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### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By Heather Flavin and Robyn Johnson



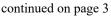
One of Forest Park's most treasured volunteers is Duke Johnson. Duke humbly gives countless hours of his time for the betterment of our park. You're apt to see him plugging away at his outdoor office in the RV park. He always has a friendly hello, and his good sense of humor easily blends in with the conversation.

Duke grew up on a dairy farm in a small rural town called Luck, in western Wisconsin. He was one of nine children.

Duke joined the Airforce in 1965, two weeks before his 18th birthday. He worked as a flight line crew chief on fighter jets. He was ranked Airman 1st when he was honorably discharged in 1969. During that time, he spent one year in Southeast Asia.

After leaving the military he returned home and started his career as a semi driver. First hauling milk for Land O Lakes, then hauling cars for Ford. After that he started driving over the road from coast to coast for various companies. Many times, when not in school, his daughter Lauri would ride along with him. In January of 1985, his bride-to-be, Robyn, joined him and helped him drive the big rig. On a stop in Las Vegas, they stopped and got married on February 28th, 1985. They did these road trips together for 4 years until Duke found a local job where he was home more.

Duke continued driving semi until retiring in 2014 after 44 years. Duke and Robyn retired to Forest Park in August 2014. It was time to escape the cold Wisconsin winters.







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Duke likes to keep busy, so he started mowing a few of the neighbors' lawns. Around 2018, the Social Club needed someone to help cut up the aluminum that gets

recycled in the park and he continues doing that. He has helped crush cans in the past and during the summer you can see the Johnsons picking up cans on Monday evenings while the Parsels get a break, or patrolling the park on a monthly basis. He takes it upon himself to lock up or unlock the R/V gate



as needed, trim the common area in the RV park, or wherever he might see needs trimming. The list is too long to mention everything he does. Duke's also been known to pull a few practical jokes, so beware – LOL

Here's what some appreciative residents of Forest Park had to say about Duke:

"Duke Johnson has been retired for quite a while now, or HAS HE????? Forest Park is very fortunate to have an asset like Duke. Duke is a man who is willing to help anyone with his gracious smile and personality. I go up to the RV section quite often and what a joy to say Good Morning as I see him working diligently as a volunteer for Forest Park. Thank you, Duke Johnson, for all that you do for our park." Gloria Restko

"Duke, single handedly cleared the back fence of the RV park in the heat of the day. He had to throw all the brush over the fence before loading onto a small trailer to haul it to the horticulture trailer. — Duke reports to work as a volunteer nearly every day. He takes care of our aluminum recycling. If he sees something that needs to be done, he does something." Barry Simes

"Duke Johnson is such a hard worker. I see him out in the summer heat cutting aluminum to raise money for the park. He always has a smile for everyone. Thank you, Duke, for all you do here in the park, your hard work doesn't go unnoticed." Lucinda King

"I know Duke donates his time on the can recycling, quietly, constantly giving back to the park. He and Robyn help with the RV park when things are left open, etc... He also probably won't admit it, but he has a soft spot for cats. He is a veteran and so much more. He is genuinely

a good guy." Jane Cullin

"As long as I have known Duke, he's a working machine, doing the aluminum, hauling it to the scrap yard, he is a true asset to Forest Park." Bob Bagge

"Duke and Robyn have old school values. are both positive members of the park. Living alone is so hard. Duke has been able to help me many times. Priceless help with a smile. We need more Dukes in this world." Pam Salk

### LABOR DAY POOL PARTY, BARBECUE, AND CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

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### PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

By Forest Park Compliance Committee September Winners

Steve Forrester and Paula Eisele Forest Park Drive



Ben and Donna Sisto Hollyberry Court



In the spirit of recognizing how far we have come and encouraging each other, we will highlight Forest Park homes displaying "Pride of Ownership." Look for a photo in the newsletter and a sign in the owner's yard. And don't forget to compliment the homeowners on their beautiful home or home improvements.

The rest of us benefit not only by having our neighborhood improved, but we can also get ideas for our own homes from what others have done to enhance their property.

### COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FP DOCUMENT SPOTLIGHT

It was brought to the attention of the compliance committee that some residents are not familiar with the Deed of Restrictions or the Rules and Regulations for Forest Park. We will highlight a section of our documents here to help residents know and understand our governing documents.

So many times you hear or read of the C.C. & R's when in reference to an HOA. What do these initials refer to? At the top of Page 1 of the DEED OF RESTRICTIONS Forest Park Property Owners Association is the heading:

### DECLARATION OF CONDITIONS, COVENANTS, CHARGES, RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATIONS AFFECTING PROPERTY LOCATED IN FOREST PARK

Everyone who resides in Forest Park as a home owner or a renter, by affixing their signature, has agreed to abide by the C.C. & R's, ByLaws, Rules and Regulations. It is a good idea to refresh your memory on the contents of these documents periodically. We will be having new residents arriving in a couple months and we want our park to be looking great.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about this, please contact the office, a member of the Board of Directors, or a Compliance Committee member.

