



## Michael R. Stone

December 8, 1952 - July 16, 2016

### Obituary of Michael Stone

Michael R. Stone, 63, of Leesburg, Florida passed away Saturday, July 16, 2016 in Jacksonville, Florida. He was born December 8, 1952 in Sanford, Florida, the son of the late Gerald and Sheila Stone. Mike retired with 25 years of service in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. His career began as an intern in Terre Haute, Indiana. From there he transferred to Lexington, Kentucky where he met his wife Kathy, to whom he was married to for 34 years. From Lexington, he worked in various capacities in Otisville, NY, The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA, FCI Tallahassee, USP Atlanta, MCC Miami, and FCC Coleman, FL. He graduated from Garfield High School in Terre Haute, Indiana in 1971. He received his Associate's degree from Northeastern Oklahoma A & M, where he played football on a scholarship, a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana State University where he also played football and his Master's Degree in Correctional Administration from Eastern Kentucky University in 1978. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; son, Christopher of Jacksonville, Florida and daughter, Rachel, of Nantucket, Massachusetts; brothers, Matt (Becky), Naples, Florida, Mark (Susie), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Patrick (Jenny) Terre Haute, Indiana; Sisters, Jerri Barnard (Curt), Terre Haute, Indiana; Mary Monroe (Jerry), Terre Haute, Indiana. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Germany. During Mike's 21 years in Lake County, he gave selflessly to numerous boards

and projects. Among his most significant accomplishments was his tireless dedication to coaching youth soccer. He almost single-handedly built the Lake County Soccer League and the Hickory Point Soccer Complex to the level at which they are operating today. Mike spent thousands of hours coaching, maintaining the fields, refereeing and searching for donations and grants to ensure a quality program and playing fields for local youth. For the past 15 years he ran the Hickory Point Soccer Invitational which was the largest high school tournament in Florida. Again, he did it almost all of it by himself, putting in countless hours looking for sponsorships, making up schedules, arranging accommodations and maintaining the fields. For the past three years, the tournament raised enough funds to enable significant donations to the "For Kid's Sake Foundation," a non-profit organization supporting families who have children experiencing pediatric cancer. This Foundation was near and dear to Mike's heart and he supported it with tremendous passion. He reached out to a family who had recently lost a child to cancer and honored them at the tournament in December 2015. He always was the first to step up where there was a need. He coached JV Volleyball at Leesburg High School when there was a vacancy needing to be filled. He was instrumental in the Leesburg High School original gym floor project, leading the way in selling sections to raise funds for the Athletic Boosters. He served on boards for the Central Florida Sports Commission, The Educational Foundation of Lake County, The Salvation Army and Lake County Parks and Trails. He chaired the Lake County Public Safety Coordinating Council and the Miracle Field Committee, which recently dedicated a new field for special needs children. In January 2016, he took over as interim CEO of the Central Florida Sports Commission and was instrumental in coordinating and supporting key athletic events in Orlando and surrounding counties. His love of sports made this job extra special to him. Mike never missed his children's activities, including traveling to every away game, and often organizing rides, food and concession stand operations. He particularly loved watching them on the soccer field and the teams always new Mike Stone would be there either coaching or cheering

them on. He coached his children Chris and Rachel over the years and to this day, many of the children he coached tell of the positive impact he had on them. Mike's love of salt water fishing started while living in Miami and some of his happiest times were on the water with his family teaching them how to fish and catch lobster. He was a natural captain on a boat and thrived in that role. Mike left a legacy in so many places, including his career, volunteer activities and with his lifelong Terre Haute friends and Lake County friends, but most importantly, with his family. He was an amazing husband and father and will be missed forever. A viewing will be held Friday, July 22, 2016 at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL from 6-8 pm. A service will be held on Saturday, July 23 at 11 am at Morrison United Methodist Church, Leesburg, FL. A reception will be held in the fellowship hall following the service. Burial will be Monday, July 25, 2016 at 11 am at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, where he will be buried with Military Honors. For those who wish to honor Mike, donations can be made to the Mike Stone Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Educational Foundation of Lake County, 2045 Pruitt Street, Leesburg, FL 34748, or to the For Kid's Sake Foundation at [www.MaliaCrushesCancer.com](http://www.MaliaCrushesCancer.com).

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Michael R. Stone*

Roberta Watts - July 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

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Roberta Watts - July 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *I am so very sorry to hear that Mike has passed on. He and the whole Stone family have been special neighbors and friends for many years. I pray your happy memories will bring comfort to your family.*

Donna Garrison - July 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Dear Kathy and Family, We are shocked and saddened to learn of Mike's death. What a great roommate, friend, and co-worker. He lived a good and full life and will always remain larger than life in our hearts. Our thoughts are with you...*

Steve and Laura Sales - July 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Michael R. Stone*

Chuck Williams - July 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Carl and I are very sad to hear about Mike and our prayers go out to all his family and friends. He was a very nice man and a good neighbor, and will be missed by all who knew him. Carl and Susan

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**Carl & Susan Lingo** - July 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

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**Char LaBelle** - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WP

*“ Kathy, sympathies to your loss as well as all whom Mike touched with his positive spirit. I can always remember leaving the USP and riding out there to the Training Dept. and having a very humorous chat with Mike in his office. He always made me return chuckling at either the topic of conversation or the craziness we found ourselves in working for the company. His passing has left a large sadness.*

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**Wayne Phillips** - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

*“ Michael R. Stone*

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**Char LaBelle** - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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*“ A great friend, Leader, and example for all. Rest in Peace my friend.*

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**Char LaBelle** - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

*“ I was so sorry to hear of Mike's untimely passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time if there is anything at all I can do to assist you I hope you know I am just a phone call away.*

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**Joyce Coufal** - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

*“ Please know I was not aware of Mr. Stone's passing away until Mitt phoned me this morning with a heavy heart sharing this news because I have been out of state. As his obituary reads his was truly all of those things, and more. As a parent I always admired, and respected Mr. Stone. He was truly a class act. Our deepest sympathy. Love, Katherine*

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**Katherine Stevens (Mitt's Mom)** - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am praying for you and your family. Mike was truly a great man with a big heart. He was always kind and caring. ---Sirbrenna Martin

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DH

“ Remembering the good days!!! Laughing about our dart game with Matt. bahahaha Thanks for being such a great pal. xoxo

Denise Lemont Brokaw Helms - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ The world was better because of you & your generous heart. May your family find comfort in the fact that you are now wrapped safely in God's arms. Rest in peace Mike Stone.

Mark & Cathi Swander - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mike was Dominic's soccer coach when he played in the City League. Your family is in our prayers.

Holly Giannini - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mike and I had a lot of great memories in high school. I was glad to have known him. and played sports with him. He was a great person. Sorry for your loss. He is gone way too soon. Garfield Class of 1971.

Mike and Pam Schalburg - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Kathy, wishing you and your family peace and strength during this difficult time. I will always remember Mike's generous heart and smiling face. Please accept my sincere condolences.

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**Shawn Sharbaugh** - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Mike, will never be replaced. Great man! RIP.

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**Craig Brown** - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

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**Roberta Swords** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Rosa Howard** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Mike put his hand in Jesus's and began his journey home; and though we cannot see them now, we know he's not alone. Believers have the comfort that their precious Saviour gives, that though our body dies on earth in heaven our soul lives! So take the Father's other hand, and let Him lead you on, he will comfort and protect you, as you try to carry on. Put all your faith in Jesus, He alone can bring you through, and when you reach the other side, Mike's waiting there for you. Our deepest sympathies to this wonderful man's family and friends. Truly one of a kind in every respect. With Christian love from your BOP friends, Linda and JJ CLARK

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**Linda and JJ Clark** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**C.J. Eisman** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Kathy, deepest condolences to you and your family. Brian and I have only the fondest memories of working with Mike while at FCC Coleman. He was truly one of a kind and always had a knack for making everyone around him feel good. He will be missed by the many lives he has touched. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Brian and Brenda

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**Brian and Brenda Ford** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ What a GREAT man. The world is indeed a better place due to Mike being in it. I met and talked with Mike quite a bit a Hickory Point when my son Clay was playing. I am so sorry for your loss. God Bless you.

