



Howard M. Snyder III, M.D.

August 25, 1943 - June 4, 2020

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Howard Snyder, 76, died on June 4, 2020, at Beaumont in Bryn Mawr from complications of Parkinson's disease and Covid-19. Prior to his retirement in 2015 due to ill health, Dr. Snyder was a pediatric urologist in the Division of Urology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and Professor of Surgery in Urology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Throughout his illustrious medical career spanning more than 50 years, Dr. Snyder's first focus was on his tiny patients suffering from urological abnormalities at birth. He combined his extraordinary technical skills in corrective surgery with warmth and reassurance for his patients and their families.

Dr. Snyder was also dedicated to training and inspiring future generations of surgeons. At CHOP he helped launch the careers of 120 residents in urology. In addition, he lectured and served as visiting professor throughout the world, traveling to 19 countries on 5 continents. In 2014 he was awarded the Pediatric Urology Medal by the American Association of Pediatrics.

Dr. Snyder was born in Carlisle, PA, in 1943. Both his father and grandfather

were Army Generals, and his grandfather was President Dwight Eisenhower's personal physician in the White House. His early boyhood was spent in Texas where his father was deputy commander of the Second Armored Division at Fort Hood.

Dr. Snyder attended St. Andrew's School in Middletown, DE, and graduated from Princeton University in 1965. He graduated from Harvard Medical School and received post-graduate training in Boston, London and Liverpool. He was Board certified in Adult and Pediatric General Surgery and Adult and Pediatric Urology.

Dr. Snyder served in the Army Medical Corps on active duty until 1978 and in the Active Reserves until 2004, retiring as Colonel after being deployed to active duty for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

Dr. Snyder greatly enjoyed his involvement in The Rabbit (a men's eating club), The Philadelphia Club, The Merion Cricket Club, and the Spouting Rock Beach Association (Newport, RI). He was an enthusiastic traveler and collector of antiques, particularly clocks. He was an active member of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, and served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

Beyond all his professional and social honors and affiliations, however, Dr. Snyder drew greatest joy from his family, who gave him their love and devotion throughout his failing health. He is survived by his wife Mimi of Bryn Mawr, his daughter Dr. Emily Queenan and her husband Rick (Ontario, CN), his son Laurence Curtis Snyder and his wife Nicole (Haverford), his son Jonathan Colt Snyder and his wife Ann Marie (Ardmore), his ten grandchildren, and his brother Thomas Snyder (Columbus, GA).

The private burial service was held at the Church of the Redeemer. A

memorial service will be scheduled at a future date.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Urology Program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia via online link: bit.ly/drhoardsnyder . Or by check to: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (Memo line: Division of Urology in honor of Dr. Howard Snyder) to mailing address:

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation, P.O. Box 781352,
Philadelphia, PA 19178-1352

Tribute Wall

VB

“ To Mimi and Family: I just learned of Dr. Snyder's passing and wanted to share with you what he meant to me and my family. My son was born in 1986 with prune belly syndrome. Dr. Snyder was my son's urologist shortly after his birth when I went to him from central NJ for a 2nd opinion. It was a decision that I will forever be grateful for. I will always remember that day because he was the answer to my prayers. When you give birth to a child with a serious life threatening disease, as a parent you do whatever it takes to help save your child. Dr. Snyder knew and understood prune belly syndrome - he was extremely knowledgeable of this rare disease. I knew then that I had found the right doctor/surgeon to treat my son. Not only did I get a sense of outstanding knowledge and expertise from Dr. Snyder, he also had this amazing personality and warmth about him that put me at ease and made me feel so comfortable with him as a Doctor. He had the best bedside manner. He was like a big giant teddy bear. Dr. Snyder performed a few necessary operations over the years on my son - the lengthiest being about an 8 hr operation (3 procedures in 1) in the early 90's. He continued to see and treat my son into his adult years and up until Dr. Snyder's departure from CHOP. I so enjoyed what eventually became annual visits to see Dr. Snyder with my son. He had the best sense of humor - I so enjoyed talking to him - we loved him so much! When we learned about Dr. Snyder's leave from Chop, we knew he was battling a serious illness but did not know what it was. At that point my son started to see specialists at Penn Medicine referred to him by Dr. Snyder. Thanks to the knowledge and wonderful care of Dr. Snyder over so many years, my son turned 35 this past Feb. We will forever be grateful to what your loving husband/father did for our son. And we miss him dearly. God Bless all of you - keeping you in our hearts and prayers....