### "Don't Shoot the Messenger"

The Compliance Committee is made up of volunteer homeowners, who are responsible for ensuring residents adhere to the community's governing documents such as C.C. & R's, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations. This committee helps maintain property values and a harmonious living environment by addressing violations of these rules. When you decide to purchase or rent, in an HOA COMMUNITY, you are essentially agreeing to abide by all of these rules. Receiving a letter, or a visit in person is NOT a personal attack on anyone. These rules were not made for one person. They are for all who reside in Forest Park. MOST of you have been very pleasant to deal with, which is greatly appreciated. Residents are only being asked to do what you already agreed to do. We are always open to conversation if an issue on your home or property can't be resolved right away. We have seen a HUGE improvement in lawns getting done in a more timely manner, and carports are being constructed. We still have a ways to go, such as weeds, dead trees, limbs, and a few unmaintained homes, but we are getting closer with each passing month. Keep it up Forest Park!

#### **Compliance Committee**

Barbara Batson Passos, Bob Charles, Warren Starks, Heather Flavin, Kevin Mann

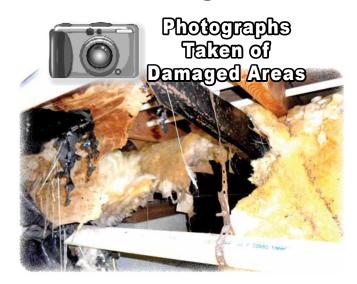
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### Patriot Day - A Day To Remember Short Picture Presentation To Music Thursday, September 11, 2025 4:00 P.M. In The Clubhouse

September 11, 2001, is a day that changed our country forever. On that morning, four planes were hijacked by terrorists. Two of them crashed into the Twin Towers in New York City. One hit the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The fourth crashed in a field in Pennsylvania, after brave passengers tried to stop the attackers.



That day, nearly 3,000 people died. Among them were everyday people just going to work or flying home. But many were heroes—343 firefighters, 60 police officers, and 8 paramedics gave their lives trying to save others. They ran into danger while everyone else was trying to get out. Their bravery will never be forgotten.

Each year on Patriot Day, we take time to remember the people we lost. We honor the heroes who showed what true courage looks like. We come together as a nation to say, "We remember. We care. We stand strong."

Let us never forget the power of kindness, courage, and unity. Please join us!

### FROM THE PRESIDENT By Chris Tybor

Hello Forest Park,

I hope your summer has been going well for all. I can't believe



how fast this year is passing. I say, as many do, the older we get, time seems to pass by quicker. Just a few reminders to all still in the park, let's try to get along a little better. I know it's hot and tempers can fly a little faster, but let's ask ourselves, would we like to be treated as we may be treating others around us. Let's try to follow the rules in the park, and treat each other with respect. The board is not here to referee arguments, so let's follow the rules and regulations set, and respect everyone here in our Paradise.

Have a great rest of your Summer.

Chris Tybor



### BOARD OF DIRECTOR & GENERAL MEETING DATES

From the Office

**General Membership Meetings** - We are a membership community. Monthly General Membership meetings are an important part of keeping our park a great place to live. Please make an effort to attend in person to help us meet our quorums for voting on issues large and

small. If you can't make it in person, please join us by Zoom so your voice can be heard and so you have a full understanding of any issues. Zoom can be done on your smartphone, computer, or



tablet, it's very user friendly and it allows you to hear firsthand the strides made and challenges ahead to keep Forest Park a great place to live. Our By-Laws require 75 association members to attend to have a quorum. Our next regular meetings are scheduled for

OCTOBER 16, 2025 ...... Board Meeting 9 AM OCTOBER 23, 2025 ...... Membership Meeting 7 PM



### SOME THINGS ABOUT SEPTEMBER

By Kathy Revels

September is considered to be the beginning of the slide into autumn. Children are back to school, gardens are harvested, evenings are a little cooler. Snow birds are making plans for their journey back to Forest Park.

Labor Day, which falls on the 1st this year, is the final long weekend for families to enjoy camping, boating, and mini vacations. "Observing the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being." (Department of Labor) This is a day recognizing all of the worker bees, often unseen and unacknowledged, but essential to us all.

Other days of note in September include Grandparents Day on the 7th, Patriot Day on the 11th, Talk Like a Pirate Day on the 19th and Punctuation Day on the 24th. Constitution Day, celebrating the adoption of the Constitution of the United States in 1787 is on the 17th. September is National Happy Cat Month, so give your favorite feline some extra love this month.

Those of us from the northern states are fortunate to have the option to (try to) grow an apple tree. A favorite fall pastime is a visit to a local apple orchard. These venues offer an opportunity to pick your own apples, take a hayride, wander through a corn maze, and finish off with an apple pie or an apple fritter. Most make their own cider, and some allow you to watch it being made.

Summer can be a hectic time of going and doing and visiting and discovering new things. September is a time of returning to routine. Many tourist towns slow down as children return to school. Some areas enjoy fall or winter tourism, but September is an in-between month.

Here in Forest Park September is still very warm and summery. It's still a quiet time before the "season" begins and snow birds return. Life is slower and quieter as many clubs are still on summer break. October is just around the corner, though, and will be here before we know it.

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#### MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Paula Batson

Name and Street -Jim Pierce, Forest Park Drive

Home State - New Jersey

Part time or Full Time - Fulltime

How did you find Forest Park - Realtor

Number of years in FP - Since May 2025

Children/Grandchildren/Greats - 2 Children, Grandchildren

Career - Landscaper Self Employed.

Dream career - Fireman

Favorite color - Green

Dogs or Cats - Love both Dogs and Cats

Sunrise or Sunset - Grand Rising (Sunrise)

Have you played a musical instrument - Flute

Favorite band/artist - Bad Company

Best decade of your life - Right Now

Biggest thing you ever won - Concert Tickets to ACDC with Limo Ride included

Favorite Florida restaurant - None yet

Last thing you ate - Energy Bar

If you could choose an anthem song for yourself what would it be -Stomp by Johnson Brothers

Opinion of garden gnomes - (side note) if you are selling your home bury the gnome upside down to sell house faster

### LINE DANCE CLASSES By Ellen Heigham

If you want to get a head start on learning line dancing, or just keep in practice for our Forest Park events, there are many videos on YouTube that you can watch! Go

to YouTube.com, type "line dancing" in the search bar. There are countless videos to choose from. See you in a few months!

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For more info call Ellen (617) 448-1748



### WOOF, WAG, & WIGGLE

By Paula Batson

### **MITCHELL**

This month's dog is a very familiar face around Forest Park. "Mitchell" is absolutely, one of the cutest dogs ever! This 9 year old Terrier mix can be found strolling around Knotty Pine with his mom Lucinda Chisholm Hardy King several times a day and on his golf cart rides.



Mitchell (fondly nicknamed Bubba) like many of our dogs, was saved by a rescue group in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Now 10 years old, he spent most of his life as an outside backyard dog with very little socializing and living an unkind existence. Thankfully after years of neglect his neighbor, who worked at the rescue, spoke with Mitchell's previous owner and expressed an interest in taking the dog from him after another very significant storm came through the town. It had left Mitchell fending for himself outside and surviving. While speaking with him, the owner abruptly reached down, picked up

Mitchell and handed him over the fence to the rescue lady. Finally, Mitchell was saved. The neighbor fostered him for a while herself, until he was deemed adoptable. Fast Forward to 2020 during a Pet Smart adoption day, Lucinda saw Mitchell's picture on Social Media. He was still recovering from baldness from fleas and needed a lot of TLC to overcome all the years of neglect he endured. This time, he could not have landed in a better home. Lucinda was able to adopt him that day.

Although Mitchell is still slow to warm up to new dogs and (sometimes) people, once you're a friend, the joy on his face shines. You might even get a minute or two of doggy playtime. The past is not always the easiest to



forget, so Mitchell was not taught a lot of the normal things other dogs were taught or encouraged in his old life. He is not interested in toys, but petting and laying in his bed are his favorite things. He is a loyal boy who loves his mom tremendously and he goes everywhere with her.

Hearing his story today, I realized how resilient this little guy is. I'm sure he is thankful for his new life here in Forest Park. Mitchell is just a gem, and you can't help but smile and say his name every time you see him.





#### **RECIPE'S OF THE MONTH**

By Kathy Revels

### Danish Apple Pie

- 1 egg
- 3/4 c sugar
- 1/2 c flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- Dash of salt
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 2 c diced apples, peeled and sauteed in 1 Tbsp butter until soft
- 1/2 c chopped walnuts

Beat the egg, gradually adding the sugar and vanilla. Then add flour, baking powder and salt to create a smooth batter. Fold in sauteed apples and nuts, then pour into a buttered and floured 8 inch square glass pan. Bake for about 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Cut into squares and serve with caramel topping, ice cream or both.

### Caramel Apple Topping

- 4 sliced apples
- 4 Tbsp butter
- 1 c walnuts
- Pinch of nutmeg
- 1 c brown sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 c cream or buttermilk

Melt butter in a heavy pan. Add sugar and swirl until melted. Add spices and apples and saute until the apples are tender. Add walnuts and stir. Turn off heat and slowly stir in cream. Serve immediately over ice cream, cake, yogurt, granola or pie. Keep leftovers in a jar in the fridge.

### **Apple Crisp**

- 4-6 medium apples
- 1/2 c flour
- 3/4 c oatmeal
- (any kind)
- 1/2 c butter
- 1/2 c brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp wheat germ (optional)
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9" round or square pan. Peel apples. Slice into a pan. Combine oatmeal, sugar, flour, wheat germ, cinnamon. Mix butter in until crumbly. Sprinkle over sliced apples. Bake 35-45 minutes uncovered. Makes 6-8 servings. For a double recipe use a 9x13 pan. Gluten free if wheat germ is omitted.



#### KITTY KORNER

By Paula Batson SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL HAPPY CAT MONTH!!

Mouser is 13 years young and is owned by Rick and Toni Foote.



Teena is a 6 year old tabby. She is owned by Duke and Robyn Johnson.

### "THE PETAL PUSHERS" GARDEN CLUB By Teri Snyder

We had a very successful first year and look forward to getting back together with everyone next month, in October. For those members who are here year round, we will be getting together from time to time to maintain the plants and flowers in the Park during the summer months to ensure they stay looking nice.

Thanks for a great first season and see everyone next month.

Terri Snyder at 716-939-0627 or stop by 459 Jacaramba Ct.

### **HELPING HANDS**

By Lenann Crisci

We need volunteers who are willing to assist our residents who are shut-in by just stopping by to visit, run an errand, take them to get groceries, or pick up a prescription.



You may reach Lenann at (207) 705-2256

### **Forest Park Craft Club News** By Carole Beconder

I wish everyone a safe and healthy September. We will resume meeting in a couple months.

**Carole Beconder 330-726-9776** 

### PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By Cindy Trepanier

The quilt club is asking for help. If you know of someone in the park gove Quilting that has cancer, an illness or surgery, please let the office know. We give



quilts to let them know we are thinking of them and a quilt is like a warm hug during this trying time.

We will start back in November on Thursdays at 9:00. No matter the level, beginner to skilled, everyone is welcome. I always learn something new each week from the group. We discuss issues and techniques. We have fabric and machines to make Park quilts, so please join us.

### **TOOL CLUB**

By Monte Johnson

The Tool Club will start meeting again next month, in October. We will be continuing to accept monetary and tool donations throughout September. We are still planning on having our Hotdog dinners and other events beginning in October for raising funds to find a different home for the tool club.

If you have any questions or wish to join or donate, please reach out to Bob Carson 607-857-0320, Jerry Waters 217-361-7736, Mark Snyder 716-939-0237, or Monte Johnson 319-415-2816.

### **Library News** By Maureen Hesketh

The Forest Park library is fully stocked with excellent choices for everyone.



Come browse and search for your favorite author and movie. Enjoy!!

Your librarian. Maureen Hesketh 508-962-5979

### FOREST PARK SAYS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

The NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/NIGHT PATROL needs more volunteers to step up to patrol and protect our Park this season. If enough people sign up, it may only require a one night per month commitment. Contact Gloria Restko at (813) 841-9920



### **SOCIAL CLUB NEWS!!**

By Monte Johnson

QUIET HOURS IN THE PARK HAVE CHANGED. QUIET TIME BEGINS AT 10:00 PM AND ENDS AT 7:00 AM.



### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

by Monte Johnson

All articles, news or photographs should be submitted to this email <a href="mailto:fpsocialnews@gmail.com">fpsocialnews@gmail.com</a> and are due by the 12th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

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#### SAVE THE DATES:

Plans are under way for THANKSGIVING. Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 27th. More information to follow in the October Newsletter.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jolanda Rothmeier 4	
Ludmila Kolomichenko. 6	Mike Martin 17
Dana Lee 6	Brian Eldridge17
Lori Waltz 6	Kenneth Hass17
Gloria Hartz7	James Hamilton 20
Micheline Pelletier9	Robert Hendry 20
Scott Hines9	Betty Campbell21
Edward Paskowski 12	Nancy Schepers22
Andy Fuschino13	John Shockey 23
Paul Ehlert 13	Linda Schaeffer 25
Diane Goldsboro 14	Cindy Trepanier 26
Deanna Matheny 14	Johnny West 28
Marga Eads15	George Wolff29
Heather Flavin	Paul Buening 30
Ramona Etoll 17	Rick Rothmeier30
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#### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jessop & Sonya Marchbanks	Sept 4, 2022
David & Diane Layne	Sept 5, 1992
Terry & Mindy Reed	Sept 10, 1992
Frederick & Dawn Lawton	Sept 15, 2015
Dean & Linda Steffen	Sept 17, 1988
Wayne & Linda Meyer	Sep 19, 1995
Max & Karen Moor	Sept 22, 2016
Dean & Shelley Hillman	Sept 22, 2007
Gregory and Sharon Pike	Sept. 28, 1985
Frank & Paula Morris	Sept 29, 1973

### WELCOME TO FOREST PARK

Donna Randall,
5460 Forest Park Drive
New Jersey

Kerry Elmer Lutjen

Annette Riveron
707 Palm Frond Court
Florida

Deborah Dineen

758 Knotty Pine Circle 815 Hollyberry Florida Florida

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/NIGHT PATROL

By Gloria Restko

#### ATTENTION: EVERYONE!!

Forest Park is especially vulnerable to criminal activity during the summer months. Did you know that less than 30% of our

homes are occupied from May through September? We currently have openings for <u>volunteers</u> to patrol our streets on the first, second and fourth Sunday nights, every Tuesday and Thursday night, the first Wednesday night, the first and fourth Friday night, and the third Saturday night.

We would like to see more <u>volunteers</u> for the night patrol come on board. As our faithful winter residents return from up North, we are in <u>DESPERATE</u> need of more night patrol <u>volunteers</u> to keep Forest Park safe from intruders.

### THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS FOR <u>VOLUNTEERING</u>

Gloria Restko 813-841-9920

### EDITOR THOUGHTS By Monte Johnson

It seems my body is falling apart. I'm sure I'm not the exception. After all, I turned seventy two in July. I just don't understand how I became so old, so fast. I can



remember a great uncle saying if he had known he was going to live this long he would have taken better care of himself. But then he was a functioning alcoholic who, after receiving a compliment about how great he looked from an acquaintance he hadn't seen for many years, said "I should look good, I've been pickled for the last fifty years."

While it has been quite a few years since I've been "pickled", maybe I should have. I seem to be paying for the indiscretions of my younger years. It seems the "ritis" brothers have caught up to me. Arthur seems to be the worst. The x-rays on my spine reveal that Arthur-Itis has taken up residence on the tips of my vertebrae. When I bend over, either my arms are getting shorter, or my back doesn't bend like it used to. Could be from carrying five gallon buckets of feed, across the farm yard to feed the

pigs, or carrying/dragging four bales of hay, two in each hand, across the barn yard to feed the cows. Probably why my knees became bone-on-bone several years ago as well.

Now, after having a total left knee replaced (TKR) seven years ago, and being told for the last three years that my right knee needs to be replaced because it is also bone on bone, my left knee has been filling up with fluid. So after having had it drained four times in the last five months, I have a "revision" scheduled for September 3rd. The plan is to make an incision to remove a thin plate from under my knee cap and insert a thicker plate, that is if everything else looks good. Did you know that YouTube has a complete video on how a knee "revision" is done? I watched a video of a TKR before my first replacement. I wouldn't advise watching it if you have a weak stomach, but I wanted to know just what all they do. This is a much more involved surgery so you have probably seen me with a walker lately, if you've seen me out and about at a11.

We are lucky to live at a time when modern medicine has allowed us to have organs removed that we can live without, repair torn ligaments or bypass arteries arthroscopically, and replace parts that were once irreplaceable. Now I've lived long enough to have my replaceable parts replaced for a second time. So maybe this getting older has some benefits after all.

#### **KARAOKE**

Karaoke with Chris Tybor is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, October-May from 7- 9 pm Note the time!! BYOB and snacks.!! We need



more talented people to come out and enjoy an evening of free entertainment with your friends in the park. Bring your singing voices and a list of songs that you would like to sing, or just sit back and listen. Forest Park has many good singers. Hope to see you there.

### **TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO**

Don't forget to come on out for our weekly Bingo on **Tuesday nights** in the Clubhouse.

Be there at 6:45 pm, games start at 7:00 pm. Lots of Fun!!! No ink daubers needed,



we provide all supplies. Bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

### Deborah Lynn Karlsen July 27, 1957 ~ June 5, 2025

Deborah, also known as Debbie, Deb or Princess, beloved mother to Kristoffer (Kristen) Karlsen and beloved grandmother to Leif and Kaia Karlsen, of Nixa, MO, passed away at her



home in Forest Park leaving a void her family and friends cannot fill.

She was born in Chicago, IL in 1957 to Walther & Margo Schaedel. Debbie spent her childhood in McHenry, IL and moved to North Fort Myers, FL later in life with her long-term partner Joe Wandolowski, Sr. Debbie enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her grandchildren as well as with her adopted emotional support Husky named Willow.

Debbie enjoyed the many years spent in North Fort Myers, FL with Joe. They enjoyed boating, fishing, riding motorcycles, attending and participating in car shows and enjoying life to the fullest. Debbie also enjoyed the Friday night fish fry at the American Legion, crab boils, cook outs and grilled oysters Rockefeller with neighbors in the park.

Many people knew Debbie in the park but if you didn't, you probably knew Willow, her beautiful Husky companion.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Walther Jr. mother, Margo, brother Keith and the love of her life, Joe. She is survived by her son, Kristoffer (Kristen) Karlsen, grandchildren Leif and Kaia, her brother Craig (Kim) Schaedel and many nieces and nephews, who will never forget the love she brought to their lives.

### **DOUGLAS CARLYLE SMITH** October 7,1945 ~ June 22, 2025

Douglas Carlyle Smith of North Fort Myers, FL (formally from Harvard, IL) passed away peacefully on June 22, 2025. Douglas was born on October 7, 1945, in Hiram, Kentucky to Chris and Martha (Hamilton) Smith. He was the fourth child of nine brothers and sisters.



He moved to Harvard, Illinois and worked as a Manager for Admiral TVs for many years. He eventually retired from Knaack Manufacturing as a Welder, working there for over 20 years. He often spent time at the Moose, where he was a lifetime member. His biggest joy was cooking and spending time with family and friends. When he retired, he moved to Florida to enjoy the sunshine and warm weather. He also enjoyed taking golf cart rides and seeing his friends every day.

Douglas is survived by his daughter Kellie Spencer (Randy Gerdes) of North Fort Myers, FL; his grandchildren; Bryan Spencer of Harvard, IL, Tyson Spencer of Kirkland, IL, and Michael Spencer (Amanda Garcia) of Wonder Lake, IL; his great grandchildren; Cristian and Noah Spencer; his brother, Phillip Smith of Barbourville, KY and his sister, Kathy Smith of Gray, KY, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Chris and Martha, his siblings Chris Smith Jr., Emily Elizabeth Powell, Paul Smith, Kenneth Smith, Harry Smith and Sharon Sue Smith.

Your presence may be gone, but your love and memories will always remain in our hearts.



### JACK GLOVER October 21, 1933 ~ JULY 19, 2025

Jack was born on his eighty acre family farm in rural Putnamville, Indiana on October 21, 1933 to Claude and Reggie (Williams) Glover. Having an older brother and sister, Jack was number three in a family of three boys and one girl. Jack grew up helping on the family farm, milking fifteen cows by hand, feeding the chickens and pigs.



Jack graduated from Greencastle High School in 1951 and at the age of 18, enlisted in the United States Air Force. Jack served in the Air Force for 23 years, from 1952 to 1975, achieving the rank of Chief Master Sergeant E9. This is the highest rank an enlisted person may achieve in the Air Force, with only 5% of enlisted people achieving this rank.

During his career as a gunner, Jack flew in B-26's, B-29's, B-52's, and B-66 bombers. Jack's first ten years in the Air Force were spent in the Tactical Air Command completing a total of 72 bombing missions over Korea and Vietnam combined. Jack's last thirteen years in the Air Force were spent in the Strategic Air Command. This was during the Cold War with the Soviet Union. He flew over one thousand hours in the B-52. An eight engine, jet bomber, fully loaded with bombs and ammunition circling the North Pole on 24 consecutive hour missions. This was spent uncomfortably in full gear, including a parachute, strapped in his seat observing the Soviet Union. Sometimes the heater didn't work during the winter and the temperatures were below zero. Jack never talked about his service to his country. It took over a year to convince him to go on the S.W. Florida Honor Flight in April. Upon his return, Jack commented that next to the birth of his children, it had been the greatest day of his life. He told any veteran who would listen, that they needed to go on the honor flight.

Jack married Marietta Sanford from Greencastle, Ind. in 1957 and they had four children. Three sons, Michael, Timothy, Daughter Beth, and Shawn. Marietta passed away from cancer in 2005.

Jack loved to travel and see the world. Michael was born in England where Jack adapted to the British way of life. While stationed in Michigan, Jack would spray water in the winter to create ice rinks for the kids to play hockey and skate. He also loved to snowmobile, taking the kids on rides or riding the drifts and snow trails. Family was very important to him while stationed in the states. Christmas meant all the aunts, uncles, and cousins would come for a huge dinner. Later,

while stationed in Louisiana, Jack was able to relish his love of horses by managing a riding stable. Saddling up the horses to go trail riding. Jack also loved to scuba dive and film his many hours of underwater adventures.

Jack was a skilled carpenter. Prior to retirement, they purchased an acreage near Greencastle where Jack built a barn for his horses, and over a period of a couple of years, a house for his family. Jack took great pride in always having a huge garden and flower bed. It was the talk of Greencastle.

After his retirement from the Air Force, he worked the next 13 years for the Social Services Administration helping disadvantaged people secure training and/or employment. Jack then retired from government employment at the age of 55 and became a real estate agent, selling real estate in Indiana. During this time he put his carpentry skills to work by purchasing houses to fix up and resell. Jack finally retired for good at the age of 73. Jack married Judy Mc Dowell from Terre Haute, Ind. in 2012, and they purchased their home in 2013 at 5130 Forest Park Drive in North Fort Myers. Judy passed away from cancer in 2014.

Jack was a humble, private, quiet man that enjoyed his morning walks, tending to his flowers, sitting on his porch watching the traffic, or visiting with his many friends and neighbors that would stop in. Jack's porch was the gathering place on Forest Park Drive. Jack stayed involved in Forest Park, attending the board of directors meetings, association meetings, and serving on various committees over the years. Jack volunteered in the Park as an aluminum can crusher on Tuesday mornings, right up until his health began to fail.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Bob and wife Joette Glover and sister, Joann (Glover)Gabes and husband Wayne; his wives, Marietta and Judy, and his infant son Timothy.

Jack is survived by his brother, Dick (Donna) of Corydon, Indiana, his son Michael C. Glover of Greencastle, Indiana, daughter Beth Ann, (John Little) of North Fort Myers, son Shawn L. Glover of North Fort Myers, Florida, and three step children. Jack is also survived by six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Lyndsey Glover, Jacob Gaston, Emily (Gaston) Delaney, Jessie Glover, Joshua Gaston, and Alex Gaston, all of Greencastle, Indiana. Great grandchildren Devin, Tyler, Miles, and Audrey, along with many nieces and nephews. Jack was a very loving husband, father, grandfather, and a great friend to many.

Jack's body was cremated and his ashes will be returned to Indiana for a Celebration of Life in September. A Celebration of Life for Jack's Florida friends is planned for a later date in January of 2026. Memorials may be directed to Shawn Glover, 5130 Forest Park Drive, North Fort Myers, Florida, 33917.

### The Porch By Paula Batson

If you have been out and about in Forest Park the last 12 plus years, chances are you knew Jack Glover. He was the first friendly face I ever saw here after moving



into our community. We always said good morning to each other with a wave and a smile. Over time, I became very aware that Jack's porch was a park favorite. Each and every day various people could be found sharing life stories, laughs and (I'm sure) occasionally a tear or two.

For me, personally, after a couple weeks I decided to stop in one day on my bike ride and take a seat, to see what Jack Glover was all about. I am so truly happy I did. Immediately, Jack and I had a great connection. As the months went on, our friendship grew. It became a weekly routine for me to swing by and spend some time with this amazing man. I loved to hear all of his stories and to find out about his life and family. He loved for me to tell him my crazy stories and to keep him updated on what was going on in the park.

We shared so many laughs on that porch, and my smart mouth (lol) was embraced by Jack, which is not so common. He allowed me to be myself without judgment which was so appreciated as we all are different people. Jack was a kind and honorable man that loved this country and deserved the utmost respect for his service. He loved to have dogs visit his porch, petting them for hours, offering a drink and a Milkbone. Through our conversations, I learned his porch was a place where anyone could just sit down and enjoy someone else's company at any time. Jack's best lesson was he showed me that we should all slow down and make time for others because life is so short and each day is a gift. And I will continue to do that.

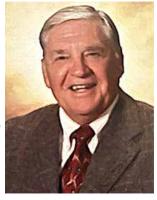
Today, The Porch sadly is empty from Jack's presence. Every memory will be treasured by anyone who has taken a seat on Jack's Porch. I wish, like many of you will, that I could have known him longer. But I'm beyond blessed to have shared the last year with him. This park will not be the same, and that porch will never be the same. Jack was just one of those special people you can only hope to meet in your life. As I rode by this morning, I finally smiled when I thought of him instead of crying. So many great memories came flooding back to me. I will never forget him and I hope that many of you can remember Jack like I did. Just a great human being that will be truly missed.

And a PORCH that will always be a reminder of why we are all here on earth.

### Norman R. "Norm" Palmer March 28, 1938 ~ August 5, 2025

Norman R. "Norm" Palmer, 87, of Hanover, PA, entered God's eternal care Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at home with his loving family by his side.

Born March 28, 1938, in Hanover, PA, he was the son of the late LeRoy C. and Grace E. (Basehoar) Palmer. Norm was the loving husband of Brenda K.



(Stambaugh) Palmer, with whom he shared 64 years of marriage.

Norm was a 1957 graduate of Eichelberger High School, Hanover, PA, where he thrived in sports. He was a 3-time letter winner in football, holds the school record of 2,270 career yards rushing, was among the top 5 scorers in South Penn Conference 3 straight years scoring 33 touchdowns, averaged 5.18 yards on 438 carries, was a 2-time letter winner in basketball, a letter winner in track and was inducted into the Hanover Athletic Hall of Fame in the 2017-2018 class.

Norm retired from Hanover Foods, Inc., as an evening supervisor. Prior to that, he worked for Eddie's Cleaners for 30 years, as a general manager for 15 years, and in route sales for 15 years.

Norm was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hanover, and the Republican Club.

Norm traveled to all 50 states, and drove to Alaska four times. He enjoyed playing cards, woodworking, cooking dinner for his family, and loved spending time being around his kids, grandchildren, and family and friends.

