

John Lindbergh was Robert's equivalent (General Counsel) at Radio Free Europe. Radio Free Asia held another memorial service to honor Robert which I was not able to attend. John's remarks below are similar to the ones he gave at the funeral, but tailored here for the RFA staff.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT WONE  
RADIO FREE ASIA MEMORIAL SERVICE, DAY AFTER ROBERT'S  
FUNERAL

ROBERT AND I WERE TOGETHER DURING MOST OF HIS  
LAST EVENING. WHEN I LOOK BACK ON THAT EVENING, I  
REALIZE HOW OUR TIME TOGETHER CONFIRMED THAT HE  
WAS TRULY A VERY SPECIAL PERSON.

WE FIRST MET EARLY IN THE EVENING TO GRAB A QUICK  
SANDWICH AT SUBWAY DOWN THE STREET BEFORE  
ATTENDING A COURSE ON FEDERAL GRANT LAW. HE PROUDLY  
SHOWED ME HIS LOW-CAL CHICKEN SANDWICH, AND I  
SHEEPISHLY, AND WITH SOME GUILT, SHOWED HIM MY  
MEATBALL SUB.

WE CHATTED OVER DINNER ABOUT THE CHALLENGES  
AND OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR WORK. HE HAD ALREADY GAINED  
MANY VALUABLE INSIGHTS. HE WAS A VERY QUICK STUDY.  
HE WAS SMART.

AFTER DINNER, WE ENTERED THE CLASSROOM AT THE  
D.C. BAR OFFICES. ROBERT WAIVED TO A FELLOW ASIAN-

AMERICAN WHO THEN SAT WITH US. ROBERT CLEARLY HAD MADE MANY FRIENDS WITHIN THE ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY THROUGH FAMILY, SCHOOL, AND HIS SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF PRO BONO WORK. I DISCOVERED THAT HE WAS THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

DURING THE COURSE, ROBERT AND I EXCHANGED NOTES AND WHISPERED COMMENTS TO EACH OTHER ABOUT VARIOUS TOPICS. ROBERT WAS AN EAGER AND ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENT. HE WANTED TO LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THAT COULD HELP HIM IN HIS NEW JOB.

WHEN THE CLASS ENDED AT 9:15, HE TURNED TO ME AND SAID, "THAT WAS THREE HOURS WELL SPENT."

ROBERT THEN SURPRISED ME. HE TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO THE OFFICE TO MEET NIGHT-SHIFT BROADCASTERS. THEIR WORK BEGAN AT 10:00 PM. IT HAD ALREADY BEEN A VERY LONG DAY FOR BOTH OF US. I WAS QUITE IMPRESSED WITH HIS DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THE NEW JOB.

ROBERT STEPPED OUT OF THE SUBWAY CAR AT

FARRAGUT NORTH AT ABOUT 9:30 PM THAT NIGHT. HE TURNED TO WAIVE TO ME WITH HIS WONDERFUL SMILE. I WILL NEVER FORGET HIS SMILE.

ALL OF ROBERT'S VERY SPECIAL TRAITS WERE ON FULL DISPLAY THAT EVENING OF AUGUST 2. HE HAD A KEEN AND INQUISITIVE MIND, THE ABILITY TO LISTEN TO OTHERS AND LEARN, ROCK-SOLID PERSONAL INTEGRITY, ENTHUSIASM FOR AND DEDICATION TO HIS WORK, A HEART AS BIG AS THE PACIFIC OCEAN, A SOFT-SPOKEN HUMILITY, AND A TRADEMARK SMILE. OH, THAT SMILE!

I WAS STRUCK YESTERDAY DURING THE CHURCH SERVICE FOR ROBERT BY HOW EACH OF THE SIXTEEN SPEAKERS FOCUSED ON THESE SAME TRAITS, OVER AND OVER AGAIN. HOW COULD SO MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE SEE HIM EXACTLY THE SAME WAY?

