



## Dick Snider

March 20, 1921 - November 20, 2004

Dick Snider, 83, of Topeka, died November 20, 2004, at his residence. He was born in Oakwood OK on March 20, 1921. He graduated from St. Gregory's High School in Shawnee OK, Oklahoma State University and attended Columbus School of Law, Washington D.C. before joining the Navy in 1942.

Mr. Snider was sports editor of the Topeka Daily Capital before being named managing editor in 1958. He took a leave of absence in 1961 to join the administration of President John F. Kennedy in Washington D.C. as Administrator of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

In 1965 he founded NCAA Films and produced the weekly football highlights program for ABC-TV. He later moved into corporate communications as vice-president and member of the board of directors of Vickers Petroleum in Wichita and later, Pester Petroleum in Des Moines.

Returning to Topeka in 1985, he settled into semi-retirement, writing three columns a week for the Topeka Capital-Journal. After resigning in 2002, Mr. Snider went to work for the Metro News and continued his column until October of this year, when he announced his diagnosis of terminal cancer.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; two sons, Steve Snider of Hyattsville MD and Kurt Snider of Del Mar CA; three daughters, Anne Comer of Chesapeake

VA, Amy Nelson of Southlake TX and Mary Snider of Washington D.C.; and nine grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dick Snider Scholarship for Journalism and Mass Media sent in care of Washburn University, 1700 SW College, Topeka, Kansas 66621 .

Public visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Assumption Church, 204 SW 8th St. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. A private graveside service will follow.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dick Snider*

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