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First Yosemite High School District dies at 64

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Funeral services were held Thursday for Yosemite High School's "first employee," Herbert "Buddy" Allan Cudd, who died June 23, 2006 at the age of 64.

Cudd had a long career as the head of maintenance at YHS. He is known to many as the first person to actually start working for the then newly-created school district. He enjoyed three years of retirement before his passing.

Cudd, known to many as "Buddy," was a resident of Oakhurst for 52 years.

Cudd worked for the district for nearly 30 years when he retired in 2003.

"We didn't work directly with each other, but I knew him pretty well," said Earlene Ward, YHS journalism teacher. "He was just a really nice man who knew everything there is to know about this school because he was here from the beginning."



Buddy Cudd

Ward wrote about a Cudd in a story she did for the Nov. 1, 2001, 25th anniversary paper on the school:

"... Buddy Cudd, the first person to actually start work in the new district, on May 1, 1975 ...," Ward wrote. "There were six people hired at the same time but the others had contracts at other schools until July 1, but Buddy did not, so he started May 1."

Ward said a lot of people attended the services who used to work at the school in the past.

"He was a very calm, mild mannered man," Ward said. "And it must have been really special for his family for these people to come back after being gone so many years just to pay their respects."

YHS Principal, Steve Raupp, knew Cudd since 1978.

"Buddy started with the district in 1975, before the school opened and he was actually on the interview panel that hired me," Raupp said. "During his time here he obviously saw a lot of changes and he was an integral part of the expansion project we just completed."

Raupp said Cudd was great to work with and that a lot of people will miss him.

"I don't think you could find anybody better to work with," Raupp said. "He was an easy going person, but if you talked to anybody who worked with him, they would tell you he held people accountable. I thoroughly enjoyed my experiences with him and obviously we will miss him."

Those who knew him best said Cudd loved helping people and visiting with the "guys" every morning at Yosemite Coffee and Roasting Co. in Oakhurst.

Cudd attended the Oakhurst Church of Christ where he served as an elder and song leader. The church was the focus of Buddy's life.

Cudd is survived by his wife of 43 years, Linda; his sons, Jerry and Randy; his daughter, Stacey; his granddaughter, Sophie; his mother, Aileen; his sisters, Linda Sue and Nancy Burgess; his brother, Don Cudd; and many other family members and friends.

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