



IN APPRECIATION

HAROLD “BUD” HODGKINSON

I was privileged to have known Bud Hodgkinson for more than three decades as both a friend and professional colleague. Bud for many years was associated with my organization (The Institute for Educational Leadership) as Director of our Center for Demographic Policy.

Bud’s numerous demographic analyses and other writings cogently reflected his unique brilliance in synthesizing data and presenting them in his humorous, understandable, and understated Mid-Western style. He crisscrossed the country and was the demographic Paul Revere as for decades he articulated the population changes that continue to transform our nation. Bud’s message in states and localities throughout the country had ecumenical appeal whether his audiences were from the business, governmental, educational, or political communities.

I must have heard Bud speak dozens of times through the years and never was bored. I always learned something new both from his amazingly informative and clear presentations as well as from his uniquely handcrafted ever changing and sometimes difficult to read slides.

His fundamental decency, wisdom and prescience had enormous influence on me personally, my organization, and the thousands of others who were fortunate enough to hear him speak or read his many seminal publications like All One System and The Same Client.

One brief anecdote reflects Bud’s enormous impact on very diverse audiences from the private as well as the public sector. Bud was speaking at an IEL meeting in his native Minnesota some years ago and I was sitting next to the CEO of The Honeywell Corporation who passed a note in the middle of Bud’s presentation to the head of his corporate foundation. I subsequently discovered that in his note the CEO had instructed his colleague to invite Bud to speak (at whatever cost or logistical complexity) at the next international meeting of the Honeywell Corporation’s top executives.

Bud led a wonderful, full and extraordinarily productive life. His influence transcended education and helped shape the policies and attitudes of hundreds of thousands of leaders from every sector of society.

I express to Virginia and the family deepest condolences. May they derive some solace from the knowledge that their profound sense of loss is shared by so many personal friends and professional admirers. Bud Hodgkinson was one of a kind and leaves a very special legacy for us all.

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