YOU SEE, ROBERT TREATED EVERYONE ALIKE. WE MAY HAVE BEEN COMING FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, BUT HE WAS AS SOLIDLY CENTERED AS ANYONE I'VE EVER MET. HIS QUIET CONFIDENCE AND SPIRITUALITY RADIATED OUTWARD FROM THE DEPTHS OF HIS SOUL, AND IT TOUCHED OUR HEARTS

AND SOULS. LIKE A BEACON OF LIGHT, IT HELPED ILLUMINATE OUR WAY. WE FELT BETTER AND MORE SECURE AFTER BEING WITH HIM.

ROBERT CLEARLY LOVED HIS WORK AT RADIO FREE ASIA EVEN THOUGH HE HAD BEEN ON THE JOB FOR ONLY ONE MONTH. INDEED, PAIRING ROBERT WITH RADIO FREE ASIA WAS A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN.

I HAD BECOME VERY FOND OF ROBERT ALTHOUGH I HAD NOT KNOWN HIM LONG. I WAS EXCITED THAT I WOULD HAVE A LEGAL SOUL-MATE LOCATED JUST A FEW BLOCKS AWAY WITH WHOM I COULD DISCUSS COMMON ISSUES. I ALSO SENSED THAT WE WOULD BECOME CLOSE FRIENDS. WHILE I HAD BEEN GIVING HIM BROADCASTING TIPS I HAD LEARNED OVER THE YEARS, I HAD THE DISTINCT FEELING THAT I SOON WOULD BE LEARNING FROM HIM.

I BELIEVE THAT ROBERT WAS DRAWN TO THE WORLD OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING BECAUSE OF HIS VALUES. THEY ALSO GAVE HIM THE QUIET CENTERED CONFIDENCE THAT WAS SO EXTRAORDINARILY ATTRACTIVE

AND REASSURING TO THOSE AROUND HIM.

INTEGRITY: HE WAS A MAN OF IMPECABLE INTEGRITY. HE HAD DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO A PURSUIT OF THE TRUTH --- FIRST IN A LAW FIRM, THEN IN BROADCASTING. INTEGRITY IS THE BEDROCK FOUNDATION OF BROADCASTING AND LAW. WITHOUT IT THE STRUCTURE COLLAPSES.

I WOULD NOTE A STATEMENT ABOUT EDWARD R. MURROW, A JOURNALIST WHO HELPED SET HIGH STANDARDS FOR JOURNALISM IN THE U.S. WHEN PRESENTED WITH THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM, PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAID OF MURROW: "HE HAD BROUGHT TO ALL HIS ENDEAVORS THE CONVICTION THAT TRUTH AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY ARE THE PERSUADERS OF MEN AND NATIONS." THE SAME CAN BE SAID OF ROBERT.

COMPASSION: ROBERT HAD A BIG HEART. HE HAD A DESIRE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. HE TRULY CARED ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE. HIS WORK IN THE PRO BONO FIELD ALONE WAS EVIDENCE OF THE SIZE OF HIS HEART.

DEEDS: HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO CARE, BUT THAT ONE SHOULD ALSO ACT ON BELIEFS. SPEAK OUT. COMMUNICATE THE TRUTH TO THOSE WHO NEED TO

HEAR IT. DON'T REMAIN SILENT IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE.

WE IN THE BROADCASTING FIELD CAN HONOR ROBERT THE MOST BY FAITHFULLY PURSUING THE VALUES HE SO CHERISHED. ----- DEVOTION TO THE TRUTH, CARING FOR OTHERS IN NEED, AND REACHING OUT TO HELP.

SO, CONTINUE DOING WHAT YOU ARE DOING. BROADCAST THE WHOLE TRUTH, GOOD OR BAD, BUT ALL OF IT, TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO ARE DEPRIVED OF INFORMATION NEEDED TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES.

ROBERT WOULD WANT YOU TO DO SO. HE WOULD WANT ALL OF US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, TO LEAVE THOSE AROUND US, AND THE WORLD, A BETTER PLACE BECAUSE OF OUR EFFORTS, JUST AS HE HAD DONE.

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