Tom Moses

In my book two qualities define the irreducible minimum of manhood --

Impeccable integrity, and Fortitude -- Courage and staying power; or -- as Tom’s WW II fellow paratroopers must have often remarked, “guts.”

Tom Moses exemplified both of these qualities and they served him well in the role for which I remember him best, the quintessential civil libertarian. He was a remarkable blend of toughness and sensitivity. He never hesitated nor wavered whether speaking truth to power or representing interests of those unable to speak for themselves.

Tom is gone now. I for one will miss his inspiration plus the reassurance that he’s out there somewhere, standing his ground and fighting back. If he set the bar too high for the rest of us, he never failed to clear it himself. This was a man so badly needed by the world, yet so briefly glimpsed by his fellow mortals.

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