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Lainey Strohecker with a real nice trout taken March 25, 2017, during the Regional Mentored Youth Trout day on the Mahantango Creek, Schuylkill County. Lainey's proud dad is Todd Strohecker, PA Trappers VP East





## In Memory of Jack Wilkinson, Jr.

By: Barry Warner, PTA Public Relations Director

**Be Responsible!  
Be Respectful!  
Be Ethical!**

On October 15, 2017, we lost a dear friend and strong advocate for trapping, hunting and scientific wildlife management. On that date, John W “Jack” Wilkinson Jr, age 78, went to be with his God.

Jack loved his God, his family, and every opportunity to meet new people. Jack is survived by his high school sweetheart, his wife of 55 years, Connie, children Joyce, John, Jeanne, Jason, and nine grandchildren.

After graduating from high school, Jack followed in his father’s footsteps and joined the family business, J.W. Wilkinson’s Nurseries in Armbrust, PA. Although this was their family’s livelihood, it was also another opportunity for him to meet new people.

Jack was confined to a wheelchair the last several years of his life. I can not begin to describe the physical challenges confronting Jack. However, I have never met anyone that experienced similar

difficulties, but maintained a more optimistic attitude than Jack. Jack was always positive and encouraging to his loved ones, friends, and anyone he met.

Jack always looked forward to our state rendezvous. Jack loved to talk trapping and this was another opportunity to see old friends and meet new people. By the time the rendezvous concluded, I doubt there were 10 attendees that did not meet Jack. If you never met Jack and did not have the privilege to hear his stories or “yarns” as he called them, there is a void in

your life.

The last several PTA rendezvous Jack was able to attend, a group of trappers would help Jack from his wheelchair and into his camper in the evening and help him out again in the morning. Jack and family were very appreciative of this much needed help and the respect shown.

Jack was presented with the PTA President’s Award in 2013.

Jack also attended many NTA rendezvous. For several years, he was the World Champion Barefoot Bear Trap Setter.

Jack and Connie had a large beautiful room containing mounts from numerous hunts, trapping and mountain man paraphernalia, Indian artifacts, as well as many antiques and other related items. Jack loved to take Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups, and so many others for tours of this outstanding collection. I would venture that many thousands of Indian arrowheads were passed out to the children with a story behind each giving.

Due to Jack’s total commitment to trapping he had been a member of the PTA, NTA, FTA, and strongly supported the NRA. Jack exemplified the image of trappers through this involvement in many local organizations such as the Youngwood Vol. Hose Co, Youngwood Lions Club, PA Nurserymen Assoc., Marion Lodge #562 F&AM, and Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

I have tried, but I know words can not convey the influence Jack has had on my life and so many others. Jack is intensely missed.



*Jack the Mountain Man*



*Jack with a nice bull elk*

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