Bonnie Snyder. They spent 42 years living in Clinton, NJ where they raised their family. He was a proud father of two wonderful daughters, Lindsay Snyder and Kara Smith and four amazing grandchildren, Samantha and Camryn (of Lindsay Snyder) and Carson and Aaron (of Kara and Zachary Smith). He is survived by his caring sister, Susan Snyder Pirtle, of Lima, Ohio.

Tom was named after his father and grandfather. He graduated as the class salutatorian from Friendship Central School in Friendship, New York. At FCS, he was a member of the school baseball, basketball and track teams, where he set school track records by the standard used then. Once the metric system was adopted, Tom was delighted in saying his records would never be broken! During high school, Tom traveled abroad as an exchange student in Acapulco, Mexico. Education was very important to Tom, and he took great pride in furthering his education by attending Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. At Bucknell Tom competed on the track team and was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. As a proud alumnus, he was an avid supporter of the University and its many athletic teams.

After graduation, he proudly served as an officer in the United States Army. Tom truly enjoyed his work as a software engineer for Bell Laboratories, Telcordia, and AT&T, from which he retired. Sports always figured largely in Tom's life beginning with playing Little League in Friendship, NY. He grew up a devoted fan of Cleveland sports' teams. His favorite teams were the Cleveland Indians/Guardians and of course, the Cleveland Browns. He also enjoyed fantasy sports and golf which he played locally once retiring to Virginia.

Tom absolutely loved teaching and coaching his daughters in soccer, basketball, softball and track and field. He enjoyed gardening and was an avid reader. He also loved traveling with his wife and girls, especially to historic sites. But as a retiree, nothing brought him more joy than being able to watch his grandchildren compete in soccer, lacrosse and baseball in person. He usually had an opinion about the game and was always willing to chat with other parents and supporters. He especially enjoyed a Dairy Queen banana split or a good old fashioned chili dog while watching his grandchildren on the field.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. In memory of Thomas M. Snyder, please make any donations to Blood Cancer United at www.bloodcancerunited.org.