



Mary E. Snyder

April 2, 1940 - January 9, 2026

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A loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, daughter, and sister passed away on January 9, 2026, at the age of 85. Mary had been a resident of Spring Hill, Florida for the last 5 years, having lived in Lakeland, Florida, and Belmopan, Belize.

Married on April 27, 1968, to Harley Snyder. They adopted their son Trevor in 1970, their daughter Dawn in 1972, and birthed their son Randal in 1975.

Mary was a member of Hope Community Bible Church in Spring Hill. She had dedicated her life to following Christ's example. She served as a missionary to Bangladesh facilitating adoptions around the world, and in Haiti, she worked as a nurse treating tuberculosis patients. Her passion for service continued as a drug addictions specialist in North Carolina and extended into retirement where she played an integral role in the Hedges drug addiction program in Belmopan, Belize. Even into her eighties Mary maintained her participation in service of Jesus' teachings by working with charities for the homeless and had begun with a troubled youth program at the time of her death. Throughout, Mary was grounded by her faith and bound to the community she found through church, be it in Lakeland, Florida, Charlotte, North Carolina, Belmopan, Belize, or her final church community in Spring Hill, Florida. She found great joy in travelling to see her children, grandchildren and great

grandchildren, watching them grow and learn.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Harley Snyder, her father Lloyd Cressman, her mother Gladys Grove, stepfather Aaron Grove, and her sister Ruth Evelyn Jutzi.

She will be missed by her brother David Lloyd Cressman, son Trevor Snyder (Katie Nelson), son Randal Snyder, daughter Dawn Snyder-Volk (Tim Volk), grandchildren Vanessa, Veronica, Sommer, Aaron, and Perris; great grandchildren Jandiel, Davis, JoJo, Remy, Bobby, and Harley, as well as her nephews Mike Cressman and Jeff Cressman.

Mary was loved by all and will be deeply missed.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens

3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mary E. Snyder



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 14 at 07:41 PM



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary E. Snyder



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“ When Mary visited brother Dave and myself in 2023 she borrowed Daves Gold Volkswagon Bug to visit he nursing friends for a reunion she thought she looked pretty good driving it and she actually did. Also we had a bat in the house and Mary and i stood coweling in the corner, Dave thought it was pretty funny 😊. She will be sadly missed, Dave used to talk to Mary pretty regular on the phone and they would talk for an hour or more. Rest in peace Mary love Dave and Sandy Xx



Sandra Durose - January 14 at 07:21 PM

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“ ZEISS IQS Vic/CJ Hendrie/Mark and Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary E. Snyder.



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“ ZEISS IQS Vic/CJ Hendrie/Mark and Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary E. Snyder.

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“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary E. Snyder.*



January 14 at 04:45 PM



“ *~The Simon Family~ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary E. Snyder.*

~The Simon Family~ - January 14 at 04:45 PM



“ *Condolences to the family of Mary. My last conversation with her was last year when she invited me to stop by her home when I visited Florida. My fondest memory is the way she opened their home to us here in Belize to watch Christian movies, right after coming to our church. Harley used to come over to play checkers with my dad. My dad loved his company and Mary and Harley loved community. May God comfort all of you and be encouraged because her life is not the end. She is waiting for us in heaven when God is ready for us.*

Zelda J. Wade Hill - January 14 at 04:28 AM