

John David Ostovic Memorial Fund

The *John David Ostovic Memorial Fund*, initiated by his widow, Mary Ann Ostovic, was created to benefit science education in Washington County through grants to non-profits and scholarships to qualified students pursuing a degree in science.

John David Ostovic was born October 26, 1949, in Fredericktown, a son of the late Francis B. "Bronko" and Marie Yurechka Ostovic. He was a graduate of Bethlehem-Center High School, attended the University of Pittsburgh and graduated from California State College (now California University of Pennsylvania). While at the University of Pittsburgh, he was in the United States Air Force ROTC program.



David held numerous certifications in electrical engineering. He taught chemistry at Bethlehem-Center High School, and, in 1974, was hired as an electrician at Washington County Courthouse. He was promoted to maintenance supervisor, a position he held until he suffered a work-related injury. Throughout his 30 years with the County, David received many awards and citations from commissioners for his dedication and perfect work attendance.

David was a loyal and loving husband, father and grandfather. On June 30, 1979, he married his best friend, Mary Ann Thomas. Together they raised a daughter Sarah Jane Ostovic McCoid.

He was admired by his friends, family and colleagues for having a deep sense of compassion and a great sense of humor. A trivia enthusiast, he was known for his vast wealth of knowledge. David enjoyed reading science fiction and westerns. He loved music and, in the 1970s, played bass in a local rock band.

An avid fisherman and hunter, David often traveled to Colorado to hunt and enjoyed with his late father-in-law, Raymond "Bob" Thomas. A gun enthusiast, he worked part time at Ace Sporting Goods in Washington for several years and enjoyed sharing his gun knowledge with others.

He and his daughter were Civil War re-enactors with the 9th Pennsylvania through which he had taken part in a Battle of Gettysburg re-enactment.

Mr. Ostovic was a member of First Lutheran Church of Washington and the United Lutheran Society.

Mr. Ostovic passed away on October 26, 2004 at UPMC-Presbyterian hospital,



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Pittsburgh, as result of a brain injury. He was surrounded by his family.



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