



# A MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER...

## Character Matters

When I was a teenager I met a man who I admired and respected very much. I watched and learned from him over the years, and in some ways, I tried to emulate the things I saw him do.

He was a gentle man who I never heard speak an unkind word to, or about, anyone. In the few instances when he became irritated, the extent of his displeasure was to call someone "Susie", or to simply frown in a way that made it clear that you were temporarily "out of favor". I say temporarily, because he was not one to hold a grudge, and was quick to mend fences that were down. A man of good character.

He was old-school in his beliefs. A man who arose every day with a mission; he went to work rain or shine, he went to church on Sunday, and he cared deeply for his family and friends. When he passed from this earth, we lost a good man, a man of good character.

His work sometimes required that he respond to a 2:00AM call to address a problem at the Plant. He never wavered, he simply donned his overalls and work boots and did what needed to be done. A man of good character.

When asked, "Why didn't someone else take the call?" He would say, "Oh, he has a bone in his leg." It always made me smile; just his way stating his opinion of those who didn't carry their fair share of the load, those of lesser character. Character matters.



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