



*Arne and Steffi Siegel*

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we share the sad news that our beloved friend, Arne Siegel, passed away on Friday, June 23 in Montana.

Arne will always hold a special place in our hearts. He was one of a kind, a selfless man who dedicated his entire life to serving others and trying to make the world a better place. His list of involvement and impact with SAE alone would fill a book - supporting AWIM, funding awards, serving on boards and creating a legacy society - just to name some highlights.

Arne spent his professional life working to save lives by making cars safer. He was instrumental in creating the first child car safety seats and developing crash test dummies. He was a brilliant man who seemed to know something about

everything and he always had a thoughtful perspective to add to any conversation (preferably over a glass of wine or brandy).

But more impressive than his intellect was his heart. He not only loved and adored his beautiful wife Steffi and his children and grandchildren but he truly loved all people. He cared deeply and passionately about the future of the world.

Arne "walked the walk". Many people talk about making a difference but Arne rolled up his sleeves and gave generously of his time and his funds to a myriad of causes he believed in. He was passionate about many things, including Montana, nature and the arts but perhaps most of all, he was passionate about education.

Arne knew that education could level the playing field and serve as a path out of poverty. He understood that the world was becoming increasingly high-tech (even if he was often frustrated by technology) and that young people needed to think critically and understand math and science if they were going to be able to qualify for good jobs.

It's hard to explain Arne to someone who hasn't met him. They simply don't make them like him anymore. He was always a gentleman and always thinking of others before himself. Though he achieved great success and received numerous awards and recognitions, he remained humble - a simple man with simple goals: to make a difference, to take care of his family and to leave the world a little better than he found it.

Arne's motto was "take a little, leave a little and we'll all have some". He and Steffi found this saying written inside a cupboard door in a small cabin they came across while hiking in Montana when they were first married. The phrase stuck with them and it became their mantra.

Everyone who was lucky enough to spend time with Arne came away a little bit smarter and much more inspired to "do good better". In fact, it was impossible to not be inspired by Arne Siegel.

Arne will be remembered for all of this and more, for sure. But he will also be remembered for his gentle kindness, his sense of humor and genuine selflessness.

Arne would understand our sadness over losing him and our need to mourn this great loss but he would expect us to carry on his legacy; to work passionately towards providing all children with access to high-quality education and, most of all, to treat each other with kindness and compassion.

Arne Siegel will never truly be gone. He lives on in every single heart he touched and in the hearts of the generations to come whose lives will be better because of him.