



23rd Annual
Awards Banquet
Honoring
“Unsung Heroes”

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Congregation Keneseth Israel
Elkins Park, PA

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Jon D. Fox

by Holly Otterbein, reprinted from phillynews.com

Jon D. Fox, 70, of Abington, a former congressman, state representative, and county commissioner in the Philadelphia suburbs, died from complications associated with cancer at his home on Sunday, Feb. 11, his family said.

Friends and colleagues remembered Mr. Fox as an outgoing and nontraditional politician who left an indelible mark on Montgomery County.

“He was a legendary political figure in Montgomery County for decades. I’m 56 years old, and when I was a child, he was a major force,” said Bruce L. Castor Jr., a Montgomery County commissioner from 2008 to 2016 and district attorney before that. “Jon devoted his entire life to public service, and Montgomery County is the better for it.”

Mark Weaver, a political strategist for Mr. Fox, compared him to the hero in the classic movie *It’s a Wonderful Life*. “Like the fictional George Bailey, Jon was beloved by his hometown, and his success was built by advancing the success of others,” Weaver said.

Mr. Fox, a Republican, represented Pennsylvania’s 13th District from 1995 to 1999. He was part of the “Republican Revolution,” in which the GOP took control of both the House and Senate in the 1994 election for the first time in four decades.

Mr. Fox was also a member of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners between 1992 and 1994, and the Pennsylvania State House from 1985 to 1992. Before that, he worked as an assistant district attorney

and served in the Air Force.

Mr. Fox’s brother, Larry, said his policy achievements included helping to create a health department in Montgomery County, which was formally established in a 1989 voter referendum, and blocking GOP cuts to the legal services corporation.



“It was really a profile-in-courage moment,” said Larry Fox of his brother’s support for legal aid for the poor. “If he hadn’t come forward and gotten a few other Republicans to support it, it would have been ended. ... He viewed government as part of the solution.”

Frank Bartle, former chairman of the Montgomery County Republican Committee, agreed. He said Mr. Fox “was known more for his constituent service ... than perhaps any elected official in my memory.”

Castor said, “I don’t know anybody that didn’t like Jon. He really tried to make everyone feel like they were special.”

Mr. Fox was a graduate of Cheltenham High School, Pennsylvania State University, and the Delaware School of Law.

Mr. Fox is survived by his wife, Judi; son Will; and two siblings.



Welcome

Welcome to the 23rd Annual Golden Heart Award Banquet honoring “Unsung Heroes” in the community. Tonight is dedicated in memory of Jon Fox, former Congressman and “Mr. Abington.” He truly loved people and worked to help others even during his illness. In addition to his career in public service, he was an integral part of this banquet since it began. We know he is here with us tonight as we honor those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help those around them.

Like Jon, they share the gift of their time, love and compassion. They are a shining example of the goodwill and service that is freely given every day on the job or as a volunteer.

I am thrilled to host this banquet, and am proud to be among so many heroes who silently pay it forward, bringing us all together and inspiring the community. It is with great joy that I welcome you, your families, friends and colleagues celebrating in your honor.



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Pledge of Allegiance

The Star Spangled Banner

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Dinner

Musical Presentation

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Award Presentations

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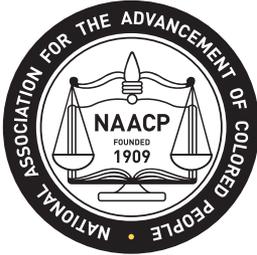
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