

Bud Biggs

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I have known Bud Biggs for over 25 years (“Cemented in History,” Daily Press, Feb. 8, 2017) that I have worked in the High Desert region. In light of his retirement from Mitsubishi Cement, I’d like to share my thoughts on this special man.

Bud Biggs is one of those “sleeping giants” whose actions always matched what he said, a trait that is not as common as it should be. Mr. Biggs is the epitome of a true giver and a quiet leader who spends every waking hour trying to improve the High Desert, so its citizens, his fellow Mitsubishi Cement employees and those around him have a better place to live, work and play. Bud has always been strongly supported by his wife Betty and Mr. Michael Jasberg, executive vice president, and Mr. Kim McCloud of Mitsubishi Cement. Every great leader needs those who support and encourage their efforts and Bud certainly has had wonderful people around him.

Bud Biggs has touched so many lives, not only directly, but indirectly in the ways that he gives. Bud really enjoys giving and Bud really enjoys giving from his heart. Bud is not like some, who judge their success by the number of plaques or awards that they have won. Awards are not important to Bud. But reaching out to others, guiding them and improving the circumstances for those in his family, his workplace and the community is what Bud Biggs is all about.

Bud cares about his family and for his community more than many may realize. Every time that we would talk about what he has accomplished at Mitsubishi Cement, he beamed with the satisfaction of a job well done. Bud is not only a great leader, but a quiet leader. But quiet, confident and wise leaders like Bud don’t try to bring attention to themselves. Instead, they look for ways to inspire and improve those around them. Bud was a leader who had strived to positively impact the lives of his many great employees and for that, I know that his Mitsubishi family will miss him.

Fortunately, the High Desert will continue to benefit from Bud’s incredible leadership. Bud continues to serve on a number of local boards, including as Chairman for the Lewis Center for Educational Research. You just couldn’t ask for a finer Board Member than Bud Biggs. You can’t ask for a greater volunteer than Bud Biggs. Truth be told, we don’t have enough Bud Biggs left in our world. As a society, we need to find the next generation of Bud Biggs and encourage them to take that step that very few people in the world will ever take... be a force for positive change in your home, your work and your community. For that, I thank Bud Biggs for leading the way.

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