

## **The Honorable Clarence J. “Bud” Brown Jr. U.S. Representative of Ohio (1965–1983)**

### **Father-Son Moment**

Representative Brown recalls a light moment he had with his father in the car.

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We did have one funny experience. When I was editing a paper, he frequently asked me to drive him to a speech or something, and we were driving one day. And something came on the radio about Ollie Bolton, Frances Bolton’s son, buying a group of weekly newspapers up around Cleveland for 3 million bucks. Now you got to think back to when 3 million bucks was 3 million bucks. It isn’t anymore. But the point is that I then said to my Dad, “How did a young guy like Ollie Bolton get three million bucks for this purpose?” And his response was to say, “Well now, son, it’s like I’ve been telling you. You got to work hard at what you’re doing, you got to get up every morning and meet people working for the paper, and so forth and so on.” He said at the end of it, “It doesn’t hurt to have a mother that’s worth \$50 or 60 million.” And I said, “Dad, I’m doing my part, are you doing yours?” And he wouldn’t speak to me for the rest of the trip.