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On Behalf Of: Frank D. Cutsforth
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Dear Friends and Loved Ones of Frank Cutsforth,

My heart is filled with gratitude and deep respect as I write these words to honor my lifetime best friend—a great man whose life was a living example of faith, love and service.

I'm speaking, of course, of Frank Cutsforth—known by many as “Mr. Canby”—known by me as the friend of a lifetime, a brother, confidant and role model, who quietly but consistently led the community of Canby, Oregon in so many positive ways.

Frank was a man who loved Jesus above all. His faith was not just spoken, it was lived out daily in the way he treated others, in the quiet strength he carried, and in the steady and consistent compassion he displayed every day. His relationship with God guided every decision, every word spoken, and every act of kindness.

Frank's devotion to his wife, Kathe, was one of the most beautiful parts of his life. Their partnership was built on love, mutual respect, and an unshakeable bond that withstood life's joys and sorrows together. He adored Kathe dearly!

As a father and grandfather, he was present, intentional, loving and loved and respected. He poured wisdom, humor and care into the lives of his children, their wives, and grandchildren, leaving a legacy that will be remembered for generations to come.

Frank loved his country, the state of Oregon and town of Canby with the heart of an American patriot. He never took America, Oregon or Canby for granted. He deeply respected the freedoms we enjoy and believed in standing up for what was right. He was a man who believed in giving back to the land and people who had given him and his family so much. His sense of integrity, and duty to his country and community was unwavering.

In the small community of Canby, Frank Cutsforth was a giant. The kind of man who always showed up when you needed him—not just the happy times and celebrations, but the difficult times of great loss and sorrow. He did so without asking for anything in return, and made people feel seen, valued, and respected. Frank never sought recognition, yet his impact was felt from the beautiful community of Canby, across the Willamette Valley to the Oregon ocean beaches and beyond to the “Big Sky Country”

of Montana. Whether through quiet acts of kindness and generosity, community involvement, or simply being a friend, you know you could count on him.

My friend, Frank, was a giver in every sense of the word. A man of action, of principle, of great heart. To call him my best friend is one of the greatest honors of my life. Though I miss him tremendously, and the world and community of Canby feels dimmer without him, I take great comfort in knowing his light continues to shine in every life he touched. I give God thanks for putting Frank Cutsforth in my life.

I know we are celebrating him today not only for who he was—but for the way he made all of us better. He leaves behind a legacy of faith, family, service and love. I, and so many others, carry his memory forward with the greatest gratitude and deep love.

With all my heart,
Richard N. Parsons