



## Snyder Residence

5754 Fall Creek Road, Indianapolis

Architect: Robert Snyder, BSA LifeStructures

Builders: Steve Conard Custom Homes, Peabody & Koeing and Homes by Ursula

Overlooking the Fall Creek valley, this residence is located at the crest of a wooded hillside. In the main section of the house, the bold columns of random sizes reinforce the strong vertical lines of the wooded surroundings. Vertical wood siding further accentuates these lines. The elevated rooms of the main story capitalize on the views to a lake, woods and river beyond. The west portion of the house stairsteps up the hill to meet the main section. On the interior, an all-white, open-laced steel staircase is a sculptural focal point connecting the three levels. From the loft overlooking the main living space, glimpses of the downtown skyline can be seen at night. The light-colored exterior contrasts with the colors of nature, yet at all seasons fits comfortably in its natural surroundings.

This approximately 8,000-square-foot home was designed and completed in three separate phases over a 20-year period. The most recent phase includes a master bedroom, master bath, exercise, office and support space; (a 2,700-square-foot addition completed earlier this year). Each of the three phases provided a functional solution to respond to a growing family; but also a design opportunity to experiment with unique interior and exterior relationships.