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**Mr PEARCE** (Fitzroy—ALP) (11.23 p.m.): I stand in this place, the Parliament of Queensland, to pay tribute to the late Stanley Charles Radloff, who sadly passed away on 16 September this year. Stan Radloff was one of those men who was not happy unless he was doing something for his local community. Stan will be remembered by some members in this place as a councillor and chairman of the Mount Morgan Shire Council.

As a councillor for 30 years and six years as shire chairman, Stan was a man who understood that he had only a small budget to work with when planning for his beloved town of Mount Morgan. However, that did not stop him from knocking on the doors of people who might be able to help him pay for something that might make Mount Morgan a better place. He was as honest as they come, never asking for a special consideration, only a fair go for the people of the town and the shire. Because of that, Stan was respected throughout the central Queensland local government community and by the many State Government departments that he worked with.

Stan was a good friend to me and often pulled me aside at functions or in the street to offer information that he had learned from talking to the people. I trusted him and respected him because, despite his many years of experience in the community, at no time did he attempt to tell me how to do my job as a local member. However, I knew that if Stan Radloff pulled me aside to have a chat, I should listen, because he was a people's man who knew what was being said and what was happening at the grassroots level. He once told me that most of the money that he earned as a councillor went back into Mount Morgan through donations and the purchase of raffle tickets. I often had it said to me that Stan paid his own way when doing council business, because to him it did not seem right that the ratepayers should pay.

He represented the people of Mount Morgan on the hospital board and on the fire board. He worked with local Scouts and Girl Guides groups and he played an active role in the Mount Morgan Community Service Club. He was also involved in the town's counter-disaster organisation and spent many hours working for the benefit of the community with the local ambulance committee.

Stan was a generous and kind man who loved his family. It was not until his funeral service that I realised just how much he was thought of by family members. His sons, Warren and Harold, along with sister Michelle, spoke from the heart about a man whom they loved. They spoke about how their father had been a decent and loving husband to their mother, Lenora, and a good father to them as children.

Stan was a man who did not look to take credit for what he did. He loved his family and the town of Mount Morgan. His other love was the Labor Party. I will always remember his strong dislike of the conservative Governments in Queensland for their failure to appropriately fund local initiatives because Mount Morgan was a strong Labor town. We often talked about the decision of the National Party Government to pull up the rail line between Mount Morgan and Rockhampton. That decision ripped the heart out of Mount Morgan's future tourism potential. It hurt Stan because that rail link had played such an important role in the building of Mount Morgan.

Stan Radloff spent most of his life serving the people. There was nothing that he would not do for a person in need. For those of us who have had the honour of knowing Stan, we are blessed. We have known a man who had a big heart and whose spirit will continue to walk the streets of Mount Morgan, watching over the town and touching the hearts of those who loved and respected him. Like so many others, I will always be grateful for having known Stan Radloff.