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I'm not sure who I'm sending this to, but my brother, Tim Mingus from Texas, was one of the members of the team that went all the way across from the Pacific to the Atlantic. It was one of the most amazing things he did in his life and it was a pivotal event for him.

I'm so proud of him for doing this and a picture of him from the hike is my favorite photo (I still have his metal frame backpack and the J. R Ewing Oil Company cap he wore. I find myself going to the HikeANation website from time to time to see if any additional pictures are added and I catch one of Tim. Our youngest daughter is currently on vacation at Dark Canyon and I reminded her that Tim had hiked it and she was amazed. As I look at the website to see if there were any pictures of that portion of the hike, I saw the obituaries and realized that Tim's was not included. Tim died of a heart attack at the age of 53 in 2002. It was a huge loss for my other brother, Joe, and I in that we had just lost our mother a year and 9 days prior in 2001.

Would you post something on your website reflecting Tim's participation and his obituary and let the other hikers know that this event was a major milestone in his life, that he cherished every step he took and delighted in sharing it with those who loved the outdoors like he did. In later years, he would go to Gunnison and hike into the mountains just to find the solitude he so desperately needed. I think he was, at times, re-living the hike and the joy it gave him.

Thank you,

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Stacey Waring

So sorry to hear. He was such a character!

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Lyle Bialk

Sorry to hear this.

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Kim Capps

Wow, So sorry to hear! He was quite a character indeed! I hiked with him and Carl another character on the Hike in Nevada! Tim Had told me a story of leading his Mom to a little hide out him and his friend had across a creek! He got her to come see the fort and while coming and going through the creek it turned out his mom had gotten into the poison Ivy while scooching across a log over that creek! Poor woman he said she was miserable for weeks! He had us in stitches over his Moms sufferings!

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Janet Hartowicz -Parsons

So the long tall Texan put his legs to rest. Wonderful tribute by his sister.

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Gomer Pyles

One of Tim's earliest famous lines came during the early part of the hike in California where he developed blisters on both feet. He said, "I got two flat tires and no spares"..

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Doug Marshall

I remember at the 56-mile break during the 100 K from Washington to Harpers Ferry, Tim was asked by a reporter if his doing the 100K was just like a postman's holiday. Tim reply was "I think that I have had about as much fun as I can handle in a day". I also remember in the western area of VA or northeastern TN, Tim and Linda talked me into walking an extra 10 miles that day with the promise of a liquor store, Pizza Hut, and motel. Ended up walking about 26 miles that day, but most importantly found the liquor store.

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