



RALPH SMEED-AN AMERICAN PATRIOT

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“RALPH SMEED EXEMPLIFIED PERSONAL SELFLESSNESS AND A LIFETIME OF CONTRIBUTING TO EDUCATING AND PROMOTING PRINCIPLES THAT FURTHER A FREE SOCIETY. HE IS DEEMED BY MANY TO BE A GREAT MAN.”

How many people, including friends, acquaintances, even strangers, heard Ralph Smeed say, “No wonder we lose”? His life-long message was, “Stand up, do something, take responsibility to further personal sovereignty and a free market society. Ralph, with unfailing enthusiasm, shared his message and discussed its impact with the single purpose of provoking thought and, if successful, action.

Ralph never accepted nor understood why complacency, compromise or cowardice stood in the way of well meaning citizens, whether a politician, doctor, businessman, farmer or educator, to proclaim that which would strengthen the direction of this nation. Never was there a man any more dedicated to sharing and discussing principles and ideas that underlie liberty, than Ralph Smeed.

A few days ago, after going into the cancer center in Boise for some tests, he related to me that he asked each doctor (5 in total) as they individually entered his room, “What are your politics”? “None of them would answer:”, he said. Ralph’s response was, “That’s what’s wrong with this country today because noone wants to talk about it!” Anyone who knows Ralph can hear him say those words. Ten days earlier, Ralph called me to thank me for a letter I had sent to him at his home. He told me that he was proud of my efforts and to keep up with my Tea Party Newsletter. He said, “ Now there are those who think that some of your articles are a little candy ‘coated’ (to sugar coat his word). Now, you get tougher! God bless him, a little isn’t enough for Ralph. When it comes to battling Socialism, tough is the only avenue.

Ralph, a communicator of principles and ideas, was not reactive, vindictive, or arrogant. How many of us can discuss politics while exercising those traits? He did not fear causing offense or losing popularity for he believed that his perspectives on the damage caused by big government were worth illuminating.

Ralph was a Canyon County rancher, but he was best known for his political perspectives. He co-founded the Center for the Study of Market Alternatives and was a longtime columnist for a number of daily newspapers across Idaho. His tireless efforts have been witnessed by many great minds of this country for he was a man who acted valiantly to protect the future of this nation. He was a national delegate for Goldwater at the 1964 Republican Convention and in the 1970s, he co-founded the Center for the Study of Market Alternatives. Ralph, a Libertarian, mentored and advised many Republican leaders in the state, including Gov. Butch Otter, former Sen. Steve Symms, and the late U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth Hage.

Thank you, friend. We will continue the values that you exemplified.

by Nancy Armstrong



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The threat against the very essence and core of what the United States of America exemplifies, is real. Our Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were written to prohibit political and judicial manipulations that bespeak oppressive i.e. big government. This is a Republic (dictionary: A state in which supreme power is held by the people---). We are a nation suffering a threat from within.

If we, in our home towns, our state and nation, are subjugated by the government, our dollar weakened, property diminished, and spirit depressed, does it not indicate that we must act with stronger resolve and greater passion to dismantle the foes of freedom. Contact your congressmen and senators in Idaho. Let them know how they are doing and what you believe will promote freedom from big government. Invite them to join us at Tea Party Boise. Encourage your friends to do the same.

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