

About the Book:

Some people spend a lifetime looking for their life's purpose.

Others just know.

Eugene Verdu had a calling. From the time he was a child, he knew he was meant to help others by any means possible. *At Your Service* recounts this universally loved man's extraordinary life as a teacher and philanthropist.

Known affectionately as "Uncle Gene" in Belize, Eugene helped dozens of children travel to the United States to receive life-altering surgeries. As he worked tirelessly with the Belizean kids, he simultaneously ran a program for seniors in the United States, providing award-winning support for them to live with dignity and care.

This selfless man's lifelong desire and drive to help others was infectious. Family, friends, and even those kids he helped in Belize were inspired by Eugene's love for humanity. Many went on to work in charity in some capacity.

Eugene passed away in early 2022, but not before sharing his life story. As this book was being written, his unflagging hope was that this story would inspire others to reach out and find ways in which they, too, can help their fellow human beings. What better legacy could he—or anyone, for that matter—leave behind?

About the Author:

Mike Stith has a degree in journalism and spent most of his career as a professional writer. In 2008, his parents' health began to fail. As he asked them questions about their lives, their stories came pouring out.

Over time—as he recorded more and more of his parents' memories from hospital rooms and nursing homes—Mike realized that other seniors were eager to share their own stories. Furthermore, he witnessed the positive effect it had on their emotional well-being. There began a new passion.

In 2013, Mike and his wife, Sonja, founded One Legacy LLC, a company dedicated to telling seniors' stories. They help preserve these precious memories for future generations.

In 2019, Mike met Eugene Verdu for the first time. They went on to spend more than two years working together on *At Your Service*. Mike was inspired by Eugene's life and feels privileged to be able to tell his story. He hopes that after reading this book, people will feel compelled to help others, just as he and so many others did after meeting Eugene.

Mike lives in Oakland, Arkansas, with Sonja. He volunteers at the Uncle Gene Foundation, as well as at the Love a Senior Company, where he serves as executive director and vice-president, respectively.