



Just A Thought

Tim Russert
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The long serving news man and host of MEET THE PRESS, passed away this afternoon.

There are few people who can hold an audiences trust when delivering the news, be it from horrific attacks on our country, to just talking about their home town. Tim Russert was one of those people.

How the man still seemed to be a nice guy after hosting MEET THE PRESS for a few decades is a testament to who the man was.

While I didn't always agree with everything he said and believed in, I respected and trusted him.

Anyone remember him bringing out the dry erase board on the 2000 election night? The man was delivering serious news, but he still managed to keep some well done humor in there. Hell, just a few days ago, he announced that Obama would be the candidate for the democratic party. I mean, the man had a plaque beneath his desk that read, 'THOU SHALT NOT WHINE'.

Aside from Peter Jennings, I can't imagine another news person passing away that would affect me so much. At 58, it is a tragedy that this man is no longer with us.

For me, what gives me some comfort, is the fact that the man died while getting ready for his weekly show today. He died doing what he loved. That's not just a newsman, it's a very lucky person.

My heart goes out to his wife, son, father (Big Russ), and the



countless others who will no doubt miss him. Be it the people who he had worked with, interviewed, or just people like me who invited him in to our home on the television set.

Mr. Russert, thank you, and goodnight.

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