



INTRODUCTION OF BUD PIERCE

William C. “Bud” Pierce, M.D., Ph.D. is the senior partner of Oregon Oncology Specialists, one of the last physician-owned oncology practices in the Northwest. Annually, the practice cares for thousands of patients with serious blood disorders and cancer.

Dr. Pierce was raised in a small Southern California town in a happy, close-knit family. His dad was a public school janitor, and his immigrant mom was a homemaker. When his father passed away suddenly when Bud was 14, he soon began part-time work after school and on weekends at the Air Force Base market as a bagboy, working only for tips. There he learned the great lessons of his work life: work fast and hard (more orders packed meant more chances to earn tips), know your craft (don’t break the eggs!), and be nice to your customers (or they won’t give you a tip).

Around the age of five, Bud said that he wanted to be doctor and he achieved his dream, receiving his M.D. and PhD degrees from UCLA. With the summer off between his second year of medical school and the beginning of his Ph.D. program, he proudly entered military service by enlisting in the U.S. Marines. He spent the summer of 1979 in Marine Corps boot camp MCRD as an enlisted Marine. He would serve the next six years as an enlisted marine reservist, and he would again serve in the United States Naval Reserve as a doctor during his medical training.

Dr. Pierce is well-known for philanthropy. He is a founding member and former president of the Medical Foundation of Marion & Polk Counties and participated as a medical provider through the foundation’s Project Access program. He also served on the boards of the Salem Cancer Institute and the Salem Hospital Foundation, The Salem Fire Foundation, and the United Way to name a few. He was president of the Oregon Medical Association. He received the Physician Service Excellence Award from Salem Hospital in 2005, was Salem’s First Citizen in 2011, and was recognized by the Oregon State Legislature in 2012 for his work in the community.

One of the darkest days in Bud’s life came on December 1st, 2020 when on the same day he announced his run for governor, his wife Selma was struck by a truck while walking with her son and the family dog. She was killed instantly, it was just after 5:00 at night. This event will forever change who Bud Pierce is and how he looks at life. He took three months off from being a gubernatorial candidate to reflect and regroup and after about 10 days, Bud went back to work to continue following his passion of serving people afflicted with cancer.

Dr. Bud Pierce announced that he would seek the Republican Nomination for Governor of Oregon in the 2022 election. As Governor, Bud will work to make Oregon safer and more prosperous, vastly improve K-12 education, and end homelessness once and for all.

