

Heroes Around Me
"The Unlikely Hero"

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One hero that I know of is Richard Phillips. There are many heroes but he is one of my favorites and he is special.

In 1972 Richard was sent to prison for murder. Even though he did not do it, people lied about what happened and Richard was sent to prison in a snap!

Richard stayed in prison for 45 years! But while he was in prison criminal defense attorneys were trying their best to help, even though they barely made any money. They all believed Richard when he said he did not hurt anybody.

After a long time working hard to free Richard the real bad guys told the truth. Even after finding out what really happened, the court still did not let him out for another 8 years!

While all of this was happening Richard was being kind and loving in prison. Wouldn't you want to be mean if you were there? Well not in this case!

When Richard went to prison he was 27. After he was let out he was 72. He missed lots of fun games, concerts and amusement parks.



Young Richard Phillips



Old Richard Phillips

Richard had two kids that were 2 and 4 when he had to go to prison. He has still not seen them even though he is not in prison anymore. Hopefully they will find him.

In his own words, this is what Richard said "I've never carried bitterness around so I'm not a bitter man." People say Richard is warm hearted and kind even after not getting his whole entire life basically.

Richard is a hero in my heart! I hope Richard lives to be 100 and gets to go on a roller coaster!