



John William Himrod, passed into the loving arms of God the Father on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at age 96. John was born in Erie on May 26, 1918, a son of the late John and Emeline Sherwood Himrod.

John graduated from Academy High School in 1937. He was employed by the Firch Baking Company, which eventually became Stroehman's Bakery, and retired from there in 1983.

John was a member of the First Ordinance Battalion out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina for four years (1941-1945) during WWII, proudly serving both stateside and in the European campaign.

John was a member of Glenwood Church. During his many years there he served on its Board of Trustees; also for several years as a Sunday School teacher and Boy Scout leader of the youth. Throughout his life at Glenwood, John participated in and supported the many inter-church athletic programs and leagues. John loved music and sang in the adult choir of the church for many years as well. In his last days, John still had a song in his heart and on his lips.

John enjoyed boating, fishing, reading, and wood-working. He volunteered many years with Santa's Helpers making toys, driving trucks at the Erie City Mission, and as a Senior advocate for the local Justice Department. He was also an instructor in the 65 Alive! Senior driving program.

Besides his parents, John is preceded in death by Imogene Cochran Himrod, his wife of 57 years, and also by his two sisters, Jean (McCune) and Marian (Goodban).

John is survived by his two sons, Dennis (Rebecca) and Roy (Judith), both of whom reside in Erie; 5 grandchildren; Jeff (Susan) Himrod, Jody (John) Guzman, Jay (Tracey) Himrod, Jason Himrod, and Jennie (Ray) Salmon; 9 great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

John will be best remembered for his Christian witness, his quick wit, his outspokenness, and a genuine concern and care for other people.

Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorials may be given to Glenwood Church or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the **Merle E. Wood Funeral Home, Inc.**, 845 East 38<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, PA 16504. Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.merlewoodfh.com](http://www.merlewoodfh.com)