



Kenneth D. Piercy

August 31, 1934 - June 10, 2020

Cemetery

Glen Oaks Memorial Park

11115 Midway

Chico, CA, 95928

Comments



“ Sorry for your loss--Merlyn Head Class of 50

Merlyn Head - June 26 at 04:23 PM



“ Ken Piercy established a legacy at Chico High School which is where I met him. My first connections with the Ken Piercy legacy was his status with students who were in my special education classes and Ken's typing classes. Ken was an excellent trainer/educator in typing skills. That, however, was only part of his legacy. Ken Piercy instilled in virtually all of his typing student's a dedication to the fundamental values of Truth, Integrity and Humanity. That was just one part of Ken Piercy's legacy.

In the following seasons for basketball it became very clear that there were additional elements in the Ken Piercy's legacy. The additional elements were that skills in a competitive arena require extreme intellectual, physical and emotional interrelationships as well as truth, integrity and humanity. Athletes who played basketball for Ken learned that less than your best performance that produces a winning score was not as successful as your highest level of performance with an opponent that has a higher score. Probably the most important value that Ken's basketball teams learned was dedication to the team. What is best for the team always takes precedence over what is best for you. Virtually everyone became a team player.

I had the opportunity to participate with Ken Piercy in the labor relations arena with the Chico Unified School District and the Chico Unified Teachers Association. It was very early in the first years of collective bargaining for public employees. Ken Piercy set a standard that will probably never be achieved again. Ken's problem solving strategies were tactical, emotional, intellectual and physical depending on the success of the strategy. Ken understood from the beginning that the collective bargaining objective was to make both parties equally happy or both parties equally unhappy.

Ken's value to his profession is marked by unmatched success in the classroom, on the basketball court and at the negotiations table.

However, that value is very much smaller than his partnership with Gretchen that created a marriage and a family that has achieved for humanity far more than any classroom, basketball court or bargaining table endeavors. Genetic blessings may be the best.

Joe Lockwood - June 21 at 09:20 PM