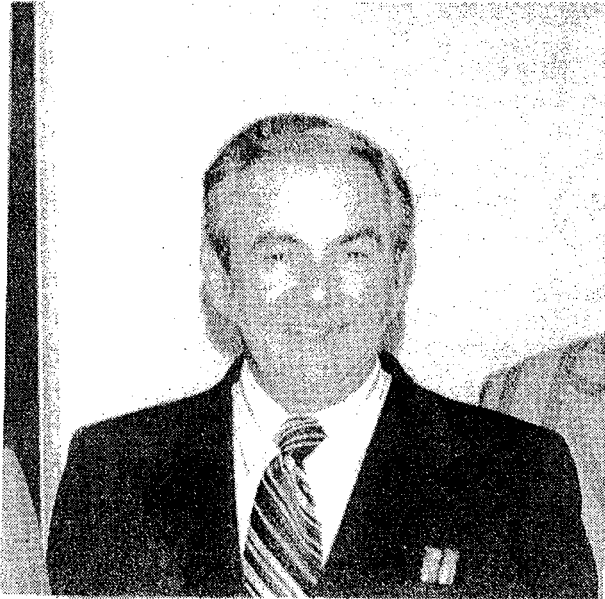


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Mr. William C. Munn, Jr.

A TRIBUTE

The Spencerport Central School District and the Community - on Tuesday, February 24, 1976 - lost a friend and faithful servant with the death of Mr. William C. Munn, a member of the Board of Education.

A native of Lyndonville, New York, and a resident of Spencerport since 1948, Bill and his wife, Audrey, have resided at 44 Morningside Drive in Spencerport. Along with his wife, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. John (Kathy) Hubbard of Spencerport, Mary (who is a student at the State University College at Cortland, New York), and one son, William, who is employed and in the family business. He is also survived by his mother Mrs. W. Clayton (Florence) Munn.

After graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, Bill was employed by Lennox Industries, Inc. and later served as their Divisional Sales Manager. Since 1961 he has been the owner-manager of Geist and Waterstraat, a local plumbing, heating and air conditioning business which employed between twenty and twenty-five local people.

Bill served in the United States Air Force as a pilot and retired from the Air Force Reserves with the rank of Major.

Long active in the White Church of Spencerport, he served as Deacon, Senior Deacon, Chairman and member of the Financial Planning Committee as well as a Sunday School Teacher for several years. In the summer of 1972 Bill and Audrey volunteered to serve a week as counselors at a camp for sixteen boys and girls from St. Joseph Villa as well as sixteen young people from the White Church.

Bill was a past Committee Member of Troop 84, Boy Scouts of America and served two years as adult leader for the Troop at Camp Massawepie in the Adirondacks.

He was a Charter Member of the Spencerport Lion's Club and served as President in 1970-71. He was a 20 year member and one of the few with perfect attendance. He had been serving on the Committee for 20th Charter Night to be held in March, 1976. Bill was instrumental in starting the Braille Training Class, a project still in operation. As a result of this program, thirty certificated people are now registered with the Library of Congress.

He served as President of the Spencerport Businessmen's Association, and during his term of office the group was renamed the Spencerport Chamber of Commerce.

Bill was an original member, who served on the Steering Committee, that organized the Spencerport Volunteer Ambulance Service which received its Charter of Incorporation on October 19, 1965. He served as the first Treasurer of this organization. It's meetings were originally held in the upstairs of his place of business, and one of his garages housed the ambulance. For many years, he devoted every Tuesday morning from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon working at the Ambulance Center.

He was a member of the Village Planning Board starting in October, 1965 for a term of four and one-half years.

Mr. Munn was elected to the Board of Education in June, 1966 and served as Board President from 1970-1975.

When Bill joined the Board, the district enrolled 3598 students and currently we have 4781 boys and girls enrolled. During his tenure on the Board, the Town Line School and the Ada M. Cosgrove School were constructed. Also, he was extensively involved in the Trowbridge School Modernization Program as well as in the current proposed Leo Bernabi and E.J. Wilson School Modernization Programs.

Bill actively participated as the Board representative to the Curriculum Council from 1972 through 1975. His dedication to the Board was evidenced by his outstanding attendance while on the Board. For example, in 1974-75 he had perfect attendance. This was the general rule rather than the exception.

He was re-elected to the Board in June, 1975 and of the six candidates seeking office, he received the largest number of votes cast.

