



George Gerhart Schwenk

August 7, 2017

George Gerhart Schwenk, 85, of Mason, was summoned by the Great Scout Master in the Sky to his last campout on August 7, 2017.

While driving through bucolic Mason in 1973, he thought, "I didn't think they made towns like this anymore." He purchased land, and jump-started Mason Boy Scout Troop 264 where he served as Scout Master until 1989. At one point, every boy in Mason was a scout.

George was a lifelong Boy Scout, starting as a youngster in Troop 3 in Boyertown, PA. He volunteered at Scout District and Council activities, in addition to several National and World Jamborees. He earned his Eagle Scout rank and was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award in scouting, for more than 70 years of involvement with the Boy Scouts.

In 1954 he received his Bachelors degree in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), then a Masters degree in physics from the University of California Berkeley. George was a veteran of the Korean War where he served as a crypto analyst. After departing active duty and entering the reserve component, George served in increasing levels of responsibility in numerous Army Security Agency Units in California, Michigan and Massachusetts. He commanded several sensitive military intelligence activities whose missions focused on information technology and later, on

technical strategic intelligence. A graduate of the Army War College, George's service culminated within the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, where he served as the Deputy Director for Foreign Intelligence before retiring at the rank of Colonel in 1984.

George and Mort Goulder (of Hollis, NH) were founders of The Breakfast Club of New Hampshire, a group of angel investors who made investments in start-up and early-stage companies located around southern NH and northern MA. George invested in many of these companies, and on occasion would also join their board of directors or become an ad hoc advisor or mentor. He was well rounded in the operational aspects of these companies, but really shined in financial analysis and could spot something amiss from a mile away. In 1990 Inc. magazine named him Entrepreneur of the Year.

With another Breakfast Club member, Dick Morley, George cofounded several companies, including Bedford Associates in Bedford, MA, and Modicon, Inc. (where George named the company and served as treasurer) in Andover, MA. He was also an enrolled agent for the IRS.

George was very active in Mason town affairs where he was elected as Town Auditor and Trustee of the Trust Funds for many years. He and his wife, Catherine, donated sizable properties to the town, including the old McDonald quarry, for permanent conservation.

He was a member of the Mason Congregational Church, the Major Henry Knox Masonic Lodge and the Appalachian Mountain Club, with whom he summited all of New England's 4,000-foot peaks.

George was born in West Reading, PA, on March 12, 1932, son of the late Wayland G. and Elva B. (Gerhart) Schwenk and has resided in Mason since 1979. He leaves behind his wife, Catherine Schwenk, of Mason; and a brother, Carl G. Schwenk, of Ridgeway, CO.

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EM

“ *Thanks Goanna. I have to bookmark all this before it is lost.
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“ *And that's what needs to be said every day in the mirror. Do what you preach, preach what you do.
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calendario clasificacion mundial 2018 - March 22, 2018 at 08:20 AM

C2

“ Another excellent, immensely helpful article, Giovanni. Would like to do more Metta and try Vipassana, Kriya, Nada, Pranayama, I Am, and Quigong.

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copa do mundo rusia 2018 - March 21, 2018 at 07:19 AM

IN

“ I was going to get a tattoo of a rising sun mixed with another aspect of my heritage, and I came upon this article when trying to figure out if that was ok or not. I've decided to change the design, removing the iconic rays. Thank you for explaining the feelings you have towards the symbol as well as, it seems, the feelings of many other Koreans regarding the rising sun. It would have looked really cool, but ultimately I think some symbols aren't worth duplicating for what they represent to some people. I don't want to take the risk of my back recalling hurtful memories for certain people in any way.

imitation van cleef clover necklace <http://www.vancleef-jewelry.cn/van-necklace-replica-c1/>

imitation van cleef clover necklace - March 18, 2018 at 07:42 PM

OL

“ *cheap personal loans personal loans online loans no credit check instant deposit personal loans no credit*

Online Loans - February 08, 2018 at 07:30 AM

CN

“ LOVE seeing hot Walker get his beautiful ass kissed and eaten by you guys and ESPECIALLY enjoy seeing his cum being caught and eaten! Glad to see the tasty load of a man is never wasted on your site!! Keep up the great work!
cartier armbänder Nachahmung <http://www.wieschmucktragen.com/>

cartier armbänder Nachahmung - December 20, 2017 at 11:36 AM

DG

“ George was one of the last great scouters from Troop 3 in Boyertown. He was a scout of my father. My Dad always loved to tell stories about his scouts. I am sure that George is now with that Great Scoutmaster; sitting around the campfire with Ralph Hoffman, Robert Frain, Eli Eisenhard, and my Dad, Lester Gottshall. Gone Home.

David Gottshall - October 21, 2017 at 08:32 PM

AC

“ George, you will be missed! Mason has lost one of their "great" ones.

Anita Crehan - August 15, 2017 at 06:30 PM

WA

“ George! You were the best. You taught me so much about life and scouting and how to start a fire with just one match. Miss you.

R.I.P

Wally Ammon - August 15, 2017 at 10:59 AM

JA

“ *Engrossing obituary. Even as a longtime former Mason resident, I was unaware of George's vast background. No wonder he was such an able Scoutmaster.*

R I P George Jan Ammon

Jan Ammon - August 15, 2017 at 09:57 AM

MS

“ *Blessings for all the service George provided for his town, and his country. He will serve as an example for many, and will be missed.*

michelle scott - August 14, 2017 at 09:16 PM

LS

“ *Catherine, Curtis and I will always remember the lunches we enjoyed side by side with you and George in Milford. More importantly, sharing conversations and pleasantries with you both, which we will remember fondly. It was always such a treat to meet you unexpectedly and compare notes on the latest news in Mason and Brookline. We will miss him, his smile and his wit, and the anecdotes he shared.*

Lucy Snow - August 14, 2017 at 01:34 PM

GS

“ *We knew George and his wife Catherine for many years, and they both were very important in the town of Mason, NH. George was important to the Boy Scouts in Mason, as George did many things for these kids, and had many Eagle scouts in his troops, and will be sadly missed, by many. We loved George, and know that many will miss his wit and fun spirit also. We know that God holds him in His hands, and is no longer in pain. God Bless George.*

George Schwenk - August 14, 2017 at 08:56 AM

MC

“ George was instrumental in helping me start my little fledgling business. His kindness, patience and insight helped make it a success within the first year. He foretold me of the weak link that might bring it to an end and lack of skilled labor was in fact that link. I will always remember his willingness to help a very small business startup and always be grateful to the Schewenks for the ability to take my dogs on the quarry loop trail in the mornings.

Miki Clements-Collier - August 14, 2017 at 08:20 AM

PL

“ Thank you for teaching me so many things Uncle George. I have known you all of my life and it is lessened with your passing. I loved you dearly and will always remember you and the smell of your pipe.

Pat (Morley) Letourneau - August 13, 2017 at 11:16 PM

GS

“ Barbara and I are saddened by your loss. We knew your good deeds in Scouting and were very honored to work with you in those endeavors. I will remember always the camporees that we went on together and especially the one to Boyertown, PA, where you had your start in Scouting.

RIP - we will miss you.

Gordon and Barbara Stockman - August 13, 2017 at 07:31 PM

GM

“ You will be missed and never forgotten.

Rest In Peace

Gary Miliefsky - August 13, 2017 at 11:17 AM

PR

“ *RIP*

Patricia and bill rendle - August 13, 2017 at 09:07 AM

JS

“ *I am distressed at your loss. Please accept Roseannes and my best wishes and condolences.*

Jim Saalfield - August 12, 2017 at 07:57 PM