



## Robert H. Snyder

May 9, 2009

SNYDER Robert H. Snyder, former journalist and trade association executive, died Saturday, May 9, 2009 at his home in Columbus, Oh. He was born on February 11, 1945, in Cleveland, Oh., but he was 51. Mr. Snyder worked for The Plain Dealer in Cleveland for 18 years, first as a Columbus reporter, then Columbus Bureau Chief, Washington Bureau Chief, National Editor, Assistant News Editor and Assistant Managing Editor. He also wrote a Sunday column in The Plain Dealer for seven years. Mr. Snyder left The Plain Dealer in 1989 for Crain's Cleveland Business, a weekly business newspaper, where he served as managing editor for two years. In 1991, Mr. Snyder joined the Ohio Electric Utility Institute (OEUI), where he served as vice president and then president until his retirement in 2004. In this capacity, Mr. Snyder managed the Institute and coordinated the industry's communications campaign on electric restructuring in Ohio. Mr. Snyder is survived by his wife, Pat; daughter, Sarah; and step-son, James (Tracy) Ravenscraft, all of Columbus and step-son, Paul (Shelly) Ravenscraft of Tempe, Ariz.; sister, Sally (Harold) Wieder of Boston; and several nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 14 at Congregation Beth Tikvah, 6121 Olentangy River Road, Worthington, 43085. Donations may be sent to the American Diabetes Association in memory of Robert H. Snyder. Condolences may be sent to [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert H. Snyder*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I was so sorry to learn of Bob's untimely death. I first met Bob 35 years ago, when he was a very professional and courageous reporter for the "Plain Dealer". I often talked with him during his later journalism assignments. Our greatest contact came during his work for the electric utility industry, where his diplomacy and leadership coordinated the response of a fractious group of utilities to the challenging demands of de-regulation, environmental attacks, and economic dislocation. Throughout these undertakings, he was open-minded and good-natured. I always looked forward to talking with Bob, and I'm grateful that our professional paths crossed so many times during his multi-faceted career. Sheldon Taft*

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**Sheldon Taft** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pat and Sarah, we are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We always appreciated you as neighbors. Bob always went the extra mile to make us feel welcomed - our children too. Aaron still talks about Bob letting him beep the horn on his wheelchair. It's small acts of friendship and kindness that matter - and Bob knew this and lived his life giving in big and small ways. He will be missed.*

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**Matt and Ray Lees** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Dear Pat, please accept our deepest sympathies at this difficult moment. I know we only met Bob once, at your wedding here in Cleveland, but Feinberg assured us that you enjoyed a wonderful marriage and we know you will miss him. Love, Mark and Sharon Neubecker

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**Mark & Sharon Neubecker** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pat, This is a time when even a writer can not begin to find words that could soothe you in your loss. I have no idea what to say, except that you are in my thoughts and I feel so sorry to hear the news. Victoria

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**Victoria Livingston** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Snyder Family, I'm terribly sad to hear the news of Mr. Snyder's passing. This is Meg Skala (now Souza) Sarah's former nanny. I have thought of contacting you often but somehow never found the time. I stumbled upon this obituary while searching for someone else. Odd coincidence. Please contact me when you are ready. In deepest sympathy, Meg

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**Meg Souza (Skala)** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dearest Pat -- My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your children. I know that you and Bob were true soulmates as writers and lovers of life. The last time I saw you both together you were laughing; it was one of your laughter seminars. That's the image I'll remember -- Bob's smile. He was so supportive of you and all your many wonderfully crazy projects. Indeed, he loved you as others (like me) do. Give your daughter a hug. And know, for certainty, that you will be together again someday. God loves you and so do I. Pat Huston (fellow writer and sister in Christ)

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**Pat Huston** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dear Pat, Sarah and family, Our condolences on the death of Bob. He was one of my favorite editors at The Plain Dealer and he took a chance on me as a young [only 27] journalist when he picked me as a national correspondent back when the PD had grander ambitions. He will be missed. Jim Neff Seattle, WA [Maureen and Jameson send their best wishes, too]

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**Jim Neff** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ It seems like only yesterday that Bob and I worked together at The Cleveland Plain Dealer. Bob was such a good reporter, producing investigative pieces that made a real difference. I feel honored to have worked with Bob. He was smart, meticulous and dogged in his pursuit of 'the story'. I know that I will miss him dearly.

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**Amos Kermisch** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pat, I was so sorry to learn of Bob's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Nicki Lyons** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Pat, Sarah and the whole family. I always enjoyed seeing Bob and discussing politics of the past, present and future. He was a good friend and will be greatly missed.*

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**Paul King** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM