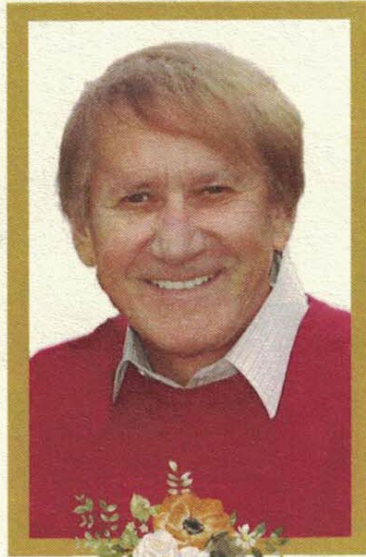


Posthumous Distinguished Service Award

Is awarded based on contribution to community welfare and betterment; participation in all-around community activities and civic enterprises; evidence of lasting contribution to community welfare; evidence of leadership ability; success in vocation, personal and business progress; cooperation with individuals and organizations.



John G. Brodak

To say that John Brodak was a "man of many talents" is an understatement. Throughout his long life, John was a visionary entrepreneur, with Carmichaels and the surrounding area being the beneficiaries of his efforts.

In addition to being a savvy businessman (and electrician, disk jockey and Pennsylvania National Guardsman) who constructed grocery stores, Brodak Printing Company, Brodak Hobby Shop, J&G Electric, and Brodak Manufacturing and Distributing Company, Inc., among others, John's varied interests extended to softball, baseball, and model airplanes. He pursued each of his interests with unequalled passion and drive.

While the Carmichaels area and its residents certainly were provided with retail opportunities and benefits resulting from his efforts, his community service activities were similarly impressive. He served as an officer of both the Carmichaels and Fredericktown Chambers of Commerce, was a Fourth Degree recipient from the John F. Kennedy Memorial Council 3569, Knights of Columbus, an officer in the King Coal Association, member of the Carmichaels Lions Club (where he was honored as "Man of the Year"), and a board member of the Greene County Industrial Development Authority.
This list is not all inclusive!

A devoted family man, John encouraged children of all ages to share his love of building and flying control line airplanes. His final dream was to provide a place for those similarly invested in this passion to visit. The result is the Brodak Tower 1 Aviation Museum located at 100 Park Avenue in Carmichaels, which opened posthumously.

Thus, in recognition of all of his contributions to Greene County, it is with great pleasure that the Greene County Chamber of Commerce recognizes
John G. Brodak with its Distinguished Service Award.

