

Mike Collins- A Tribute

Words - Ken Durand - based on worldwide tributes Music - Ken Durand © 2008

Basic arrangement and performance by Dan and Ken Durand

Mike Collins, a friend and colleague, headed the Perkins/Hilton program for Deafblind people around the world. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was an ardent fan and player of folk music. I played this song at his celebration of life in 2010. The lyrics are based on tributes sent in from around the world.

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1. A man of great faith, a man of family  
He thought of the parents as he worked with every child  
They are part of his legacy.

(Chorus)

He had that warm, from-the-depths-of-his-heart smile  
Touched folks all around the world.  
People in the bush praying to gods he never heard of  
You were blessed to call him friend (2x)

2. He lived with grace and wisdom, to each child brought dignity.  
With him you believed anything could happen  
With him it often did.

(Chorus)

3. Well we knew him, and are better for this.  
In the deafblind world he will always be remembered  
A giant among men.

(Chorus)

4. He had never ending humor, a child-like delight.  
Noon-time hook shot - never been blocked  
Mike was one of a kind.

(Chorus-for last verse)

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You were blessed to call him friend  
We were blessed to call him friend.