

PHILIP SNYDER

I served in the US Army for 42 years as an Instructor Pilot in both Helicopters and Fixed Wing Aircraft. I retired in 2004 where I was a Chief Warrant Officer 4 assigned to the Battalion Staff as the Safety Officer. I then went to work for L-3 Communications as an Instructor Pilot working in the Helicopter Simulation Field designing the Avcatt (Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer) and instructing pilots all over the US. I retired from the system on my 75th birthday at Hunter Army Airfield.

Susan's daughter, June introduced me to her mother in 2007 and Susan asked me to go to St. Peters Church with her. I then decided to become a member of St. Peters and took Confirmation classes with Father Sam Buice and Father Remington Steele. I was baptized and confirmed by Bishop Henry Louttit on December 14, 2008.

We were married and bought a home at the Landings in 2009. Shortly after our wedding, I studied with Father Rem to become an LEM and then we went to Honey Creek becoming members of Cursillo. We are active members of the Cursillo Group in our church.

I am an Eagle Scout, have built homes and developments, owned Metro Motors, worked as a Life Flight Helicopter Pilot for Iowa Methodist Medical Center for 15 years, was the helicopter pilot for security when Pope John Paul II visited America in 1979 in Des Moines and was honored to be blessed by the Pope. I also flew Clint Eastwood when filming the movie "Bridges of Madison County."

Susan and I have two sons, extraordinary daughters-in-law, and 5 grandchildren. Their families live in Houston and in Atlanta.