Norm and Brenda retired to Forest Park Mobile Home Park in North Fort Myers, Florida in 2003. Norm loved to tell about his work at Eddie's Cleaners, which required him to visit Camp David in Maryland, where he saw Presidents Eisenhower and Clinton. Norm was a great ambassador for Pennsylvania, especially Hanover Pretzels, Chips, and Shoes. He introduced me to scrapple breakfast meat, and birch beer. Norm had a breakfast club with a select few friends who were invited to Athenians, Biggies, or Jax. He and Brenda would pick us up on Saturday morning at 9 am. Norm loved to play poker and Texas Holdem, where he joked his favorite hand was a pair of deuces. Norm was a great story teller that Forest Park is going to miss.

In addition to his loving wife, Brenda, Norm is survived by three sons, Craig R. Palmer of Hanover, PA, Keith N. Palmer and wife Kristina L. (Hursh) Palmer of



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Long Neck, DE, and Chris E. Palmer of Hanover, PA; nine grandchildren, Caitlin, Brandon, Aaron, Jarrod, Nathan, Jake, Alyssa, Cameran, and Emilee; three great grandchildren, Ella, Wesley, Walter, and one on the way. He was preceded in death by his sister, Nancy G. Palmer.

Following cremation, services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in Norman's name to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

The Kenworthy Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., 269 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA has been entrusted by the family with the funeral arrangements. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.kenworthyfh.com.

### TAI CHI CLASS

by Lenann Crisci

Tai Chi will resume again in the fall. Watch for an announcement in the newsletter this fall.

**CONTACT: LENANN CRISCI** (207) 705-2256

### **EXERCISE CLASS**

By Jane Cullin

Exercise class is every Monday, 8:00 am to 9:00 am cardio, weights, and core. In the clubhouse. Bring a mat or towel. Exercise Class will resume in the fall. Watch for announcements in the Newsletter.

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### Calendar

### All events are if enough residents are here to participate during the summer season.

### Monday

8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball

8:00 am Cardio, Weights, & Core with Jane - Clubhouse

9:00 am Dominos – Clubhouse

9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball

10:00 am Co-Ed Shuffleboard

10:30 am Pool Exercise

2:30 pm Bocce Ball

1st and 3rd Mondays, 6:00 pm Karaoke with Chris, clubhouse

#### Tuesday

8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball

9:00 am Walking and Weights with Carol B - Clubhouse

9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball

10:00 am Ladies Shuffle Board

10:30 am Pool Exercise

1:00 pm Line Dance Class, beginners at 12:30 pm

2:00 pm Tai Chi Class beginners and everyone

6:00 pm Texas Holdem Tournament -

**Activities Building** 

6:45 pm Bingo - Clubhouse

### Wednesday

8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball

9:00 am Craft Club - Clubhouse

9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball

10:30 am Pool Exercise

6:30 pm Euchre - Activities Building

#### **Thursday**

8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball

9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball

9:00 am Pine Tree Knots Quilt Club - Clubhouse

10:00 am League Shuffle Board

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

10:30 am Pool Exercise

2:30 pm Bocce Ball

6:00 pm Hand and Foot - Clubhouse

#### **Friday**

8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball

9:15 am Relaxed Co-Ed Pickleball

10:30 am Pool Exercise

#### Saturday

8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball

9:00 am Walking and Weights with Carol B. -Clubhouse

10:00 am Open Bocce Ball

2:00 pm Tai Chi beginners class

### Sunday

8:00 am Competitive Co-ed Pickleball

2:00 - 4:00 pm Forest Park Box Office

6:00 pm Home Church

6:00 pm Hand and Foot - Clubhouse

### FOREST PARKS HOME CHURCH "THE LIGHT"

#### By Roberta Rizas

Hello everyone. Is it too soon to say, "welcome back" to our snowbird friends that come back to FOREST PARK around this time?? I believe several do come back in September but others wait until October and November. So, we welcome back our September friends.

FOREST PARK'S Home Church, "The Light" also welcomes you to our Sunday night services at 6 PM every Sunday night. We are located at 457 Jacaramba Court. We share with one another any prayer requests you might have, and pray for all who need healing etc. We sing songs, listen to PASTOR CARL, share the Word of God, and share communion near the end. All are welcome to come and invite your friends or family too.

Praying everyone has had a wonderful summer either here or far away. God bless you all and we will have more information for you in October.

### Notes of Cheer By Robyn Johnson



The Social Club provides the stamps, and they rely on residents to donate sympathy and get-well cards so if you have any to donate please let Heather know. Also, if you know of any resident needing Cheer, please reach out to Heather or myself so she can send a card. Including the person's address is appreciated.

You may email Heather at tokentrespasser@gmail.com or myself at drjohns85@gmail.com

If you're new here, Heather Flavin is the cheer person for Forest Park. Heather will send out cards to residents that have been ill, had surgery or have lost a loved one.

### Heather Flavin 508-612-6386 or Robyn Johnson 651-341-8346



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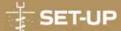
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