



The Reverend Frederick Arthur Snyder

Reverend Frederick Arthur Snyder, 71, of Halifax entered into God's Kingdom on May 5, 2023, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Born in Kitchener, Ontario, he was the son of Harry and Eleanor Snyder. Fred, the most loving and devoted husband is survived by his wife, Vale; stepdaughter Krista Knickle (Christian Hackshaw); stepson Roger Knickle (Anne Marie MacDonald); grandchildren William Cook, Myah Knickle and Helena Hackshaw; sisters Cynthia Snyder-Palczny (Paul Palczny); Cheryl White (Paul White) and nieces and nephews Cassandra Zehr (Greg Zehr); Robert Mansell (Caroline Mansell); Jameson Bouffard (Julie Cassidy); Andrea White (Jason Hoare); and Tony White (Lisa White). Upon graduation from Kitchener Collegiate Institute with grade 13, Fred attended Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario and graduated with a Bachelor of arts, with a double major in History and Religious Studies. He then went on to attend the University of Toronto and graduated with a Master of Divinity. He was admitted to the United Church of Canada in 1977 and ordained as a minister in 1980. He began his ministry at West Bay Pastoral Church, Inverness, Guysborough. From there he continued serving God at Mahone Bay United Church and Blue Rocks United Church, followed by Burton Avenue United Church in Barrie Ontario; then New Church Development Wasaga Beach, Ontario onto Saint James United Church, Woodstock New Brunswick then to Bethany United Church, Halifax, NS to his final ministry at St. James Dartmouth, NS. One of Fred's proudest accomplishments was founding a new church that was not much more than a trailer, in Wasaga Beach Ontario, which eventually grew into the largest United Church in the Province. Fred's passions outside of his ministry, included hockey and tennis, working out at the gym, and a nice steak dinner. He was a prolific reader, a talented musician, an eloquent speaker, and a wonderful counsellor. But Fred's greatest passion was his beautiful wife, Vale. His last words were, "Please take care of my precious Vale." Rest in God's great hands, Fred.

The funeral service was held at JA Snow's Funeral Home, Halifax, NS, May 18, 2023.