



William H. Snell

February 5, 1932 - August 25, 2023

William Harrison Snell went to be with his Heavenly Father on August 25, 2023.

He was born February 5, 1932, in Arkport, New York, the son of Stanley H. Snell & Dorothea (Acomb) Snell. He married Helen Jean (Swallen) on August 14, 1954, and they shared 62 years of marriage. Jeanie preceded him in death on February 10, 2015. He is survived by his brother Stanley L. Snell of Forest, Virginia, his daughter Paula (Snell) Popenfoose and husband Steve of Warsaw, Indiana, his son Mark A. Snell and wife Kathy of Columbus, Ohio, and his daughter Martha (Snell) Miller and husband Craig of Duncansville, Pennsylvania. He is also survived by five earthly grandchildren and one in heaven: Jon Popenfoose and wife Megan of Warsaw, Indiana, Joel Popenfoose and wife Jessica of Warsaw, Indiana, Crystal Lett and husband Jameson Lett of Columbus, Ohio, Amber Snell and fiancé Sloan Le of Denver, Colorado, and John H. Eichelberger III and wife, Elizabeth of Houston, Texas. His Grandson, David William Snell of Columbus, Ohio preceded him in death in 2010. He called his family his legacy. He was extremely proud of his 10 great-grandchildren: Hunter, Harrison, Avery, Cameron, Weston and Wyatt Popenfoose, Noble, Henning and Augustine Lett, and John H. Eichelberger IV. He is also survived by nephews Rick and Tim Snell and niece Pam Easterbrook. After finishing high school in Arkport, New York, Bill went on to Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, graduating in 1954. He met his wife,

Jeanie, while at Moody Bible Institute and married her in 1954. He went on to receive a B.A. degree in Bible & Greek from Grace College in 1955 and graduated from Grace Theological Seminary in 1958 with a Master of Divinity. His next 61 years were spent in Christian service. He pastored churches in Needham Heights, Massachusetts and Meyersdale, Pennsylvania before spending 22 years as the senior pastor of Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. He served as conference moderator for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren churches from 1992 to 1993 and as Eastern Field Director of Church Planting for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches from 1990 to 1998. His last 21 years of ministry were spent at Grace Polaris Church in Westerville, Ohio from 1998 to 2019 as a member of the pastoral care staff. He was given the prestigious Pastor of the Year Award in 1999 From Moody Bible Institute.

He is remembered for his dramatic preaching, his daily meditations on WKMC, his hosting of groups touring Israel, and his Daily Devotions published in Winona Lake, Indiana in various Brethren publications. He also loved to lead Junior Camp and Junior High & Senior High campers at Camp Mantowagon in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. His other interests included playing many rounds of golf at the Iron Masters course in Ore Hill, Pennsylvania, Penn State football, and Pittsburgh Pirates baseball. He enjoyed grouse and deer hunting and playing practical jokes on family and friends. His ping pong skills were legendary. He traveled overseas in Europe and visited Israel several times. His greatest travel joys were visiting grandchildren and great-grandchildren in many states. He lived his last years as a resident of Celebration Villa in Duncansville, Pennsylvania. His family is grateful for the love and care the staff at Celebration Villa and Pinnacle Hospice provided to Bill. Funeral services and arrangements are by Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home in Worthington, Ohio. Visitation will be held at Grace Polaris Church, located at 8225 Worthington Galena Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081, on Saturday, September 2, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The funeral service will also take place at Grace Polaris Church

and will begin at 11:00 a.m., immediately after the visitation. In lieu of flowers or other condolences, contributions to the Christian Service Scholarship established in memory of Bill & Jeanie Snell can be sent to Grace Polaris Church, Post Office Box 1650, Westerville, OH 43086. Live streaming of the funeral service on Saturday, September 2 at 11:00 will be at GracePolaris.org/watch.

Cemetery Details

Flint Cemetery

8187 Flint Rd.
Columbus, OH 43235
(614) 885-5033

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace at Polaris Church
8225 Worthington Galena Rd.
Westerville, OH 43081

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GG

“ I remember Pastor Snell when he was the pastor at the Meyersdale ,Pa. Grace Brethren Church. His expository preaching was superb and his love for the Lord he served was always evident!