Valerie Baker - May 15, 2021 at 03:08 PM

AL

“ I just learned of Howard's passing and wish to send condolences to his wife and family. Howie and I were childhood friends, both Army Brats. Our parents were good friends. I remember attending Cotillion in Washington with Howie where we learned to dance and practice "social etiquette". Howard already had beautiful manners taught by his mother, Loaine. Later when we were both in boarding schools, we met up at the Buckhill Falls Conference. I was so shocked at how tall he had grown having not seen him since our middle school years. Having spent time with him when we were young, I am not surprised to learn of all that he accomplished and I am so very sorry he was taken too soon by this terrible virus. Alice Tulley Lively

Alice Tulley Lively - February 28, 2021 at 12:22 AM

NF

“ Dr. Snyder is the reason I am here today, and for that, I will be forever grateful. I was born in 1979 and a patient of Dr. Duckett, then became a patient of Dr. Snyder's in 1980 when he joined CHOP. I was truly blessed to have had such an amazing, caring doctor. I have so many memories of him as I spent most of my childhood in the hospital. I'm so sad to hear of his passing, he was a great man and will be truly missed by so many. My condolences to your family.

Nicole Morano Finch

Nicole Finch - January 13, 2021 at 04:42 PM

RK

“ Condolences to the Snyder family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We met with Dr. Snyder several years back when our son was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Dr. Snyder performed an experimental surgery on him and it was successful. Thanks to him , today we have 2 beautiful grandchildren. A little girl Alyce who is 3 and a little boy Jake who turned 1 on June 4th. Rest In Peace and God Bless. The Keyak Family

ronald keyak - June 27, 2020 at 12:02 PM

CS

“ Dear Mimi, Emily, Curtis, Jonathan and extended family, Please know how much you all are in our thoughts and prayers, having lost your beloved husband, brother, father, and grandfather!

We consider ourselves fortunate to have known him and in particular I will cherish my special moments "hanging out" with Howard in the vesting room in the back of The Chirch of the Redeemer! He shared some great stories and listened to mine. I loved his booming singing voice as he strode up the aisle- when paired with him, I had quite the challenge to keep up!!

With our deepest sympathy,

Cannie and Win Shafer

Cannie Shafer - June 25, 2020 at 03:47 PM

EM

“ I have many fond memories of Howard at the Pediatric Urology 6:30am conferences. My sincere condolences to the Snyder family.
Edward Macarak

Edward Macarak - June 21, 2020 at 05:34 PM

SD

“ *Dr. Snyder developed and performed the surgery that saved my little brother's life when he was born in the early 90s. Our family will always be grateful to him for his great talents and steady hand. My condolences to his family - thank you for sharing him with us.*

sammy dweck - June 18, 2020 at 07:53 PM

JO

“ *Howards reach as an outstanding professional and generous individual went far beyond the USA. Through our dear friend Tom, our family has been greatly assisted by Howard both in person in London and through contacts and medical advice In Norway. Two young members of our family has - thanks to Howard - a better life than would otherwise have been the case.*

In addition Vibeke and I were recieved with warm hospitality when we visited Mimi and Howard in their lovely home many years ago.

Our warmest thoughts to Mimi and the entire family.

Blessed be Howard

Vibeke and Johan Odfjell

Johan Odfjell - June 17, 2020 at 09:09 AM

LA

“ It's quite possible that I may have logged more nights in the same bedroom with Howard than anyone other than Mimi. For three delightful years at Princeton, Howard and I roomed together and shared the same bunkbed, Howard always on top because, of course, Howard was always on top of everything. Those three years with Howard and our other roommates, Riddick Semple and Peter Svastich, were some of the best of my life. Having Howard as a lifetime friend has yielded many grand memories of wonderful times together, often as guests of Howard and Mimi at their home in Haverford. It was a very sad day indeed when I learned of his passing. We've all lost a world-class doctor, a loyal and generous friend, and a genuine human being of the first order.

Lindsay Arthur - June 10, 2020 at 05:39 PM

JM

“ Rest in eternal peace Howard. You were a beloved physician, mentor and humanitarian. You shaped Pat's life in more ways than almost anyone in his career. You were kind, gracious and humble for an incredible overachiever. I hope we meet again someday. Thank you for your service. ❤️😭
Dr. And Mrs. J. Patrick Murphy
Leawood, KS

Jane Reynolds Murphy - June 10, 2020 at 12:15 PM

MM

“ Condolences to the Snyder family. Dr. Snyder took care of my niece at CHOP. He was a wonderful doctor but more important a wonderful person who was always so kind and compassionate. We will always be grateful for him and his surgical skills. Hope he is distributing lollipops in heaven. May you rest in peace hero! Mag Mackin

Mag Mackin - June 10, 2020 at 01:42 AM