



## John B.F. DeMarco

October 9, 1922 - January 9, 2009

John B. F. DeMarco, 86, of Cambridge, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2009, at Beckett House of New Concord.

He was born, Oct. 9, 1922, in Boston, MA, son of the late John B. and Anna Mary DeMarco. He was a graduate of South Boston High School, Boston, MA. John served in the US Army stationed at Fletcher General Hospital, Cambridge, OH and in Panama as a medic. He was a graduate of the Cambridge Business College.

Mr. DeMarco was retired from the B & O Railroad where he was a bridge & building carpenter/ foreman and from the Cruise-In Theater where he was a movie projectionist for many years.

In 1968, John reorganized Cub Scout Pack 531 at Lincoln School, which was the beginning of many years of service in scouting. He was chairman of Pow Wows, Scouter-Outer events, Webelos Days, Roundtables; and was a Sustaining Member Captain. As a trainer, he was chairman in the Forest Trails District and on staff of the University of Scouting in this area. He traveled to New Mexico to the Philmont Training Center, was a member of the Order of the Arrow and spent numerous summers running the trading post at the Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation, where everyone called him "Charlie". John was extremely active in Labor Union work for over 20 years and received one of the first George Meany Awards for outstanding dedication to Scouting. He was also a recipient of the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award.

Scouting was not his only involvement with young people, he was chairman of PTA fall festivals; active in Little League; and fundraising co-chair of the Cambridge Band Boosters, where he was named an honorary band member in 1977.

John was active in the March of Dimes for 28 years and in 1966 received the Outstanding Contribution Award for service from the National Foundation of the March of Dimes. As a Democrat Central Committeeman he supported and promoted school and health levies, head start, "get out and vote" programs and transportation to the polls.

After a job related injury forced John into retirement, he helped prepare income taxes at the Guernsey County Senior Citizens Center. John had been active in the St Benedict Church, COPERS and the Diabetic Support Group and was a lifetime member of the VFW and the Knights of Columbus.

John was preceded in death by: his wife, Ruth E. DeMarco, whom he married March 3, 1946; his parents; three brothers, Angelo, Robert and Donald DeMarco; and a sister Rose Handlong. Survivors include two sons, Chris Lisa of Stow and Steve of Cambridge; two grandchildren, Sarah and Melissa; a sister, Madline Brewer of Hingham, Mass.; two brothers, George DeMarco of St. Marys, FL. and Joseph Clair DeMarco of Brockton, Mass.; several nieces and nephews and great and great great nieces and nephews and all who showed their kindness and compassion throughout his life and during his illness.

Visitation will be at Bundy-Law Funeral Home Sunday, January 11, 2009 from 2-4 and 6-8 where services will be held at 1:30pm on Monday, January 12, 2009. Rev. Father Robert D. Borer and Rev. Dr. Alan Bevere will officiate the service with burial following in Northwood Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the The Muskingum Valley Council, BSA, 734 Moorehead Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701. On line condolences may be sent to the family at [www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com](http://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Steve, What a loss for you. I wanted to cry. May God be with you, I will keep you in my prayers. It is hard enough to loose one parent, but both in such a short time. Your parents will live on through you. sounds like your parents were very proud of you. Bless You Shelly Ostroff New Horizons majorettes Elizabeth PA###imported-begin##Shelly Ostroff###imported-end##

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January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve and Family, so sorry for your loss. you are in my prayer. Kairy Little West Mifflin PA###imported-begin##Kairy Little###imported-end##

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January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve, I was so sad to hear about your Dad, and with your Mom just passing. what a sad sad time for you. Remember all the good times you had with them,to help you get through this. I will keep you in my prayers. Jamie Ostroff Jefferson Hills PA###imported-begin##Jamie Ostroff###imported-end##

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January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve,  
We are all so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Please know that we are all thinking about you and keeping you in our prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Diane Gunnels and The Royalletes Baton Corps of Richmond,  
VA##imported-begin##Diane Gunnels##imported-end##

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January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Steve and Family,  
  
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. I truly know how difficult this is and the sorrow you are feeling.  
  