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**Johnny Walters** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Rest in peace dear friend.*

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**Roberta Swords** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *My heart breaks with this news. Mike was one of a kind who loved people and life. He was a person you could always count on. If he said he would take care of it, he did. I know he and Eddie, my late husband, are sharing memories with one another right about now. And I am sure Eddie was at the head of the line to welcome him to his new home on the other side of heaven. Mike had a heart as big as his laughter which was always catching. You couldn't help but feel happy in his presence. He was my boss and friend while working at FCC Miami and always had my back. I will cherish the many memories of time working and spent socially with Mike and Kathy. My prayers to Kathy, Chris and Rachel and all the extended family that you may know the peace that surpasses all understanding at this time. Love and blessings to all. Mike may you extend of hand of peace from time to time to all our lives. Roberta Swords.*

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RH

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**Rosa Howard** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *To the Stone Family. So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I met him when I worked at FCC Coleman. I enjoyed his humor and knowledge Kathy I will keep you and YIR family in my prayers.*

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**Rosa Howard** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

C.

“ I am devastated by the news of Mikes passing....I.was at the Indy 500 with him this year and he looked.great. Im in total shock. As a cancer survivor who was given no hope I have to wonder why such a great man did not get that chance....Prayers to all his family....I have cried tears for.days..

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**C.J.Eisman** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I just wanted to add: Keep your faith. You will all see Mike again in Heaven. That is God's promise to the believers. I truly, truly believe this promise.....and smile. We will see those we love again if we really believe. God comfort you all in your time of sorrow. Deepest sympathies, Marilyn English (childhood friend of Mike's) Terre Haute, IN. Emarilyn2004@aol.com

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**Marilyn English** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Although, i only went to grade school with him, I thought he was a wonderful person way back then. Sounds like he had such a wonderful life...He is with God now....and all his beloved friends and family that passed before him. I know he will be missed at the Garfield H.S. reunion in August...I'm sure everyone will have a moment of silence for all the class members who have passed on too soon.....Thoughts of love and prayers of support are sent to all your family..and to Mike's friends...He is gone, but not forgotten. Blessings, Marilyn English Terre Haute, IN. Emarilyn2004@aol.com

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**Marilyn English** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Cathy, Christopher and Rachel. No word's can express my sadness for the loss of Mike. He was a wonderful man. I hold a special place in my heart for all of you. The memories I have of Miami, fishing, diving, playing volleyball and yes, even Andrew, will forever bring a smile in sad times. Love to all, Shari Dunlap

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**Shari Dunlap** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Kathy, condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Thank you Mike for helping so many. God Bless you.

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**Larry, , Patty and Ashley Jacobson** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GC

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**Garry Cook** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Growing up in Terre Haute was great. I will always remember Mike the way we were back then. A group of guys that played football together for several years. Mike was always a ferocious athlete. He left nothing out on the field. He was kind and caring off the field. The military separated most of us after graduation. We all had new lives, loves and careers. I also ended up with the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Terre Haute. Mike had already promoted and transferred. I will forever have Mike and the family in my heart. Some day we will see each other again brother. Love to his family.

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**Garry Cook** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Too young to be gone. Mike Stone, you will be missed. We Have such great memories of good times with you. Kathy we are praying for peace and comfort for you and the kids during this difficult time. Friends forever. George and Julie Sneed*

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“ *May the love of God surround you during this time of sorrow. Look to your memories for comfort, your friends for understanding, and to your faith for hope and peace. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Angela Lackey** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Your kindness will always be in our hearts. RIP Mike*

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**Jose and Mariaelena Acebal** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Kathy, My condolences to you and your family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Mike will be missed and remembered as a great humanitarian who always cared about others. Sincerely Jose and Mariaelena Acebal*

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**Tim Gribbin** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *Kathy, So very sorry for your loss. As everyone has already said - Mike was extra special in all that he did. Just know that he loved his family very much. Annette & Phil Evans*

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**Annette & Phil Evans** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *So sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with the Stone family.*

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**Kim Miles** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Mike was SO many things to so many people..all good & great. He was the face & foundation as we opened the facility at FCC Coleman. Reading all the condolences I concur about what a fantastic human being that he was. A life that was snuffed out way TOO early. Love & prayers to all.*

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**Carol Springer** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ *I worked with Mike at Lake county soccer for a couple of years. He had a positive impact on countless Lake county kids including my own.He gave so much of himself to others, his passing will be mourned by many. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Tony Emelianchik** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mike taught me how to: Eat chili cheese fries Never pass trash or a weed without bending over to pick it up Putt between my legs backward Break up a fight to save a life Referee soccer professionally, talk to the players, best positions for a ref during a free kick, and just have a ball doing it Drive a vehicle in traffic Never say no to a request When to leave a bad situation Bluff in poker Be nice to everybody When and how much to tip Ignore a cut or bruise and it won't bother you anymore No such thing as a bad volunteer Love everybody, love your family, and love life

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**Mac** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Mike was a great guy. We played football at Garfield (1969 season). He was one of my early friends when I moved to Terre Haute in 1969. Always had a smile on his face and a positive attitude . Rest in Peace Mike!

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**Bob Spruill** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

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**Linda Skolnik** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Our prayers and love are with you Kathy, Chris, Rachel and family. Mike was a tremendous man and selfless friend. He blessed everyone he interacted with. Our lives are truly richer because of his contributions to us and our community. The void he leaves is filled with memories of him mentoring our sons, lovingly caring for each and every player, huge smile and embrace like you were the most important person in the world. He was amazing. I consider my life blessed to be able to have him as a friend. Rest in peace Mike. Love, Linda, Adam and the Crew

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**Linda Skolnik** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ May you rest in peace Mike. I know that it will be hard for you to do...because you never slowed down. Lots of love to the family.

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**Shawna Schultz** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Kathy, Chris, and Rachel. We have lost a man that was filled with a big heart and a lot of humor. He will never be forgotten! I send up my love to you Mike! Game On!

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**Shawna Schultz** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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*Debra Willis*

*FCC Coleman*

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**Roberta Cottingham Adelman** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Karen Stone** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Mike Nalley** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Prayers and condolences to Kathy and all the family of Mike stone. We will always have special memories of Mike and Kathy.###GESTURE###

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**Allyson & James Holloway** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Debra Mills Johnson** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Maria Cesca and Piero Falci** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Susan Jula** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

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**Pat Hall** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CV

“*Kathy and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you, may you find comfort in your wonderful memories. God Bless*”

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**Cathy Vescovi** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“*Just want to send my condolences to the family of Mike. I just read his outstanding obituary and it brought a tear to my eye about all the things he has accomplished with his wife, family, and friends! Mike a was a giver and a change agent wherever he lived and especially with the youth of America! His accomplishments were many but the people that knew him the most knew the most important thing his life was his family. As for my on experiences with Mike, I had the experiences of staying at the Stones house several times, enjoying the high school days together, and being in Germany as soldiers in 1973 and hanging out together...., and just in recent years speaking to him at the Indy 500! Thanks Mike for all the people you have impacted and RIP BROTHER!! Rick*”

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**Rick all Stevens** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ A generous man with a generous heart . We are privilege to have known him. The world is a better place having him in it. You will be missed. To Kathy and kids our sincere condolence.

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**Bob and Laurie Goold** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ My heart and my prayers go out to Kathy, Rachel, Chris and family in this time of deep sorrow and loss. Mike left an indelible mark on all our us who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will not be forgotten. I am so grateful for having known him, for his guidance, encouragement and the support he provided to my boys. Mike is an amazing man. Truly kind, caring, fun loving- a role model for men, young or old in our community. Thank you Kathy for generously sharing Mike all theses years with us soccer families. I pray God's loving arms will wrap around you tightly and comfort you. I pray knowing what a Godly man Mike is will give you strength assuring you he is now enjoying his eternal life and will be waiting to be with you again when God calls you home. In deepest sympathy and in love.