Although totally immersed in the activities of the Spencerport School System, he also found the time to serve the Monroe County School Boards Association. He was a member of the Executive Committee from 1972-75; the Steering Committee from 1973-75; the Legislative Committee during 1972-73; and the Labor Relations Committee during the 1975-76 school year. His concern and long activity with the BOCES II Robert Dye Occupational School in Spencerport, was evidenced by his serving on the Occupational Advisory Board. For the past two years, he served as Chairman of the BOCES II Annual Budget Meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION



TRIBUTE

by

DR. SAM RIVOLI, President
Board of Education

The tragedy of Bill Munn's untimely death has left a void in the community which will never, ever be completely filled. A loving husband and father, a dedicated member of the community, Bill will always be remembered as that breed of man who never seemed to tire under the overwhelming challenges of community service.

A personal friend, as well as a school board associate, Bill has left an impression on my life which I will carry for the rest of my years. I know by the inquiries of many community residents that his memory will forever be in their hearts, for good men must die, but death cannot kill their names.

A TRIBUTE

by

Betty Dobbs, Vice-President
Board of Education

To know Bill Munn was to respect him. Bill was a kind and extremely thoughtful man; always a gentleman. His untimely passing has been felt by many. The community has lost a very valuable man. I never knew Bill to say "no" to any task; he was willing to listen, discuss and act when necessary.

One of his many concerns was the children in our school district. He worked diligently to see that our district provided the best education possible, as his record as a member of the Board of Education proves. For me, it was a privilege to have served on the Board with Bill.

A TRIBUTE

by

Paul Wind,
Board Member

Although it is only 8 months that I have worked with Bill Munn on the Spencerport Central School Board of Education, in that time he had shown a deep dedication of his interest in the community in which he had lived and was so active. Bill Munn's interest in love of children had always put him out front in contributions to policies and solutions to current and long term problems.

It is the deep understanding that Bill had that is a great loss to this school district and it is his experience, guidance and friendship that is a loss to me.

A TRIBUTE

by

Gary Buehler,
Board Member

Seldom has an individual made an impression on my life as Bill Munn has made. Bill had much to offer -- dedication, loyalty, compassion and understanding. My life was changed by a man who moved into it!

I will always remember Bill as someone who had so much to offer and so much to give.

TRIBUTE

by
James Green, Jr.
Board Member

Few men make a significant impact on their community. Bill Munn was one of these special individuals. His was the exceptional talent that sought to serve his community and his fellow man without thought or desire of personal recognition. He functioned methodically, searchingly, fairly, persistently, to do that which needed to be done -- to do what he believed was right. He sought no personal gain, but was content to accept the inner feeling of accomplishment that one has at least cared enough to have made the effort to seek solutions and work for their implementation.

Bill showed us what could be done to improve the appearance of an old building, and sparked the transformation of a portion of our village. He served the youth of this community as a school board member of unsurpassed caliber and did the popular -- and unpopular -- things that had to be done. He worked for the creation of the Spencerport Ambulance Service and continued to serve as one of it's most active members. He was also active in the Lions and the business community. Bill was tireless in all his undertakings and did all of them well.

Bill passed this way and left his indelible mark. He was a dynamic participant in the active forces that have shaped beneficial changes in our community. He has walked this way and we are better for having felt the strength of his presence. Bill dared to try -- and in trying -- he succeeded. He cared enough to become involved, which after all is done, is what life is all about!

A TRIBUTE

by
Richard Knapp,
Board Member

We all have been blessed by having had Bill Munn help us during his years of service to the community and especially to the boys and girls of our schools. He helped me better appreciate the degree of dedication that Bill set as a standard for us to look up to. Few people cared more about our schools in Spencerport than Bill did, and few people put more of themselves into helping boys and girls. His achievements are ours to enjoy.

Bill had an outstanding compassion for individual's interests. He always seemed to make time for people to talk with him about their problems. Bill worked diligently to help whenever he could and always in the interest of helping students.

Bill was always one of the members of the Board of Education who was most knowledgeable about things happening in the schools. He had a keen incite into the importance of people. In Spencerport he seemed to know everybody. He remembered people's names because he really had a true love for people and their needs.

He enjoyed the sparks of politics and was a persuasive and knowledgeable salesman for his point.

Bill loved his family, his school, his business and his community. I express my thanks for the blessing of having Bill Munn provide us with his dedicated service.

