

Mike Smith and I first crossed paths in 1992, and from that time a friendship developed that stands the test of time. We, which includes our wives share many commonalities. Mike and I have walked the streets of Talum, and we have sauntered down Burbon Street together. But perhaps the most intense passion we shared is that of Hawaii. We have visited Kauai, and the Big Island, but our favorite by far is the island of Maui. There we have fed a passion so intensely that it led to a tragic end.

Mike and I had a connection long before Calypso, and in this paper, I will elaborate a little more on that tangent that bonds us. But first, there are several places here on Calypso's web-site where you can witness our times together that focus on Calypso. You can find them on the "[Shorts](#)" page, the "[Track Details](#)" page and on the "[Shows](#)" page. But as shown here in this picture, you can see where he attempted to take a picture of himself wearing the new Calypso Shirt. That's a perfect example of a characteristic of my friend Mike that I love dearly, as it meshes with my own – INDEPENDENCE.



Mike and I both loved the independence of riding motorcycles on the islands of Hawaii, and particularly Maui. There you can, and we have ridden through the seven different climate zones that you can experience in one day. We have made the "turns" on the north/west coast that almost require 3-point turns. We have cruised the main street of Lahaina, and sadly we attempted our last ride together taking on the rise of Haleakala in time for the summer solstice. Sadly we did not make it due to the inept driving of an ignorant motorist.

That incident bonds us even more with exercises of the mind and soul; which we will cover in a pod-cast on the John Riley Project as soon as the COVID restrictions allow the videoing of the story. This picture of a simple Tee-Shirt is a link to the fulcrum of that story. Clicking on the picture will take you to the YouTube video that provides the introduction of the story.



You can also click on the frames of the other videos on YouTube that are examples of our times together on the island of Maui and our rides.

Maui Ride



Lahaina



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The Turn

