

When Chuck Mosey of Richmond died unexpectedly last week, Richmond lost a leader and, like countless others who had the privilege to know him, I lost a friend. So much attention has rightly been paid to his role as a business leader, a son of Richmond who helped build Mosey Manufacturing into one of the largest employers in our city and rightly so. At a time when so many American business leaders seem willing to take the easy route to profits available to those willing to move jobs out of our community and country, Chuck Mosey traveled the world and proved that Hoosier companies and workers can compete on the world stage and win. Chuck was a fighter and Chuck fought for the jobs of the hundreds of Wayne County families that depended on his courage and vision every day. Chuck Mosey was from Richmond and he was determined to make his enterprise prosper in his hometown. He succeeded.

And at a time when so many let work crowd out the most important people in their lives, Chuck Mosey applied the same commitment at home. His utter devotion to his Maxine, wife and mother to Scott and Christopher, was evident to anyone who knew him for more than five minutes. Every time I spoke to Chuck in the last year it was all about Maxine and his profound gratitude to those whose prayers and thoughtfulness had helped carry her through some recent difficult days. And Chuck loved his brothers and sisters but Steve and George were more than brothers, they were Chuck's best friends. As one of four boys myself, I know how challenging sibling relationships can be, but Chuck made it look easy. He did so by taking every opportunity to boast of his brothers, their accomplishments and integrity. I learned a lot about being a brother from Chuck Mosey.

Lastly, Chuck Mosey was a patriotic American who believed in the highest ideals of our nation. His wit and insight once caused me to refer to him as the "Will Rogers of Eastern Indiana," and so he was. During a recent heated debate in Congress, I called Chuck for some advice. I was determined to take a stand for fiscal responsibility and I figured he was the right guy to call to get a good perspective from home and I'll never forget what he said. When I explained the latest bloated government proposal being brought before the Congress, Chuck Mosey said, "Don't those people know how much money we don't have?" We both burst out laughing but I was so moved by the simple wisdom of the statement that I returned to the floor of the Congress and used his line in the debate.

A business leader, devoted husband, father, brother and, in my life, a friend was lost to us but gained to heaven last week. Goodbye Chuck. We will miss you for a while. I can't wait to hear what you have to say about heaven. I'm sure it will be priceless.

-Rep. Mike Pence

You can also read Congressman Pence's tribute to Chuck Mosey in the [Richmond Palladium-Item](#)