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**Regina DeMarco** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ So sorry for your loss. I know my path crossed his at some point working at the Bureau of Prisons.

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**Linda Eade** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My prayers wre with the family during this difficult time. Mike will truly be missed.

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**Mary Grayson** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *As a fellow BOP retiree, our thoughts and prayers go to you and your family during this difficult time.*

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KR

“ *To the Stone Family and Friends... I remember Mike as a Lieutenant at FCI Otisville. He was a great Lieutenant, always fair and honest with his staff and well liked by his superiors. I hope that his family can find comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

Kathy Grabowski, FCI OTV retiree - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *My condolences to your family. I am very honored to have known Mike over the years my kids were at Leesburg High School. He was always helpful wherever he was needed. May he Rest In Peace! God Bless your family.*

Valerie Ferrer - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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SG

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**Susan Gerlinski** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

*“ I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Mike in Tallahassee. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. He will be missed by many.*

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**Marsha Hall Hogan** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

*“ Mike was a one of a kind guy. The Educational Foundation will miss him. We are praying for strength for Kathy and the entire family. We will forever remember all of the great things Mike has done. Love you man.*

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**Doug Major** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Michael R. Stone*

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**Mike Nalley** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Mike was a friend, a mentor, a great human being, an EXEMPLARY employee of the Federal Bureau of Prisons for 25 years. I started my career at FCI Lexington, Kentucky. From day one Mike took care of me like a brother, showed me the ropes, I was blessed to have been mentored by Mike. We both served proudly in the United States Army, and we would not hesitate to tell those who did not serve in the ARMY that we served in the oldest branch of the military! Of course that comment was met with many comments from those who served proudly in the other branches of the Armed Forces. Mike always called me and congratulated me every time I was promoted. He was good to so many of us in the BOP. Mike was always upbeat, there was never a problem in his world, he always viewed problems as a challenge to excel in the task or the mission. Mike was not your typical man, he had pride in every assignment, every day! He spoke about his family often and loved them ALL to pieces. His qualities were many, to many to list, Mike was a HERO in my world and so many others. He touched the mind and hearts of so many! God Bless Mike, Kathy, Chris, Rachel and all there family. With deepest sympathy, Mike Nalley*

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**Mike Nalley** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *My name is Sandra Gregory. I am a friend and relative of Jama Acuff. We were introduced to Mike and his family while both Jama and Mike lived in Riverdale, GA. we are so sad for your loss. May you find solace with prayer and hugs.*

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**Sandra Gregory** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Michael R. Stone*

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**Chris Williams** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Knew Mike and Kathy from Bureau, Lexington, Ky. They both helped me through some tough spots. I know they helped me with employment. My life is richer for having Mike in my life. Thank you Mike and Kathy and accept the love and gratitude around you. Prayers and blessings to your wonderful adult children.*

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**Cynthia Schmitz** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Mike was a true leader, a Captain and I could call him a friend. He is already missed and it is with great sorrow I write this little note. I have some great memories and he was always a positive and fun guy. Kathy and your famil, big and strong hugs to you and them. I'm getty ready to head down to Rio for the Olympics, or I believe I would make the journey to Florida topay my respects. Mike will always be in my memory, I thought the world of him. May he Rest in Peace.*

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**Randy Parsons** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Prayers and condolences to Kathy and all the family of Mike stone. We will always have special memories of Mike and Kathy.*

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**Allyson & James Holloway** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Deepest sympathies to all of the Stone family. May God bless you and comfort you thru the coming days. Even though I only talked to Mike twice in the past 35 years - still considered him a dear friend, and cherish the time we had together in high school and Terre Haute. Great man - he will be missed.

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**Jay Skitt** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!

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**Paul Rykowski** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ So sorry for the loss of your father/ husband. He was a loving, caring man that will be missed by so many. Prayers to the family.

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**Gayle Lee Negri / Renata Negri Porak** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I pray that Kathy, Chris, and Rachael will be comforted with all the precious memories of Mike. I have many memories that make me smile. One time I was very upset about something and I called Mike at work. He took out time to pick me up and just drive me around at USP Atlanta talking. I left much improved. I met him in about 1978 at FCI Lexington where we worked together. He was the life of the party no matter what kind of party it was. We worked together again at the Law Enforcement Training Center. He was a coworker who could be counted on. I have many memories of fun times with him and Kathy. Then the big event was the birth of Christopher. Through the years we have visited many times but even when we had not seen each other for long periods of time I would just smile when I thought of him. He was just an overall good person. My love to Kathy, Christopher and Rachael.

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**Jama Acuff** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Kathy and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Mike. He was always laughing and causing others to laugh. That's how I will remember him. Sincerely, Cathy

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**Cathy Bender** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Love and Prayers for His family through this very difficult time and days ahead. Tami Bjorn Roosa

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**Tami Bjorn Roosa** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Kathy and Family, We have so many wonderful memories of Mike the Team player. He always was looking out for the best interest of everyone at Coleman. He was the first person that new staff met at Coleman and welcomed all. You are in our prayers and Mike will always be remembered with great fondness and love.

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**Paul and Laurie McDonald** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Kathy, Chris and Rachel, I was saddened to hear this news. Mike was a wonderful man, husband and father, and will be missed by many who knew him and who were recipients of his love and guidance. To us, he was everything soccer. He loved it so much and loved being there for the kids...his kids and so many others. Please accept my condolences. Love and blessings, Elaine

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**Elaine** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I had the honor of working with Mike from 1996 to his retirement in 20013. He was one of the first BOP staff I met. He was one of the nicest people I have ever worked with. He was the first to step in and help. He was a true leader. After his retirement, no matter what community event we saw him at or how busy he was, he could run over to say hello, shake hands and get a hug. I have the greatest admiration for both Mike and Kathy. They have always been there for their family, their friends and their community. I am proud I worked with both of them and I speak for hundreds of BOP staff when I say: Mike was a good man, a great co-worker and a wonderful friend and mentor. He will be missed.

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**Chuck Bailey** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Michael R. Stone*

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**Debra Mills Johnson** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family. I remember Mike from Garfield . He was always a stand up guy. I'm sure he will be missed by many people who's lives he touched*

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**Debra Mills Johnson** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Simply a great man taken too soon. No amount of words can mend the heartache you are feeling. So many are sharing this loss with you and wish you nothing but comfort Kathy, Chris, & Rachel. May you be enveloped with love and peace and somehow it helps, even a tiny bit, get you through this most painful time. We sure are going to miss Mike. Seeing his smile always brought a smile. Love to you all~Randy, Janis, Randi and Ryan*

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**The Alberry Family** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ My deepest sympathy to Kathy and the family. I worked with Mike and Kathy in Lexington and Mike always had a ready smile and a kind word. I will remember him as one of the best I knew during my career with the BOP.

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**Pat Gardner** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Mike was a fixture at FCC Coleman where we first met. He was a friendly guy and, by and large, easy to get along with. We shared many golfing memories as he was fond of playing with Steve Inger, Carlos Albizu and myself whenever Steve was in town. In times of crisis, he was, ironically, both the glue and the grease that kept things together and rolling along smoothly. Though the flame of his life has been extinguished, the light of his memory will shine forever bright.

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**Ramon F Russe** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We were so sorry to hear about Mike. Our prayers are with Kathy and the family.

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**John & Teresa Gaither** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ On a fishing trip to Dale Hollow, Mike adopted me as the newest "rookie" who needed to be shown how to fish As captain of the boat he initiated me to the finer points of "navigation" and how to "enjoy life." Through that trip and many fishing trips to Canada and golf trips to Florida, I came to know a kind and gentle Mike whose friendship I treasure. At the recent wedding of Haley Merrill on Anna Maria, Mike proceeded to charm my wife, Carol, with his good humor and heart. Having a gentleman's tear and great memories of a good friend. Rest in peace!

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**Arnie Brames** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ There not words for the gap this leaves in your family and this community. It was an honor, truly, to have known him and worked along side him in this community. I will never be the same. Having known him has bettered me. I'm thinking about you all. May God grant you peace. His legacy will live on and we thank you for sharing him with us. His heart and passion have changed this community forever.

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**Jennifer Rivera** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Mike. It is heartbreaking to hear that such a giving person has departed at such an early age.

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**Terri Silipo** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I'm honored to have worked with Mike and his wife Kathy at MCC Miami. Mike was a tremendous leader as a (AW) that everyone wanted to work for. Always there to help you, always had an "open door policy", with his staff. Called everyone by their first name, funny, witty as can be. I attribute my success of 27 years with the Bureau to what Mike taught me. You will be sorely missed my friend. My deepest condolences to Kathy and the Stone family.

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**Carlos Cano** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Michael R. Stone*

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**Maria Cesca and Piero Falci** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dear Kathy and family, Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

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**Maria Cesca and Piero Falci** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Chris and Family, Sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Becky & Dave Mannschreck** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Michael R. Stone*

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**Susan Julia** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My deepest condolences to the Stone family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. All the best, Lynn Sennett

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**Lynn Sennett** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Michael R. Stone*

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**Pat Hall** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Kathy, Rachael, and Chris: I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father. Mike was a one of a kind good guy who touched so many lives. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. RIP, Mike. Bunker Road won't be the same without you. You are in my prayers. Love, Pat Hall*

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**Pat Hall** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Kathy, our hearts go out to you and the family with the passing of Mike. He was an amazing person and we are honored to have known him. May he rest with angels.*

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**Lya and Karl Ashley** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I was born and raised to serve others, not my choice, but God's wish. Having been around the block, and then some, I've had the opportunity meet and work with thousands of people. Although I might be somewhat arrogant, I consider myself to be an exceptional judge of character. I'm certain Mike was an Angel on Earth. He was inspiration to me and I feel comfortable saying millions of others. Though I'm not too far behind him, I pray I could be half the man Mike was. I hope Kathy, Chris, and Rachel find peace knowing that Mike did everything he could and he'll be with us for ever and ever.

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**Tim Kuhn** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ I am sooo sad but sooo honored to have been a small part of Mike's life. He showed my kids what a true man looks like. His love for you Kathy, Rachel and Chris is one I can only dream of. You are blessed to have had such a dedicated man in your lives. Thank you for lending him to us, to take care of pur needs. My kids are heart broken over this loss too. He was like a dad to them. He saw them enjoy recreational soccer more than their own dad. He encouraged them in other areas beyobd soccer. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for that gift. I always appreciated that time because I knew it would make a life impact on my kids future. We can't say this enough, Mike will not be forgotten.

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**Alba Alonso** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Mike was one of the most sincere people I met during my tenure with the BOP. My heart and prayers are with Kathy and the family. May GOD bless you during this difficult time. Love to you all

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**Sheila Clayton Lowrance** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I will always remember walking up to the fields at Hickory Point and seeing Mr. Stone's gold truck. Even after I graduated and I would drive by and see it there, I would sometimes stop just to say hi. He always had a smile on his face and a warm hug and greeting. He was an amazing man, and I am very thankful to have known him. When I moved out here and started at the club he was one of the first friends my Dad made, and has always been a true friend. We will miss you very much.

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**Katelyn (Ramos) Romberg** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Condolences to the Stone family. I worked with Mike in Otisville. I met with Mike in Terre Haute when he used to come home for vacation. I visited Mike while he was in Coleman. I will miss him greatly. Such a great person and a great family man. Rest in peace my friend..

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**Tom clemmer** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Mike Stone blew into Tallahassee like a Tasmanian devil. He came to FCI as our Captain and made a great impression on everyone. I got to know him very well after working with him in the Employees Club. He did wonders for the staff and planned so many activities and events for us. ,He was such a team player and would give you the shirt off his back. I then had the pleasure of working with Mike again opening up the new facility at FCC Coleman, again working with him in the Employees Club and training. I have never met a man with more energy, kindness and willingness to get the job done for everyone's benefit. He had such a love for his beautiful family and friends that I always admired. He will definitely be missed by the many, many lives he has touched over the years. We love you, Mike!

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**Lee Antunes** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *The world has lost a great man that was truly a people person. His head never got to big, no matter how many things he accomplished in life. Thanks for all the memories Mike.*

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**A J Thomas** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Our condolences to his family. We will always remember what a good person he was. May his memory be a blessing.*

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**Brian and Sharon Reinblatt** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Michael R. Stone*

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**Karl Ashley** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *My deepest condolences for your loss. He was a great leader, mentor, inspiration and most of all friend. He will be deeply missed. The family and friends will be in my heart and prayers. Once again, sorry for your loss.*

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**Karl Ashley** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Mike Stone was an angel here on Earth. RIP Mike, I've always respected you greatly.*

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**Joe Cooper** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ My condolences and prayers to Kathy and the family. Mike was one of the best.

Roger Hays - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Kathy, You and your family are in our prayers. Mike was an awesome supervisor and friend to all. God bless you and yours, from the Dodson Family.

Mike Dodson - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I was so saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. We have great memories of working with Mike at Glynco. He will be missed. Prayers of comfort for Kathy and family.

Sally Hardman - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Michael R. Stone

Gerry Gatlin - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ I'll never forget the day I met him. He will be missed and in our hearts forever. May the Lord grant you peace and comfort during this time. Keeping you and your family in prayer.

Gerry Gatlin - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ Michael R. Stone

Irene Compton - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I met Mike in Glynco. He was my lead instructor when I attended in 1986. I had the pleasure of seeing him again a couple of times after that. He was one of the good guys. Prayers for the family and God bless you all.

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**Glen Clark** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ We are so sorry to learn of Mike's death. Our prayers are with Kathy, the children's and all family members at this difficult time.

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**Huberta & Eueal Merritt** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Stone Family I am so sorry for your loss. I have never met any of you, but feel that I know you because I knew Mike. I had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him on the Executive Board of the Sports Commission. Mike was a selfless leader that provided so much support for our organization. Anytime anyone needed to step up, Mike was the first to raise his hand. And more importantly he cared. He cared about the organization and he cared about the staff. Those kids looked up to him and he will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to you all. Michael Forde

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**Michael Forde** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Michael R. Stone

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**Glen Ray** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Sincere condolences from the Meany family, Joe, Traci, Brittany, Joey and Owen. Mike will be missed!

Traci Meany - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Dear beloved family of Michael Stone, please accept my condolences for your loss. We are living in a time where we experience so much pain, suffering, and sorrow. Soon we can look forward to a time when these things will not exist. Jesus' words at John 6:40 "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who recognizes the Son and exercises faith in him should have everlasting life, and I will resurrect him on the last day." May the hope in this scripture bring you comfort and strength to cope during this time of mourning.

Lois - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Mike was a great man and will be missed very very much..

Adam Ashton - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Michael R. Stone

Eron Smith - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ There are simply no words that can adequately express our sadness for this great loss. We love you guys. Please know that you are in our minds and hearts, now and forever. - The Davis Family (Dave, Karen & Megan)

Karen Davis - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael R. Stone*

July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *May your light shine forever Mike.*

**Debbie Wennerstrom** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had the honor and privilege to work with both Mike and his wife Kathy for many years at Coleman, and know their beautiful children. He was an extraordinary individual with the wonderful talent of making you smile and laugh and just being in his presence made you feel positive and grateful to know such a wonderful man. He will truly be missed by everyone who has ever come in contact with him and loved by so many for all the wonderful things he has done to make this a better world.*

**Debbie Wennerstrom** - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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