



## Laurence Arnold Snyder, Sr.

July 24, 1936 - April 9, 2025

Laurence "Larry" Snyder Sr., a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and U.S. Air Force veteran, and devout Christian, passed away on April 5, 2025, at the age of 88. Born on July 24, 1936, in Middletown, New York, to Grace Kopp and Harvey Snyder Sr., Larry was a man of great character and dedication. He served as a deacon at University Heights Baptist Church (UHBC) for many years, not only spreading the word of God but also living it through his giving, friendly, and kind actions. His faith guided him in all aspects of life, and his compassion and generosity touched everyone he met.

Larry proudly served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 ½ years, achieving the rank of Master Sergeant. After retiring from the Air Force, he continued to serve his community by working for the Texas Prison System, where he also retired. He continued his education and graduated from Sam Houston State University on December 12, 1987. Larry was a true "jack of all trades," always willing to lend a hand and share his knowledge. He also helped start and served as a volunteer at the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum, where he honored fellow veterans and shared his experiences with others.

On February 11, 1956, Larry married the love of his life, Ima Jane Snyder. Together, they raised three children: Charlotte Lea Snyder, Laurence Arnold Snyder Jr., and Denise Lynn Snyder-Lane. Larry and Ima Jane spent 62 ½ years together, building a life filled with love, devotion, and family.

After fully retiring, Larry and Ima Jane found new purpose in life, enjoying their time together and raising their great-granddaughter, Victoria Lynn Roach.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, brother Harvey Jr., sister Charlotte Snyder-Laughlin, and his beloved wife, Ima Jane Snyder. He is survived by his great-granddaughter, Victoria Lynn Roach; daughters Charlotte Lea Snyder and Denise Lynn Snyder-Lane (husband Richard Lane); son Laurence Arnold Snyder Jr.; brothers Herbert and Richard Snyder; 7 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at University Heights Baptist Church at 9:00 AM and a service to honor Larry's life will begin at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the H.E.A.R.T.S Veterans Museum in Larry's memory.

Larry will be deeply missed by his family and friends, but his love, wisdom, and legacy will live on in all who knew him. Rest in peace, Papaw.

# Cemetery Details

## Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Dr  
Houston, TX 77038  
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 9:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church  
2400 Sycamore Ave  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church  
2400 Sycamore Ave  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Burial

APR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery  
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr  
Houston, TX 77038  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ We met Larry and grandson Nick December 2015 when we moved in next door. Nick lived with Larry. Conversations with Larry centered around his love for his wife and his pride of Nick. Larry described Nick as; “someone who can do anything and repair anything.” I hope Larry’s family may find peace knowing Larry and Ima are together. Larry’s life focused on the positive, rejected the negative, and the love of country; the best legacy of all.

docsus - April 15, 2025 at 09:50 AM

RK

“ Ramona Koch lit a candle in memory of Laurence Arnold Snyder, Sr.



Ramona Koch - April 14, 2025 at 09:30 PM

VP

“ Larry was a great friend. Will miss his kind words and smile. He will be greatly missed. Prayers to his family and friends. Rest High on that Mountain Larry my friend.



Vicki Pledger - April 14, 2025 at 04:49 PM

KK

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Snyder's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I knew Mr. Snyder and his lovely wife Ima Jane from growing up attending UHBC. He and Ima Jane were such faithful servant leaders in the church and I had the wonderful opportunity to help teach Children's Sunday School with him for several years. Mr. Snyder was a man who led with kindness, humility, and a heart devoted to serving others. His servant's heart touched so many lives - including my own -and the impact of his compassion will continue to be felt. He had a unique way of making everyone feel seen and valued. He always had a smile on his face and made a point to come over and talk with me whenever I returned to UHBC for a visit. May you find comfort in the legacy of love and selflessness he leaves behind, and may his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.

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**Kristie Kelarek** - April 14, 2025 at 11:42 AM

MJ

“ MSgt (Retired) Beverly Spencer Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Laurence Arnold Snyder, Sr..



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**MSgt (Retired) Beverly Spencer Jones** - April 14, 2025 at 10:46 AM

MJ

“ MSgt (Retired) Beverly Spencer Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurence Arnold Snyder, Sr..

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**MSgt (Retired) Beverly Spencer Jones** - April 14, 2025 at 10:46 AM

BJ

“ To my Air Force Recuriter MSgt (Retied) Snyder, my heart broke when I heard the news of your passing. You were the best Air Force Recuriter ever and thank you for following by military career of 24 years and attending my military retirement ceremony. Thank you for being my friend, for you love, support and faithful service to this nation. From MSgt (Retired) Beverly Spencer Jones. Love You Forever !!

Beverly Spencer Jones - April 14, 2025 at 10:30 AM

BS

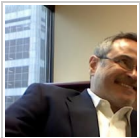
“ Larry was one of my favorite people. He and Ima Jane were one of the cutest and sweetest couples I've ever known, and I rejoice knowing they are back together again. Rest in peace dear friend.

Beverly Stewart - April 12, 2025 at 12:04 PM

PF

“ Dear Denise and family ,  
May the cherished memories of your daddy bring you comfort in this time of sorrow. My deepest sympathies.  
Love,  
Penny

Penny Fowler - April 12, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ Dear Charlotte, I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful hero of a Father. We are never ready to say goodbye not matter the situation. Seek comfort in that he is now with your Mother and they are both looking over you with pride. God Bless You!

Steven Martinez - April 11, 2025 at 03:21 PM

KC

“ *Kim Card lit a candle in memory of Laurence Arnold Snyder, Sr.*



**Kim Card** - April 11, 2025 at 11:21 AM

MF

“ *We are sorry for the loss of Mr.Snyder. He was a wonderful Christian man that always had a smile on his face. He and his wife made a cute couple and always looked so happy to be together. He was a hard worker. They were members at Heights Baptist Church, but visited Grace Baptist often to support his grandchildren, L.A.and Cody, when they sang or were in a church play at Christmas, etc. We are praying for all of his family.*



**Mellicent Wiley & Family** - April 11, 2025 at 09:52 AM

DG

*A wonderful man. Rest in Peace my friend*

**Duane Gougler** - April 14, 2025 at 07:14 AM

GK

“ *Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Laurence Arnold Snyder, Sr.*



**Gayle Kelly** - April 10, 2025 at 05:00 PM

MH

“ To the family and friends of Larry Snyder lifting everyone up for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ. I was thankful of our fellowship and memories with Larry. He was a Deacon at UHBC where he shared his love for his Lord by showing his care for others and his faith. He was a friend in so many words. Larry is meeting with his Lord and receiving his crowns for all that he did while here on earth.

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**Marvin Hyvl** - April 10, 2025 at 04:55 PM

MF

“ Marvin Hyvl & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Laurence Arnold Snyder, Sr.



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**Marvin Hyvl & Family** - April 10, 2025 at 04:45 PM