

Mike Voisin - Motivaitit Seafood - Houma, Louisiana left this world on Saturday February 2, 2013 for a far better place where families will one day be reunited.

Mike Voisin was always a shining light to help guide our seafood industry. It was my privilege to know and work with him for over thirty years. He was always a go-to-guy, not only for the shellfish industry in Louisiana, but for the entire fishing industry of the United States, especially serving as President of the the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation. Mike's dedication to the culture of the fishing industry was without peer.

Mike was with us in spirit last week, when GOIC and friends were in Washington, DC "Walking the Hill" for equity and recognition of the role we play as seafood producers. Our leader filling in for Mike was Chris Nelson, Bon Secour Fisheries and what a great job he did. Chris told the members of Congress about Mike's condition in every office we visited and asked for prayers. Mike would have been proud not only of Chris, but all of his friends who visited so many Congressional leaders. Much will be written about all of Mike's service on myriad commissions and boards, where he always emerged as a leader. His infectious smile, razor-sharp wit, gator-trapping handshake and lifelong integrity always brought him to leadership positions.

Mike Voisin was special to many people in many places. I loved Mike Voisin for so many reasons. I loved the way he treated sweet Sarah, as the love of his life....which she is and always will be. I loved the way he was proud to be a grandfather many times over. I loved the way he conducted meetings, without losing his temper, no matter how many Type A personalities, such as mine, were in the room arguing over fish issues. I loved the way that big, strong, articulate "Cajun" treated others in such a gentle, understanding and loving manner. I think most of all, in my own selfish way, I cherished the way he made me feel when I was in his presence.

God Bless Mike Voisin. God Bless Sarah, their children and grandchildren as they grieve. Mindy and I offer our deepest condolences at the passing of one of the best.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, Rest In Peace. Amen

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