



Robert "Bob" Lois Snider

August 9, 1946 - February 3, 2023

Robert L. Snider

Robert Lois "Bob" Snider, 76, passed on from this life on February 3, 2023 at home in Cumming, GA surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Pauline "Pat" (Willmarth) Snider, his brother Billy Joe "BJ" Snider (Knoxville, TN), sister Julia (Snider) Malone (Russellville, AL), daughters Laura Snider (Atlanta, GA), Pamela Snider (Cumming, GA), and Susanne (Snider) Smith (Cumming, GA, formerly of Loganville, GA), grandson Evan Snider, and granddaughter Rease Smith. He is preceded in death by his brother Harold "Blue" Snider (Gulf Shores, AL, formerly of Russellville, AL), and his sisters Judy (Snider) Goddard (Russellville, AL) and Ann "Becky" (Snider) Smith (Waxahachie, TX, formerly of Russellville, AL), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bob was born on August 9, 1946 in his Grandmother's house in Phil Campbell, AL, the second of six children of Elton and Billie Margene Snider. At age 15 he was baptized in number six lake as he joined Cherry Hill Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Russellville High School and Southern Polytechnic University.

He started working on the farm at age 7 and believed in the importance of hard work and lifelong learning. He was known for helping others and being quickly willing to lend either a hand, an ear, or advice, often sharing the advice with or without request. He felt he could best help by making sure a person

knew the most logical approach so they could best help themselves.

Bob managed to marry the girl he'd had a crush on all through school, Patsy Willmarth, who was, in his words, "completely out of [his] league," and they produced three girls who later gave them two grandchildren. His girls and his grandkids were his life, and nothing would stop him from supporting them the best way he knew how.

Bob enjoyed his work, his time with family and friends, reading, building and fixing things, watching football, good movies, and deep intellectual and philosophical discussions. He always preached that you must protect your job above everything else, because he felt you had to take care of that first to enable you the opportunity to enjoy the life you want. He also knew the satisfaction, empowerment, and pride that comes from an honest day's work. Out of high school Bob worked in TV repair, until he heard about a new thing called computers. He worked for Control Data Corporation (CDC) for two+ decades, maintaining the big mainframes of that era. Later, as he watched the world of mainframes go away for personal computers, Bob decided to finish school, and after completing his degree, he became a programmer and systems administrator, and worked for a number of other Atlanta tech companies over the next two+ decades.

Bob believed when you stop working, you start dying, but he retired after a stroke. It was more important to him to go out strong rather than have any work not done well.

Bob wanted all to share this quote from Pericles, a Greek politician, historian, and orator: "What you leave behind is not what is engraved on stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." He wanted to remind us to take care of each other, and weave unto each other love, knowledge, and the lessons of each generation.

Bob was a man of love, logic, and strength to the very end. And nothing was stronger than his love for his family, who invite you to join them for a celebration of life, to be held at Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 5110 Hwy 244 Russellville, AL 35654, on Saturday, February 11 at 11 a.m. All who loved him

are encouraged to attend. There will be an invitation time to share remembrances. A lunch reception will be served directly following the service. The family requests in lieu of flowers or plants that donations instead be made to Cherry Hill Baptist Cemetery Fund where his family lay in peace.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cherry Hill Baptist Church
5110 Hwy 244
Russellville, AL, AL 35654

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Bob while he was at Georgia Tech maintaining their CDC computers. He was a joy to be around; his good humor and work ethic were evident to all. My condolences to the family.

Dewey Baxter - March 03, 2023 at 03:00 PM

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“ Robert took me fishing once and he was so happy that I went with him, he tried putting the boat in all the right spots to catch a fish and we tried and tried catching a fish but it was not happening this summer day but some of the knowledge I learned from Robert about live on this particular fishing trip meant more to me than catching a fish. RIP Robert, you will be sorely missed!

Michael S Smith - February 06, 2023 at 09:50 AM

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“ So many wonderful memories with him I can't just pick one ! He Took me to see the Braves play during one of many trips to visit uncle and Family my first professional game experience and one of my best days ever

AMY Fike - February 06, 2023 at 09:23 AM