

A Personal Memoir of a Very Special Man Roger Snyder

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It is my assessment that as we go through life we realize that there are very special people that we meet who have a very profound effect on our lives; Roger Snyder was one of them.

THE BEGINNING:

I originally contacted Roger when he was working with accounting software and I needed accounting direction.

Our talking quickly changed to my book computerized typesetting business. I told him we had to do “castoffs” which was a process of calculating finished 6x9” typeset book pages versus typewriter page sizes. Typewriter pages are “mono spaced” every letter is the same width. Typeset pages each letter can have varying widths which produces more compact words. So I taught Roger about Picas and Points and typesetting.

Roger wrote a castoff program for me in assembly language and for hundreds of books saved us an untold amount of time calculating our cost estimates.

Roger Snyder passed away SEP-16, 2020. I flew up to Idaho to visit with him SEP 3rd through the 5th. We had some great chats as usual. The kids had invited quite a few of his friends for a last call visit. All his kids & grandkids were with him at his passing, I am glad I made the trip for our final visit.

When I started the US Nuclear Energy Foundation nearly 15 years ago, I remember he had worked at the Idaho National Laboratory; many years ago on the Saturn V rocket project which put America on the moon.

Chatting with my brother-in-law Dr. Bruce Johnson on a Sunday afternoon, I asked him what is the most important thing we can do for public education. He said grassroots nuclear education, and we were off. I called Roger that afternoon and he recommended we contact Peter Shaw and employee of the INL Laboratory specializing in nuclear waste.

USNEF continues its mission of nuclear education. A grassroots directive to educate America about the truth of nuclear technology and the development of nuclear waste management and reprocessing. We began our nuclear education by attending several American Nuclear Society meetings and have accumulated a contacts list of nearly 1,000 nuclear scientists and engineers worldwide. We participated in several ANS “Focus on Communications” workshops.

Over the years, we have addressed the industry to support grassroots education on rebranding nuclear technology at the Advanced Reactor Technical Summit III at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Below is a memo from Roger in 2005 concerning my request that he overview our USNEF website.

From: Roger Snyder [snyder_roger@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, **February 15, 2005** 10:07 PM

To: Gary J Duarte

Subject: **Studied Your Nuke Site**

Hi Gary, I have spent many hours reading the materials on your site. I think you have done a great job; it's really impressive!

According to Peter, the meeting/seminar went quite well, considering. He was really impressed that you got an aid to Senator Harry Reid to attend. I hope Peter did a satisfactory job for you. I have known him for probably 20 years and knew that he would give a talk but you might have a problem turning him off.

Regards, Roger