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B., 69 years old, 40 years on death row in Florida

Thankfully, I am well after 40 years on death row, claiming my innocence from day one, when I was arrested for a murder I did NOT commit, nor had any prior knowledge too!!

Once I am proven innocence, my first goal is to establish a father to son relationship and the same with my daughter and the grandkids I have from my son and daughter!!

I still write to my son once a month, though he doesn't write, but every blue moon or two, usually looking for money or something from my dear sister, who has passed, so, it's not likely, I will hear from him again, though, I will continue to write him once a month, and let him know, he is in my heart, even though he doesn't respond to any of my letters! It's pretty obvious to me, they don't want any sort of relationship with me, as long as I am in this cage!!

Another goal I have, is to reconnect the love for horses. I am hopeful I can spend all my remaining years with horses and people who love them as much as I do!!

I will soon turn 69, though my body feels its age, my heart and mind says different!! I have matured with age, lost the temper I had and gained patience with perspective that I didn't have as a teenager.

Many years ago, a second cousin did a family tree on my mother's family, the Rice's, basically starting with three brothers, that came over from Ireland or Scotland, one of them marrying a daughter of a Mohawk chief, the start of my mother's family!! One of my many goals, once I am free of this wrongful conviction is to hopefully locate my Native American family along with locating the actual Rice family from Ireland or Scotland!!

Lastly through all of this I have not become cynical concerning my beliefs, that there are still caring and compassionate people in this world, to be sure!

My dear sister Virginia was one of those caring and compassionate people, she supported me for 34 years up till she passed away from cancer in August 2014!!

As for my personality, I am the same kind hearted person I have been since my teenage years, always willing to give a helping hand whenever needed, without expecting any sort of payback, except that of friendship!!

Over the years, I have been close to some that were real friends, stand up with me on the yard, cover my canteen needs, as I would do for them, to be sure!!

Others who, I'm okay with, will help out if they can and won't press for a return on any help they freely give!! Others, we enjoy talking about movies and or what's going on in the world.

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