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September 8, 1976

Dear Mrs. Vestal:

The sad news of Bud's death has reached me, and I want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

I have always had a high regard for Bud's ability and his accomplishments, and I join his many friends and colleagues in expressing to you my deep sympathy during this difficult time. I hope that the memories of the life you shared will lighten your burden of sorrow and that God's love will give you courage and strength.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marion S. Vestal get touthers overselve and at 4635 Seneca Drive Okemos, Michigan 48864 Anne Description

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Bud Vestal died of cancer 9/6/76.

Former Grand Rapids reporter who wrote biography on the President.