

A Good Life

This eulogy for a CoSA core member was presented by a corrections official.
(We shall call the core member Ken, and the eulogist will remain anonymous.)

*“I know your life on earth was troubled, and only you could know the pain
You weren't afraid to face the devil, You were no stranger to the rain
Your work is done here...go rest high on that mountain, son
Your work on Earth is done...”* (from a Vince Gill song)

Ken, you have had to face the devil, you have weathered some hard times, you have had to stand up to your demons and right-some-wrongs during your time on Earth. This is no easy feat for anyone and it has been a long hard road - for which you were fighting an honorable fight right until the end. We are all dealt certain hands in life and some hands are easier than others, but all of us have to deal with our troubled pasts, our character flaws, relationships we have harmed and thoughts about ourselves as human beings. None of this is easy. Ken, you have worked hard to overcome these things, repair the harm, and gain an understanding of where your troubles have come from. Ken, you were a human being with a past...and a human being who was making things better in the present...looking forward to a brighter future. Your determination to make things better for yourself and others is commendable and I know you were working hard to be the person you wanted to be, living the life you wanted to live. This is honorable.

Your time here brought smiles and laughter to everyone here from fellow residents, to commissionaires, to CSC staff. Your quiet but quick sense of humor will be missed. I will miss you...smiling as you walked by my office. You always took time to stop and talk and everyone could sense that you truly cared when you spoke to them. You made some great friends here and you will be truly missed. You have left your mark on the hearts of many of us and your memory will be with usyou will be thought of often and you will be thought of kindly.

Ken, you had many successes on your life's journey - a life's journey that was not all that easy. We hope that you can now rest and be at peace as our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Thank you ... for bringing smiles and laughter to this Earth while you were here with us.