



## Donald S. Snider

May 4, 1924 - January 6, 2009

Donald S. Snider Resident of Harrison Twp. and formerly of St. Clair Shores Age 84 passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 in Clinton Twp.

Born May 4, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Walter and Beryl Nee Williams Snider

Mr. Snider grew up in St. Clair Shores, was a US Marine Corp. Veteran during WWII.

He attended University of Michigan and graduated in 1946 with an Aeronautical Engineering Degree and was on the football team.

After serving his country he went to work for Chryslers' Space Program in Huntsville, AL designing rockets and launch pads.

Many of the launch pads he designed are on display at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, in Washington D.C. In the early 1960's he started his own business called D.B. Snider Marine and had many marinas along the Clinton River. He was an accomplished Sailor and raced many of his sailboats in regattas in the Great Lakes and in Florida. He was also an accomplished private pilot.

He is survived by his wife Jenny Nee McLaughlin of 63 years and were married on Dec. 14, 1945 in St. Clair Shores.

His children Gary Snider, The Honorable Candice Miller and Sandra Askew Proud Grandfather of 7 grandchildren

Private Family Services will be held

Arrangements by the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home- Utica 586 731-2411

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# Tribute Wall

CC

“ We will miss Don's friendliness and acumen on the sailing scene. He was one of the first people we met upon arriving in the Detroit area, and he steered us to great sailing experiences. Don was fun to talk to as he had so many good ideas and a multitude of stories to relate. After his retirement, he was still generating ideas for various engineering projects. We will miss Don greatly.

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**Connie & Helen Cost** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Gary, Candice and Sandy, Condolences from our family to yours. Don was a great guy and always a true gentleman. Your Dad was a good neighbor and a solid friend. What a blessing he was to everyone.

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**Tom Duemling** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ We were very sorry to learn of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Kalmin & Marsha Smith** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ Our deepest sympathy to the whole family. Please let us know if we can be there for you or if we can help in any way. You are in our prayers. Jim & Loretta Zabinski

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**Loretta Zabinski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ So sorry Don built my first boat, a scow, and hooked me on sailing thank god. bear up and face tomorrow just as Don would have. You have my sympathy

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**Claude Lawrence** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Gary, Candace, and the Snider Family, My deepest sympathy. Don was a good man and a great competitor. The sailing community and, of course others will miss him. Frederick J. Rick Seymour

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**Rick Seymour** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dear Gary, Candy, Sandy and Family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Just having loss my father in Aug. I take peace in knowing that great men like your father and mine have joined the best regatta of all where the wind is always fair and the last wind shift is always perfect. Colleen and I have you in our thought and prayers. Highest Regards, Case Delange

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**Case Delange** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Dear Candice, Our caring thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time. May God comfort you. Most sincerely, Gerry & Jill Cottrell

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**Gerry & Jill Cottrell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Jenny, Gary, Candi, Sandy, So sorry to read of your lost. Don was one smart, quiet gentleman. Your family are in our prayers during this time of grief. Two old neighbors, Ralph and Donna Vogel

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**Ralph & Donna Vogel** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ *Condolences to the Snider Family. As a child I remember all the Iceboat races Mr. Snider raced against my dad Howard Boston. Mr. Snider was a great competitor, a fine man, and friend of the Boston Family. Those great memories of the 50's, 60's on Lake St. Clair include Mr. Snider as one of the best sailors on the Great Lakes.*  
*Martha Boston Youstra*

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**Martha Boston Youstra** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *Gary and Candie. I do send my deepest sympathys. To recall your father is to recall a warm feeling. I always felt comfortable around Don. He was a warm person and always listened. I probably asked so many questiones he got sick of listening. The point is he gave me the time of day when I was a kid. His is part of a fine sailing tradition on Lake St. Clair. He will be missed. Always your shipmate*  
*George*

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**George E. Van Jr.** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Gary and Candice, I am very sorry for your loss. I met your father when I was about 8 years old and that was just a few years ago. He was one of he best sailors on the great lakes and a long-time Bayview member. Most of all, he was a real gentleman. I'm sure he is sailing Flying Jenny in heaven.*

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**Tom Meier** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Dear Candice: I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Your Dad was one of the Greats of the Greatest Generation. My thoughts are with you during this time.* *Rosemary*

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**Rosemary Kruse** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Gary & Candi, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your Dad was a great man. Please know that you are both in my thoughts and prayers. My condolences to you and your families. Ruth Erb Walczak

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**Ruth Erb Walczak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I worked for Don for seven years and the thing I remember most was his saying "It's better than a sharp stick in the eye!" Your family is in my prayers.

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**Jeanne Crowl Tyrrell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Know that your in my thoughts during this difficult time. Deepest sympathy

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**Julie Hardy** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Being a long time friend of the family our family would like to send our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Love, Barb

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**Barbara Lux** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM