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John E. Quinn Jr. passed away peacefully at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2011. Service: 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Francis Catholic Church in Grapevine. His ashes will be interred in Sparkman/Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas near those of his mother. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Boy Scouts of America in his honor, which can be done online at www.scouting.org. He was born Sept. 13, 1950, to Dolores and John Quinn Sr. This gentle giant struggled with health problems on and off his whole life, but never let it stop him from doing what he loved most, working with the Boy Scouts of America. John Quinn Jr. began Scouting in 1959 in the Cross-Timbers District of the Longhorn Council. When he was 14, John was awarded the Lifesaving Medal. In 1968, he was awarded the William T. Honorary Medal. Because of his work at Scout camps all over the country, a ridge at Sid Richardson Scout Camp, "Big John's Ridge," was named after him. John would later work for the U.S. government as a cartographer in the Soil Conservation Service, hand-drawing maps, but he never stopped Scouting. On April 13, 2009, John was awarded the Silver Beaver Medal in Scouting, an award given to an adult who dedicates his life to making a difference in Scouting. This sweet man was known all over town for his bright smile and amazing stories, and he will be missed. Survivors: His older sister, Mary; his younger brother, Andrew Michael; and many extended family members.

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