



Gerald R. Ford

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Judge Hugh W. Brenneman, Jr., Council President said of President Ford, "President Gerald R. Ford was sometimes referred to in his public life as a Boy Scout. I believe that was high praise for both the man and the Scouts.

President Ford treasured his days as a Boy Scout. He was the first Eagle Scout to become a President of the United States. More importantly, his life was a living definition of what an Eagle Scout should be. The term Eagle Scout and the name of President Gerald R. Ford will be forever synonymous."

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Council Board member Dick DeVos said, on hearing of the death of the President, "President Ford lived by the Boy Scout Oath that calls on a Scout to do his best to do his duty to God and country. He was among this nation's most upstanding citizens, leading our democracy through one of its most trying times while helping to heal America. As a former Boy Scout and friend of President Ford's, I saw him live the values of Scouting, always doing his best, always keeping his moral compass pointed north. It made him a strong leader, a positive role model for young people all across this country, and while we celebrate his life we are saddened to have lost his company here on earth

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Michael D. Sulgrove, Scout Executive of the Gerald R. Ford Council, Boy Scouts of America, remarked "President Gerald R. Ford never forgot his Boy Scout Oath and Law! I believe, in fact, that it was this Oath and Law that guided his daily actions and thinking as our nation's leader. President Ford was often "blamed" for being too much of a Boy Scout --- a fact to which he quickly retorted by saying "more people need to act like Boy Scouts." Our Council will forever be named in honor of this great leader. In our nation's darkest hour of doubt and fear in the office of our President -- - it was an Eagle Scout who renewed our faith!"