



John Christian Forcht

June 25, 2005

John Christian Forcht, son of Leland J. and Agnes M. (Hinchberger) Forcht, passed away on June 25, 2005 after a three year battle with cancer. Born at home on July 2, 1934, he remained a citizen of Butler for seventy years. A retired business man, in partnership with his brothers, John was the reputable owner of the former L. J. Forcht Lincoln Mercury/Winnebago Company, which was founded by his mother and father. He was service manager for many years then became manager of the Winnebago section of the company. Even after retirement, he continued to enjoy the adventures of touring the country by motor home with family and friends.

John's passion was Scouting. He began his Scouting career in 1947 as a member of Troop 1, YMCA. John became scoutmaster of Troop 6, which was sponsored by St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, in 1968. He earned the Scoutmaster Key in 1969. Following his service as scoutmaster, he remained active with Scouting through the Pioneer Trails Council and was on the board of the Moraine Trails Council. John was quoted as saying, "Scouting is good for boys. They learn to live together and look out for one another. Citizenship is fine, but learning to care for one another and respect for all and the 12 points of the Scout Law are most important."

John was the "fix it guy." His talents included furniture making and carpentry, home remodeling, electronics and mechanics. In 1959, John built a camp in

Clarion, PA. Due to John's generosity, three generations of family and friends have enjoyed "Turkey Knob" and carry with them many fond memories. During his retirement, John volunteered at the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, repairing and restoring various donated items.

John lived by believing in "doing the right thing," he was a devoted Roman Catholic and a lifelong member of St. Paul Roman Catholic Church. Family was John's priority, he remained loyal to his wife and children for 51 years.

Surviving are his wife, SallyAnn (Phillips) Forcht of Valencia, one son, Leland J. Forcht II, of Butler, two daughters, Mrs. Frederick (Roseann E.) Ludolff of Valencia and Rebecca B. Forcht, of Butler; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Preceding him in death were three brothers, three sisters and his parents.

Family and friends may pay their last respects at the graveside service to be held at Calvary Cemetery on Thursday, June 30, 2005 at 11 AM .

Memorial contributions may be made in the name of John Christian Forcht to the Moraine Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, 830 Morton Avenue Ext., Butler, PA 16001

Tribute Wall



“ I'm very sorry for your loss. Mr. Forcht truly knew the meaning of giving without measure, and has made many of us better human beings for having been members of Troop 6.##imported-begin##Robert Komstock##imported-end##

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One of my heroes growing up.

Jim Sautel - February 28, 2014 at 01:52 PM



Truly one of the most significant men in my younger life. He was always kind, gracious, and encouraging. I am sorry I could not be there for his funeral.

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