

Tributes

Later in B.C. he took his family sailing. Being from the prairies I guess he did not know about tide waters and anchored near Bowen Island. At 5 a.m. they were all awakened by a rapidly approaching ship. He had anchored in the B.C. ferry lane.

Our colleague leaves behind him his wife, Dale; his children, Ken and wife Deborah, Colin and wife Lorraine, and Kim; and grandchildren Trevor, Michael and Sean. The funeral will be held on Saturday at St. Catherine Church on Ridgewood Drive.

As others have mentioned, the sympathies of all the members of this House go out to the entire family. We will remember and honour Chuck Cook in this House.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my party, the New Democratic Party, as a fellow member of Parliament for British Columbia and as a friend of Chuck Cook I would like to add to the eloquent words of my colleagues who have already spoken.

The hon. member for Calgary West spoke eloquently about the friendship he had with Chuck and his family. The minister from Capilano spoke about how Chuck stood up for what he believed in, and that is certainly true. The Minister of National Defence from Vancouver Centre spoke of Chuck's sense of humour, and I saw that as well.

The minister of Indian affairs, my colleague from Richmond, spoke about Chuck having a heart of gold. The member from Edmonton spoke about his admiration for a colleague who was a straight talking person. There is not a lot I can add because I think it has been covered, but I would like to say a few things.

Charles Henry Cook was born in Regina, Saskatchewan. He was educated at Northwestern University, the University of Saskatchewan, and the University of Western Ontario. He was well educated.

He was a lawyer, a broadcaster and a member of Parliament. At least in British Columbia being a broadcaster is well thought of, though I will not mention being a lawyer or member of Parliament.

I recall his hotline show. I was on the show. Many of us were on the show. I recall him being outspoken and controversial on the show. It is not unusual to be a member of Parliament and be a former hotline reporter. The member for Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca did that as well.

• (1530)

It is very important, especially in British Columbia. Chuck and I were elected together along with many others in the House in 1979. Our ridings touched just a little bit. I represented Vancouver—Kingsway then as you know, Mr. Speaker, since you represent the next riding down, Vancouver South. Our ridings all went together: your riding of Vancouver South, my riding of Vancouver—Kingsway with a little touch of Burnaby and North Vancouver.

I remember in 1984 debating with Chuck on the *Jack Webster Show*. I remember being surprised at how strong Chuck's views were and what a keen debater he was. I should not have been surprised. I saw it again in the House and on different occasions.

He was the government Whip, which is a tough job I am told. He did it well. I was surprised that he was the government Whip in a way because he was so independent. Whips are not traditionally that independent and outspoken but Chuck certainly was.

I recall that during the little incident where the Mace came up and hit me in the House of Commons that he was one of the few people who got up and defended me. I do not think he was defending my actions which were not really defensible, but I think some of the members were getting a little holier than thou in their speeches. Chuck got up and corrected that.

I remember sending him a note saying: "I owe you one. I will send you a bottle of whiskey," but being a Scotsman I never got around to sending the whiskey. I regret that. Chuck, wherever your spirit is, I want you to know I am thinking about you. I owe you one and I am thinking about you now.

Outspoken, a sense of humour, a good human being: What more can one say about someone? I think that is a great tribute to him.