God Bless You,  
  
Cindy Masidonio and Kellie Trouten##imported-begin##Cindy Masidonio##imported-end##

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January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. DeMarco,  
  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.##imported-begin##Olivia Lynch##imported-end##

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January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve,  
So sorry to hear of your loss.  
I can remember your parents coming with you to AYOP and local contests.  
It is very hard but, as you stated memories are the best thing to hold onto, and truly help with the mourning process.  
May God be with you and your family.  
Donna Jean Leathers Smith##imported-begin##Donna Jean Smith##imported-end##

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January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Steve,  
I was shocked to hear such sad news of your father's death. May the love of family & friends sustain you in the days ahead. You are in my thoughts & prayers. My deepest sympathy - God bless you & your family during this difficult time. Peace & Love, Renee LaHood##imported-begin##Renee LaHood##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Steve and Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Deepest Sympathy. Always, one of your extended family members from USAirways.##imported-begin##Sharon Taylor##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris & Steve. Sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you. It's been a long time since I've seen you guys but I keep up via the Ferralls.

Warmest regards,

Mike###imported-begin###Michael Kennedy###imported-end##

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January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom and Dad, we just lost Mom 3 months ago and I think that is tough, can't imagine losing both your Mom and Dad so close together. My best to your family.

Donna PickenpaughBond###imported-begin###Donna

Pickenpaugh###imported-end##

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January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Steve and The DeMarco Family:

I am so sorry for your loss.

Mr. DeMarco sounds like a wonderful man who will be well remembered. What wonderful contributions, he made in his lifetime, to making this world a better place.

May you know he is not really gone-he has just gone on to a better place and you will see him again.

Most Sincerely,

Kathy Baron

AAA###imported-begin###KATHY###imported-end##

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January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ So very very sorry about the loss of your wonderful mom, Ruth and then the immediate loss of your father. You have been through alot but believe me they are together now and smiling down on you.##imported-begin##Rin Stone##imported-end##

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January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve and Family:

*My heart goes out to you and your family, my thoughts and prayers are with you, Steve, if you need to talk or support, call me anytime.*

*Diane##imported-begin##Diane Leonard##imported-end##*

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January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve and family,

*We were very sorry to hear of your father's passing...such a short time after your mother. I'm sure knowing that they're together again, and the good memories you shared, will help to make this time a little easier. Thinking of you. Dave and Kim Conrath##imported-begin##Kim Conrath##imported-end##*

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January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about your father. I can't imagine what it was like for all of you to watch the man that raised you go through what he endured. I know God will take care of all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Tammy Lehman##imported-end##*

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January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We remember all the the nice times visiting John and Ruth. Our condolences.##imported-begin##Noreen & Pete Yakich##imported-end##

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family,

*51 years ago last October, I was 9 years old and a patient at Guernsey Memorial Hosp - I had double pneumonia and the Asian flu - I was in quarentine - my mother was upstairs having a baby, my step-father, my grandfather and aunt and uncle were home sick with the same flu, my grandmother didn't drive and was caring for all the sick folks at her house - my only visitor was your father who was across the hall as a patient - there were no TV's in the rooms and he brought me a small transistor radio to listen to - He was a wonderful man and I have never forgotten him in all these years - I am so sorry for your loss*

*Betsy Mehaffey Enochs##imported-begin##Betsy Mehaffey Enochs##imported-end##*

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss, know that our heart and prayers are with you and your family.  
The Reinhold Family###imported-begin##Terri Reinhold###imported-end##

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Chris and Steve,  
Both of your parents loved and cared deeply for both of you!  
I fondly remember their support and sacrifices for the CHS band and your personal endeavors.  
Know that many are uplifting you in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.###imported-begin##Lynn Brahler###imported-end##

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ John was a very special person. I first met John about 35 years ago when he was in my Weight Watchers class at the Y. Over the years you never saw John that he did not have a big smile and a harty hello for all he met. He will be remembered with good thoughts by many people. Even writing this I have to smile thinking of him. He was truely a good Man.

Rons Sue Ayers  
Cambridge and Florida###imported-begin##Ron Sue Ayers###imported-end##

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Especially at a time when you are still grieving for the loss of your mom. I know you will always remember the great times with your parents twirling, judging and traveling. My memories with my parents are still with me. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.*

*your twirling "Sis"*

*Wynola DeMarco##imported-begin##Wynola DeMarco##imported-end##*

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere condolences on the behalf of myself and my brother Martin Mekkelsen and Jackie Mekkelsen Powell. We loved your Dad. More than fifty years ago we went on a road trip to Boston with our Dad, Jack Mekkelsen also from Boston and Johnny. Johnny kept us entertained and laughing the whole trip, it is one of my favorite memories.##imported-begin##Holly Mekkelsen Thompson##imported-end##*

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chris, Lisa and Steve,*  
*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I did not see the paper until this evening to learn of his passing. We will always remember the time we shared with him while dad was at Beckett House. He always made me smile and laugh. Dad was recalling the time our dad's went to Atlanta to pick up Nick. He said that is a trip he will never forget. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless~Tina, Jerold and Sadie, Lou too!##imported-begin##Tina Coury Lucas##imported-end##*

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Steve and Family,  
The Red Stars send their thoughts to you today. We have heard stories of the great life you all had together, so you will have endless memories.  
Steve, you were a wonderful son to your parents. Now they are together again, watching over you.  
Gina Hutchinson and The NH Red Stars###imported-begin###Gina Hutchinson###imported-end###

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To the DeMarco Family,  
  
On behalf of my brother Brown Clary and myself Ray Clary, I want to extend our deepest sympathies for your loss. We both enjoyed Mr. DeMarco's spirit of Scouting beginning with Cub Scouts at Lincoln School and going to Eagle with troop 523. Again our deepest sympathies, God is getting a good scout.  
  
Ray Clary###imported-begin###Raymond Clary###imported-end###

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve,  
  
Joyce Gray and I extend our sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved father. All of us in twirling are a part of very large family, one spanning generations for sure. We all share in one another's happiness and carry each other's burdens, too. Our prayers and best wishes are with you tonight and always.###imported-begin###Gary D. Avery###imported-end###

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January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We extend our condolences to the family of our Uncle John and are sorry we cannot be with you. He worked hard for the railroad for many years. He loved his wife, sons, granddaughters & the Boy Scouts. He led an exemplary life of leadership & we are sure was fun to be with at camp fires. We will grieve for the families he left behind but his being here made it a better place. He will be remembered for the good that he did while here. Our prayers go out to his family knowing that Uncle John is in a better place & will rest in peace now that he and Aunt Ruth are together. Love Ron & Bette  
P.S. I remember the ride in the Hudson over the square bridge that jolted everyone in the car, the nights at the drive-in movie, getting lost on the "Y" bridge, also how sad it was to watch him say goodbye to Aunt Ruth. Love Ron  
Ron and Bette  
DeMarco

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January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts, sympathies and prayers go out to you and your family Steve as you mourn not only the passing of your dad, but also the recent death of Ruth.

*I know that you will eventually, in time, remember the good times; the laughter, the joys, and the sharing of bad times as well.*

*I truly believe that they are in a better place, watching over you. May you find comfort and peace with the passing of time.*

*Much love,*

*John*  
John Highberger

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January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris and Steve,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Seeing the photo of your Dad brought back many memories. His accent is something I will always remember. I'm so sorry I won't be able to come up for the services or visitation. I would love to see both of you. It's been so many years. You are definitely in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Diane Bond Rush##imported-end##

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January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris & Steve,  
Our heartfelt condolance to you and your families.  
We are so sorry for your loss.  
We hope yu can feel the love we send over the miles.##imported-begin##Harold & Jerrye Molisee##imported-end##

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January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris and Family,  
I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Your father sounds like he lived a wonderful life. You and your family continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Julie Dudones##imported-end##

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January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve,  
*I'm saddened to hear the news about your father passing, especially within weeks of your mother. I hope that you find comfort and support in the many twirling friends who care deeply for you. With thoughts, prayers and love-  
Annie and the Wheaton Family##imported-begin##Ann Marie Kennedy##imported-end##*

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January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve,  
*Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know this has to be a tough time for you and I am sincerely sorry to hear about your father.##imported-begin##Hazel Martin Cartee##imported-end##*

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January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris, Lisa, and family,  
*We cannot believe you are going through this yet again. What can one possibly say to this? We love you guys and you are continuously in our thoughts and prayers. Please know that we are here if there is anything we can do for you.##imported-begin##Bill, Donna & Emily Beck##imported-end##*

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January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mere words seem so inadequate...but know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I have petitioned your Angels to surround you with Their Divine Love 'n' Light. Know that you are loved. Know that "This Too Shall Pass"*

*Love,*

*Cheri Harding##imported-begin##Cheri Harding##imported-end##*

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January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM