



Harold L. Hodgkinson

February 27, 1931 - March 4, 2016

HAROLD L. "BUD" HODGKINSON

A renowned lecturer, writer and analyst of demographics and education, Bud Hodgkinson died peacefully in his sleep on March 4, 2016 from Alzheimer's disease. He spent over 25 years producing demographic reports and lecturing four days a week to leaders of elementary and secondary schools, school districts, colleges and universities, state legislators, local, state and federal agencies and numerous corporations and private foundations about the changes taking place in the American population. He was admired for his wit and pithy phrases which have become commonplace. For example: "The baby boom of 70 million people born between 1946 and 1964 moved through the education system like a very large mouse through a very small snake." Or "It literally costs about seven times as much to have somebody at the state pen as it does to have somebody at Penn State." He wanted educators and employers to realize that this increasingly diverse population by race and nationality necessitated structural changes throughout educational institutions and the workplace. He was famous for showing numerous transparencies of tables, data and other pictures about these issues with humor and great impact influencing thousands of people over several decades. Two of his reports were instrumental in broadening thinking about education and social services: All One System: Demographics of Education, Kindergarten Through Graduate School (1989) and The Same Client: The Demographics of Service

and Delivery Systems. In his capacity as Director, Center for Demographic Policy at the Institute for Educational Leadership he was commissioned by several state agencies to produce 28 state profiles and numerous profiles of metropolitan areas. He also produced profiles on Asian Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, and American Indians.

Bud Hodgkinson was born on February 27, 1931 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He attended St. Louis High School. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota (1953), a master's degree from Wesleyan University (1955) and a doctorate in education from Harvard (1958). During his earlier career, Dr. Hodgkinson was an educational administrator, teacher, and researcher. He was dean of the School of education at Simmons College (1958-62), Dean of Bard College (1962-68), Associate Professor and Project Director, University of California, Berkeley (1968-74), Director, national Institute of Education appointed by President Gerald Ford (1974-1977), Director, American Management Association (1977-79), President, National Training Laboratories (1979-83), Fellow, American Council on Education (1985-1987), and Director, Center for Demographic Policy, Institute for Educational Leadership (1987-2004). He was elected president of the American Association of Higher Education in 1971. He is author of 12 books, three of which received national awards. He has authored hundreds of articles for which he was honored by the American Press Association. He was editor of several journals, including Harvard Educational Review and Journal of Higher Education.

Bud's received 12 honorary degrees, including Ottawa University, Hofstra University, Loretto Heights College, Hartwick College and Northern Michigan University. In 1989, he was one of three Americans awarded the title of Distinguished Lecturer by the National Science Foundation.

Bud had a wide range of consulting assignments, including over 600 colleges and universities, numerous public and private schools and school systems, state and federal agencies, as well as many corporations including Bank of America, 3M, Federal Express, IBM, General Motors, Texas Instruments,

Association of American Publishers, Ladies Home Journal, Burger King, ARCO, Honeywell, Hyatt and Hilton hotels, Johnson and Johnson, Hallmark and Washington Post.

Bud loved music and sang in the National Cathedral Choir for several years. He also served on many boards, including E. M. Kaufmann Foundation Youth Board , The Newspapers of America Foundation, Walden University, Ottawa University , Hartwick College, Excelsior University, Fielding Institute, and Elderhostel.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Virginia Ann Hodgkinson, three daughters from his previous marriage: Anne Hodgkinson (Mitchell Sandler), Edith Bruce (David), and Christina Hodgkinson; Virginia's two daughters from a previous marriage: Heather Hernan (Jon) and Sharon Chehade (Hamid), and their adopted family John and Unity Abrahams, nine grandchildren, his sister Molly Taylor, several nephews, nieces, cousins and his former wife, Barbara Hodgkinson.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church on May 20 at 3pm. Donations may be made, in his name, to Mount Vernon at Home (mountvernonathome.org) or Friends of Homeless Animals (foha.org)

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold L. Hodgkinson*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Mr. Hodgkinson has an infectious smile and glint in his eyes which are characteristics of a great sense of humor. I look forward to meeting him when Acts 24:15 is fulfilled*

March 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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March 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM