



Gary Snyder

August 24, 1957 - October 25, 2025

Gary Robert Snyder, 68, Auburn, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

Gary was born August 24, 1957, in Topeka, the son of Robert and Leona Koci Snyder. Gary graduated from Washburn Rural High School in 1975 and continued his education at Kaw Area Technical College, earning a certification in horticulture. He went on to have a long and dedicated career with Topeka Public Schools, retiring in 2011 after 31 years of service.

A lifelong resident of Auburn, Kansas, Gary truly loved his community. He volunteered for many years at the community haunted house, the Auburn Fair, and the parade, always happy to lend a hand. He enjoyed sharing laughs with the “wind tunnel” morning coffee club at the Auburn Community Center. Gary and his wife, Pam, opened their home as foster parents, giving a safe and loving place to many children over the years. His greatest joy was being “Grandpa Gary,” and he treasured every moment spent with his grandchildren.

Gary loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. Countless days were spent down by the Wakarusa, casting a line and soaking up the peace of nature. Known for his easy humor and outgoing nature, he never met a stranger. For decades, he hosted an all-night poker game in his garage, welcoming family and friends from all over. In his younger years, he proudly

earned the nickname “Piddler,” because he found happiness in simply tinkering and “piddling around.”

On April 8, 1978, Gary married the love of his life, Pamala K. Stratton. She preceded him in death on August 8, 2018. He is survived by their children, Dustin Robert Snyder, Misty Kay Winkler, and Wendy Marie Gibbens (Jordan). He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren; brother, Doug Snyder (Jackie); sister-in-law, Ramona Snyder; brother-in-law, Don Stratton (Lisa); along with many nieces and nephews.

Gary was also preceded in death by his parents, Robert Eugene and Leona Ella Snyder; parents-in-law, Jack and Kay Stratton; brother, Bruce Snyder; brother-in-law, Kelly Stratton; niece, Tyla Snyder; and great-nephew, Logan “Logi bear” Snyder.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at The Woods at Wanamaker, 3501 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka, KS 66614. Burial will follow in Auburn Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

Auburn Cemetery

Auburn, KS 66402

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene
3501 SW Wanamaker Rd
Topeka, KS 66614

Tribute Wall

DA

“ Dennis A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Snyder.

Dennis A. - November 03, 2025 at 09:52 AM

MO

“ Rest in peace my friend. You have always been present for my family. I will miss you. Enjoy your reunion with Pam.



Margaret Ogle - November 01, 2025 at 02:01 PM

BD

“ Brad and Barbara Denton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Snyder.

Brad and Barbara Denton - October 31, 2025 at 05:20 PM

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“ Brad and Barbara Denton purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gary Snyder.

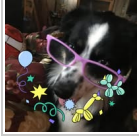


Brad and Barbara Denton - October 31, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ message sent from husband gary studebaker he doest have facebook account

Irene Studebaker - October 29, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ i worked with gary outdoor maintenance usd 501 many years got to know him very well avery knowledeable hard working fun guy to be around our condolences to family

Irene Studebaker - October 29, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ Don and Lisa, our condolences in the loss of your brother in law. The Cripe Family.

Linda - October 29, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ Some of the best child hood memories I have were hanging out with Uncle Gary and My dad on the weekends. They always had something fun to do. Love you Uncle Gary we had a lot of fun together over the years now you get to be with the rest of our family in heaven.

Casey Snyder - October 29, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ Jeff and Krysta Perry and family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Gary Snyder.



Jeff and Krysta Perry and family - October 28, 2025 at 04:38 PM