



John Caraway

December 20, 1915 - January 1, 2007

He was a veteran and Bronze Star recipient for his service in World War II and retired from the Texas National Guard as a chief warrant officer 04 in 1975. His years of service spanned from March 20, 1941, to Dec. 20, 1975. John was born Dec. 20, 1915, and grew up in Keller. He was a member of Riverside Lions Club, serving as president. He was a longtime supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, serving as scoutmaster of Troop 88 for over 40 years and in various positions with the Longhorn Council. He received the Silver Beaver Award and was a vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. He was a member of the Masons, Shriners, and Scottish Rite. He received the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award and the God and Service Recognition from the Disciples of Christ and Boy Scouts of America. He was recognized for 40 years of service to Twin Arrows and Junior Leader Training for the Boy Scouts. He was KRLD Radio's Citizen of the Week in February 1995 for his service to youth. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Lee Caraway; and his sister, Ruth Caraway Pipkin. Survivors: His daughter, Valerie and her husband, John Box; his son, Randy and his wife, Melissa; his foster son, George Warner and his wife, Victoria; granddaughters, Martha and Katie Caraway and Rebekah Warner; and many nieces, nephews, dear friends and fellow Scouts. Memorials: You may honor John's memory with a contribution to the Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts or the Scottish Rite Hospitals.

Tribute Wall

TC

“ Sometimes in life we meet special people. People who show us the value of life. People who show, not tell, us how to treat others. People who inspire us to be better in all things. People who know the price of freedom and inspire us to be ready to defend it if the need arises. John Caraway was such a man. He was a man I respected and admired from the deepest level of my soul. I was fortunate to be able to share a part of his life. I will forever miss his gentle spirit.

Tom Chambers - January 09, 2007 at 10:07 AM

TM

“ We are thankful for the time he spent with the boys in Troop 336. My son Nathan learned so much from the TA program and we are grateful for Papa John having been a big part of that. We will miss his bright smile and soft words of wisdom.

The Merry's - January 08, 2007 at 03:49 AM

FJ

“ I met Papa John three years ago just as I was just getting started as an adult in the Boy Scout Twin Arrows Program. I could tell that there was something very special about this man by the way that the other youth and adult Scouters spoke with him when he was around. On several courses, I've seen how he loved participating in the campfires and awarding the beads he made to those that had earned them. I've heard him tell stories about courses decades gone by, remembering the details as well as the more recent ones; offering entertaining anecdotes about the some of the learners, the staff or even the weather. I could tell how much he loved The Twin Arrows program and all the Scouts that he served. Rest in Peace Papa John knowing that all your "learners" out here will keep your memory alive where ever Twin Arrows Scouts gather and the their campfire embers glow.

Fulton Jones - January 03, 2007 at 09:27 PM

GA

“ Back in the late 90’s I was a Troop 336 adult leaders whose sons were working their way up the eagle trail. I had met and knew who Papa John was from contacts at various scouting activities but it wasn’t until I volunteered as a Twin Arrows adult leader in 2001 that I began to realized how lucky I was to be on the same course with him and to experience his contagious and unwavering dedication to the scouts and their leadership training program he felt so strongly about. I served on 4 TA courses with Papa John and I will always remember the respect and reverence he received from scouts and scouters alike and like so many he inspired and influenced during his years of service, I am thankful for the time I got to spent with him.

The Apache Tears story Papa John told so well so many times to so many young scouts at so many Twin Arrows campfires talks about how if we commit ourselves to service to others, a gentle breeze would blow and help us along our path of life. Papa John was that gentle breeze.

Greg Althoff - January 03, 2007 at 11:12 AM

DO

“ It was such a blessing knowing Papa John. Whether we spent time at a camporee, waiting for our guys at the "50 miler" breaks or over our once every couple of months dinners with the other "ole scouters". My son is a better man for knowing Papa John and learning from him what true character is. I know he is truly enjoying the best Jamboree ever!

Thank you so much for sharing him with all of us.

Donna Oler - January 02, 2007 at 06:23 PM

SB

“ Papa John was an amazing man. The few times I was able to be around him in Scouting he was always teaching and leading by example. He will be dearly missed by all Scouters young and old.

Sharon Berry - January 02, 2007 at 02:31 PM

MB

“ Papa John has taught me much about the Boy Scout program to be a good Troop 12 Scoutmaster and then how to teach youth in the ways of leadership in the Twin Arrows Junior Leader training program, BSA, where I was Scoutmaster, TA Troop 140, March, 2000.

He practiced what he preached and led by one of the TA principles of "set the example". He was certainly a positive example to us all. I was fortunate to have spent some quality scouting time with Papa John at Worth Ranch Scout Camp during 2006 while he was yet again serving youth by hosting the Scout Museum for a camporee along with J Howard. At 90 years old, this is quite remarkable. I hope that I can set as strong an example as he did. It will be difficult. Scouting has lost a great teacher. He will be missed.

Mark Bynum - January 02, 2007 at 02:25 PM

KS

“ I am so grateful for the time I was able to spend with Papa John. I know every minute he spent scouting was time away from all of you and I am so grateful that you shared this wonderful man with adults & youth over the last 40 yrs & I am proud to be a fellow "egle" patrol member.

Karen Sullins - January 02, 2007 at 11:44 AM