



# Sanford "Sonny" E. Snyder

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**S**anford E. Snyder "Sonny", age 96 of Waupaca passed away on January 17th, 2026. Sonny was born on October 12th, 1929, in Scandinavia to Edwin and Vida Snyder.

After school he served his country in the Korean war from August 21st, 1951, to August 7th, 1953, in an Artillery unit known as the "Ball of Fire" where he reached the rank of Sergeant First Class.

On April 8th, 1961, he married Phyllis Ilene Miller. Together they built a life and family. They had four sons. Douglas (Liza) Snyder of Carmel, IN, James (Cari) Snyder of Naples, FL, Keith (Marla) Snyder of Waupaca, Michael (Michelle) Snyder of Dale, WI. Along with Grandchildren Kailey (Mike) Fraser, Mya (Isaiah) Loewenhagen, Ally Snyder, Dakota Snyder, Ella Snyder, Daniel Snyder, and Ben Snyder.

Sonny was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis on September 13th, 2015.

Upon returning from service Sonny did multiple jobs until one day he had a chance meeting with the owners of the Wiesmann Beverage Company on Churchill Street in Waupaca and in 1968 purchased the company with a friend, which started his path into the soda business. After several years of running this business, he decided why not make the soda. This was the beginning of Ting Soda (1971), a returnable Soda Bottle company. There are many stories in town of all the Waupaca people that helped him during this time.

After selling Ting he would often tell his family that he was retired. However, his true love was farming. People would see him out in the fields at daybreak and still working until sunset. Sonny and his wife Phyllis are well known to the locals for the pumpkin and vegetable stand they started in 1984 which continue to just a few years ago.

A family service "per his wishes" will be held at a later time, where he will be laid to rest at the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in King.



## Events

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### Cemetery Details



**Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

N2665 County Road QQ, King WI 54946



## Tribute Wall

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**Gary Barden** posted:

Sorry to hear that Sonny passed away. My brother and I had the great privilege of bowling on the same team as him. He was also a customer of Roberts Irrigation where I worked. I lost track of Sonny after I left work. He was a great guy. Thanks for sharing him with us. Gary Barden.

February 1 at 1:06 PM



**David Danielson** posted:

Was Eugene "sport" Snyder his Brother ..? I worked with them at his beverage Company

January 29 at 7:30 PM



**Dennis Bauer** posted:

I do not know where to start but Sonny was really a good man. Have memories back to about 1975. Ting had been going for a while and Sonny bought some new (actually he would buy bottling equipment that may have been sitting out in a field somewhere and rework it ) machines. My dad (Otto) and myself put a new electrical service in as more power was needed for the equipment. Sonny placed the equipment to make a bottling line and we ran power to each. Most of this equipment would not run as it had just been sitting for years. I remember the machine that washed the bottles would sound like it would blow the door off when the gas valve opened and the burner would light. None of this bothered Sonny. The bottling machine wiring was in bad shape. Sonny had me remove all the wiring and electrical components. We started from scratch and reworked the machine. Sonny would be right there replacing mechanical stuff. He had patience that few would have. If he could help he would- but otherwise Sonny just left me alone. Sonny never put pressure on me. After Ting we did some work for Sonny at the farm. He again could not have been any nicer. Always grateful. If I was driving past the farm and Sonny was doing something outside I would pull in. Sonny would stop what he was doing and with that wonderful little smile come over and welcome me. We would not talk long but it felt so good to see him. Sonny will be missed by so many. I will never forget him. Dennis Bauer

January 22 at 1:39 PM

**RF** **Rhonda Fechter** February 1 at 3:11 AM

I spent many wonderful years with kindergarten children picking out their, "just right" pumpkin in Sonny's pumpkin field. The joy he generously provided went far beyond the pumpkin... memories that will last forever. Thank you Sonny. RIP.



**David Danielson** January 29 at 7:37 PM

Are you related to Tony Bauer ?



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**Michael Urban** posted:

What a great guy. Sonny used to come into C&R repair machine shop when I worked there. So friendly and helpful, I will remember him with good thoughts, Mike Urban

January 20 at 8:24 AM

DK

**Dawn Koepp** posted:

All of you have my deepest sympathy for the loss of your Dad, Grandchildren. Your Mom and Dad were also a great Aunt and Uncle team. I remember when I was over to my Mom and Dads ( Aunt and Uncle Ray) it was before any of you were born. Your Dad took me and probably my sisters to for a ride in his aqua blue and white I think it may have been from his Pepsi business. It was an Aqua car. The car could be driven on the road or in the water , so Uncle Sonny took us for rides in his aqua car. The water would almost come up to the window which was down. It was the funnest ride I ever had on Lake Poygan. I truly loved both your Mom and Dad. The realization is it would have been wonderful being able to spend time with your entire family. God bless you all and will keep you all in my prayers for God to continue to always be with you. ❤️ lots of love, Fawn

January 20 at 7:47 AM



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