Obituary

Danny Ray Snider passed away on September 20, 2026, at his home in Paola, Kansas, with his family by his side. He was born on February 7, 1943, in Nowata, Oklahoma.

As a child, Danny's family moved to California during World War II while his father was in the service, and they lived in a tent on the beach of the Pacific Ocean. He spent his childhood years in Carlsbad and Oceanside, California, memories that remained part of the story of his life.

Danny answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army in 1960. He served as an armor crewman and was honorably discharged on April 27, 1964, with the rank of Sergeant, E-5. That same season of life also marked the beginning of his marriage, as he was married on March 20, 1964, to Winona Toncray.

He built a life defined by hard work, service, and commitment to his community. Danny joined Local Plumber Union #8 and became a member of the Local Plumbers Union. In 1975, he started Snider's Plumbing in Paola, owning and operating the business for 25 years. In 1978, he added RadioShack to the family business. He also served as a reserve deputy for the Miami County Sheriff's Office. Later, he worked for AB May for 15 years before retiring in 2008.

Danny was a man of many interests and gifts. He attended First Baptist Church in Paola and was a member of American Legion Post 156 in Paola. He enjoyed sports and brought energy and enthusiasm to everything he did. He was an avid bowler, enjoyed golfing, played in softball leagues, went water skiing, played racquetball, and loved camping and boating. He coached his children in sports, sharing not only his time but his encouragement and steady presence. He also enjoyed leather work and stained-glass work, pursuits that reflected both skill and creativity.

Among the accomplishments he was especially proud of, Danny was named Bowler of the Year in 1962 in Oceanside, California, and was offered a spot on the Pro Bowling Tour. He was also the founder of the Miami County Weekenders Motorcycle Club and helped build and establish the Julie Silvers Girls Softball fields in Paola. These achievements reflected his drive, his love of people, and his lasting investment in the community around him.

Those who knew Danny will remember him as a very good husband, selfless, and deeply devoted to the people he loved. He was a protector and provider, a man who loved his family wholeheartedly. He was also a teaser and a joker, bringing laughter and warmth to those around him.

Danny is survived by his wife, Winona Snider; his son, Scott Snider; and his daughters, Tracy (Donnie) Rankin, and Robin Skeens. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Ashley (John) Boydston, Tanner (Erica) Rankin, Cheyenne (Mason) Bell, Dalton (Samantha) Rankin, MacKenzie (Myles) Robison, and Hunter Skeens, who were an important and treasured part of his family circle. His love for his family was evident throughout his life, and his presence will continue to be felt in the lives of those he leaves behind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy D. and June Snider, and by his brothers, Roy L. Snider and Ralph Snider.

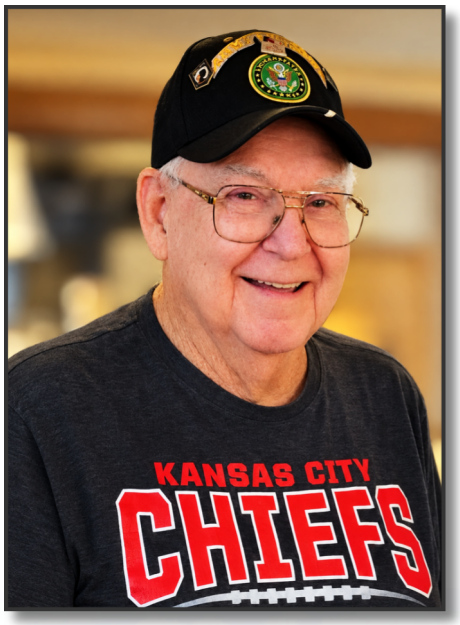
Services In Care Of



Dengel & Son

Mortuary - Crematory

In Memory Of



Danny Ray Snider

February 7, 1943 ~ September 20, 2026

Foot-prints in the sand

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most." The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."



Memorial Services

10:30 AM, Tuesday, September 29, 2026
First Baptist Church of Paola
Paola, Kansas

Officiating

Pastor Bill Prather

Recorded Music Selections

Go Rest High On That Mountain ~ Goodbye

Honorary Pallbearers

Tanner Rankin ~ Dalton Rankin ~ Hunter Skeens
Myles Robison ~ Mason Bell ~ John Boydston



Military Honors

Kansas Army National Guard
American Legion Post 156

Inurnment

Fontana Cemetery
Private- Immediate Family Only

Celebration of Life

1:00 PM, Tuesday, September 29, 2026
19555 K 68 Highway, Paola, Kansas

Memorial Contributions

Miami County Cancer Foundation
2 W Peoria Street, Paola, Kansas 66071