Gary Gnagey - June 05, 2024 at 10:06 PM

BN

“ Our memories of him are of summers at Sandbridge Beach in Virginia Beach, VA. He loved it there and we loved spending time with him there. ❤️❤️ Gary and Betty Nelson.

Betty Nelson - September 01, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William H. Snell.



August 31, 2023 at 06:25 PM

DH

“ I have prayed weekly for Pastor Bill since he went to Pennsylvania. I so enjoyed our friendship and enjoyed playing golf with him. He was a wonderful man of God. Know he is very pleased now. Duke Heller

Duke Heller - August 30, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William H. Snell.



August 29, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ I so enjoyed knowing him he was always there if you needed to talk bless all of you. Cindy Lee Hampton

Cindy Hampton - August 28, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Pastor walked closely beside us through some of our darkest moments. What a pillar of faith and strength. He was an amazing shepherd to our Martinsburg flock. So glad he's finally home. Well done dear Pastor. With our love and prayers for peace and comfort for his family and all he touched. Bob and Lois Sollenberger



Lois and Bob Sollenberger - August 28, 2023 at 10:12 AM



Thank you Lois & Bob. Your words mean so much.

Martha Miller - August 29, 2023 at 11:01 AM

JJ

It is with deep sadness that we learned of Bill's passing. Sadness for us, but a glorious homecoming for Bill to be with his Savior, who he loved and served so well for so many years, and his beloved Love Drop. Jim was Director of GBIF and Bill was Eastern Field Director for Home Missions when they became close friends. Jim, a rabid Ohio State Buckeye fan and Bill, a rabid Penn State fan. What good times they shared! Jeanie graciously prepared many spaghetti dinners they shared with Jim, being far from home. Bill was a wonderful, respected, faithful man of God. There is no doubt he was greeted in heaven with the words "well done thou good and faithful servant." Sadly, our health prevents our attendance at the service. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Snell family. Praying God will hold you all close and comfort your hearts.

Jim & Maxine Johnson - August 30, 2023 at 12:25 PM

KM

“ *HE WAS A VERY GOOD PASTOR AND FRIEND. HE WOULD COME UP TO THE HOUSE. HE WILL BE MISSED. PRAYERS AND COMFORT FOR THE FAMILY.*

Karen McIntyre - August 27, 2023 at 03:10 PM

MM

Thank you Karen! Those were the days when you lived right up the street!!

Martha Miller - August 29, 2023 at 11:02 AM

DW

Pastor Snell and Dad 'Walt Witt' were best friends until Dad's untimely death in a hunting accident. We appreciated all Pastor Snell's prayers lifted up on behalf of our family and I'm sure there was a big party when they met in Heaven! I'm praying for comfort for the family in his homegoing. Dan Witt

Daniel Witt - August 29, 2023 at 12:14 PM

LK

When I think of Pastor Snell my mind returns to popcorn evenings on Keystone Street, pheasant, rabbit and deer hunts with my dad, parsonage visits and family picnics. My fondest memory is when I learned that Pastor Snell prayed for our family by name every day since my dad, Walt, passed away. I love your family. You were truly blessed to have the parents you had, as are we. I am looking forward to our reunion in heaven one day soon.

Lisa (Witt) Keen

Lisa Keen - August 29, 2023 at 02:28 PM

MM

Hi Lisa, I loved reading your comments. At his celebration of life we mentioned popcorn and hunting along with many other things. My Dad had the pamphlet your brothers use about your Dad and he loved to share that with his friends at the assisted living center where he spent his last four years. We (your family and mine) were blessed with Godly parents. Love to you

Martha Snell Miller - September 08, 2023 at 11:14 AM

MM

Hi Dan, I'm very sure that our Dad's have reunited in heaven and that they are planning their days together. What a wonderful thing that we know where they are. Love to your family and your service to bringing others to Christ. Dad loved looking at your pamphlets and I would read him the newsletters I got from your brother.

Martha Snell Miller - September 08, 2023 at 11:19 AM