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A TRIBUTE

by

Joseph Clement, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

I have truly been fortunate to first consider Bill a friend and second, to have worked professionally with him as President of the Board of Education and as a member of the Board.

Bill's dedication, concern and, most important, commitment to the community, is well known. Many of us have the same desire to serve our fellow man but somehow never are able to translate this desire to action. Bill Munn was successful in accomplishing this goal.

When Bill was seeking re-election last spring he responded to a request of the League of Women Voters and I would like to quote something he said:

"COMMITMENT - I have made the commitment of time that is necessary to serve as a Board member. Social functions, some business matters, and unfortunately, some family activities have taken a back seat to district business. I feel every person owes the community in which he lives a share of his time, abilities and efforts."

This was Bill Munn speaking from his heart!

To serve as a member of the Board of Education for ten years is a difficult and time-consuming task. To serve as President of the Board of Education as Bill did for five years is a formidable and awesome responsibility. If he had written a book on what being a Board member is all about and based it on his own experiences, it would become a

classic for excellence in Boardmanship. He believed and practiced the role of a Board member to set policy and, on many occasions, said to the Board, "We're out of line, that's not a policy decision but an administrative matter." His instant recall of Board policies was fantastic.

To be an effective Board member one must represent all the constituents in the school district. Bill's accessibility to people and desire to listen and help others was always paramount with him.

Bill was a "sharp" Board member who was always well prepared and, like the good student, did his homework in preparation of fulfilling his Board role was thoroughly studied and completed. His knowledge of school matters far exceeded any Board member that I have ever worked with.

Those of us who knew Bill personally and worked with him in small groups saw his keen sense of humor. I wish that many district residents who only saw and heard Bill at public budget meetings could have seen the other, more relaxed, and humorous individual that he truly was. Public speaking is difficult for all of us and Bill worked hard and diligently in this area. Who can forget his poise, eloquence, and truly beautiful remarks he made at the Leo Bernabi Memorial Service.

It is difficult, at times, to keep in perspective that we in education serve our number one constituents - boys and girls. Bill never had this difficulty and I'll always cherish his remarks such as, "Joe, prove to me that this action will benefit boys and girls and if you do, I'm all for it!"

I remember Bill as one who really enjoyed attending all school activities but had a special interest in all athletic events and attended most of them. And yet, as a Board member, he considered athletics as only one of many parts of our total instructional program.

Bill was truly a compassionate person, even a soft touch in many ways. He felt sorrow for people in time of need and assisted many people, individually, through his church and in the school.

I'll remember my friend and colleague as one who, across the table could disagree and always at the conclusion of a meeting extend his hand and we could leave with a firm handshake. He left a legacy to all of us that we should strive to translate into our lives and that is, "there is nothing wrong with disagreement, it's how we as mature individuals handle it."

I won't forget all those county breakfast meetings Bill and I attended together. He was always early or on time - I was invariably late! His input was felt on the county level through his unswerving support of the Monroe County School Boards which today is a cohesive and viable organization.

The hundreds of positive decisions in behalf of the school district that Bill was a part of for many years not only served the children well in the past, but will be a "benchmark" for us to follow in the years ahead.

Mr. Bill left a personal legacy to me -- I'm a better person because of my association with a "super" human being. Thanks, my friend!

To console a grief-stricken family is a task that I'm not very good at, but I would like to say to Audrey, daughters Mary and Kathy, and son Bill: Haven't you been really fortunate to have had such an outstanding and exemplary man as husband and father for all these years? I pray that this can sustain you and make your grief more bearable.

A TRIBUTE
by

Richard E. Ten Haken
District Superintendent
BOCES II

Bill Munn continually gave of himself to serve others. He was significantly involved in many activities to make this community a better place in which to live.

Those of us associated with BOCES will long be challenged by Bill's dedication and sincere interest in the improvement of educational opportunities for young people and adults. Bill was instrumental in providing services and programs for children with handicapping conditions. He was actively involved in the implementation and development of WeMoCo, the area occupational and technical school. He actively participated on the Occupational Education Advisory Council and, for the past two years, served as chairman of the Annual BOCES meetings. He believed in helping people learn skills that would enable them to become self-sufficient and contributing members of society.

Bill's willingness to give of himself for others will stand as an inspiration and model for each of us as we strive for, and seek, truth, justice, love and the full development of our talents and skills.
