



John "Pump" McLaughlin (1939-2004) was involved with developing young swimmers for over 48 years. He was known for his exemplary service to the youth and the Butler YMCA. He began his career working for the YMCA in 1954 and served as the Aquatics Director for 45 years. His support and encouragement not only helped develop better swimmers but better people. Pump epitomized the core values of honesty, responsibility, respect, and caring.

As a teacher, he is credited with teaching 50,000 individuals to swim. As a coach, he was known throughout the National YMCA swimming world. As a mentor, Pump taught and lived by example. He had a genuine interest in people. He worked to bring out the best in everyone.

Pump lived everyday to its fullest, right up to his last day. He lost his battle with cancer the evening he returned home from the YMCA State Championships. He lived an unselfish life, giving much more of his life and expected nothing in return.

A monetary scholarship has been established by the Western Pennsylvania YMCA Swim League in honor of Pump. In order to qualify for this scholarship, you must be in your last year of YMCA competitive swimming and pursuing a higher education at any institution or trade school, or entering the military. Please write a one page essay explaining how the YMCA core values of respect, caring, honesty, and responsibility have impacted your life in and out of the pool.

DUE DATE: SUNDAY 2/23/20 BY 11:59pm
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