



Albert William (Bill) Snyder

April 9, 2014

Age 88, a resident of Albuquerque, NM, passed away on April 9, 2014 following a lengthy illness. Born December 28, 1925 in Halifax, PA, he was the son of the late Isabelle and Joseph A. Snyder. Bill was a WWII veteran having enlisted in the Navy at age 17 and serving as an electronics specialist on the USS Grainger. Following his discharge from the Navy, Bill completed his Bachelors degree in Physics from Franklin and Marshall College, and his Masters degree in Physics from Iowa State University. Bill joined Sandia National Laboratories as a nuclear physicist in 1954 and at the time of his retirement in 1991, he was Director of Exploratory Nuclear Energy Systems. In his spare time, Bill was a Master gardener, draftsman, skilled woodworker, and co-builder of an experimental airplane. He loved to design and see his ideas on paper become reality. He loved to read and could often be found in his favorite chair reading books on history or science. He enjoyed the challenge of learning new things; taking up the study of Biology at age 75. Bill was also an avid and expert skier, skiing until age 81, the slopes of the New Mexico and Colorado mountains. He often joked with his daughters how he no longer had to pay for lift tickets, a great age benefit! Bill was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 57 years, Ferne L. Snyder and his sister, Marie Rowe. He is survived by his three daughters, Schelley J. (Snyder) Carlton and husband Larry of Albuquerque, NM, Melanie A. (Snyder) McDonald and husband Denis and their children, Liam and Lauren of Edmonds, WA and Shannon L. (Snyder) Olfers and husband Steven and their children, Erin

Grace, Zachary and Callum of Laveen, AZ; and nieces Teresa and Lisa Rowe of Pennsylvania. Bill was a husband, father, grandfather, friend, and mentor and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. The family wishes to thank the loving caregivers at Brookdale Place of Albuquerque, and Dr. Francesco Standoli, Carolyn Pesko, RN and the volunteers with Hospice of New Mexico; all who helped make Bill's final days comfortable and peaceful. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date at St. James Independent Church near the village of Carsonville, PA. Memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to the St. James Independent Church, 3528 Powells Valley Road, Halifax, PA 17032, New Mexico Boys and Girls Ranches, www.theranches.org, 6209 Hendrix Rd. NE, 2 FL, Albuquerque, NM 87110, Smile Train, www.smiletrain.org, PO Box 96231, Washington, D.C. 20090-6231, or the charity of your choice.

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“ We, the Marlin Reed family, are saddened to hear of Bill's passing. We are thinking of you and hoping you find comfort in special memories. He was a very special man. Please let us know the date and time of his memorial service.

Cheryl Schmick, Marlin's daughter.

Cheryl Schmick - April 14, 2014 at 09:38 PM

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“ For years, Bill was a mentor, colleague, and friend at Sandia Labs. He was exemplary in his optimism, enthusiasm, and breadth of interests. I am indebted to him for many interesting discussions over the years, particularly his introducing me to the writing of Marcus Borg. I know from our discussions how much he enjoyed life and, in particular, his family. I still recall a conversation from the early 70's when he told me in great detail about a science project that he and his daughter, Melanie, were working on. Apparently they had figured out how to install a "window" in a fertilized chicken egg so they could observe the the chick as it developed. That must have been great fun. I am so glad that I knew him.

Dick Lynch

Richard Lynch - April 11, 2014 at 11:04 AM

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“ *My Uncle Bill was the most intelligent, accomplished, yet down to earth man I've ever met. His curiosity about the places he and Ferne travelled to and his stories about them were always so entertaining. I loved when they would visit. I only wish we had lived closer to them throughout the years. God bless the girls, Schelley, Shannon and Melanie during this sad time. Please know, cousins, that we all loved your parents so much, as they were wonderful examples of parents, aunts, uncles, and friends. Love always. God speed.*

Laurie Schell - April 11, 2014 at 02:59 AM