

It's A Wonderful Life

This 1946 Frank Capra movie stars Henry Travers as an angel who helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart, by showing what life would have been like if he never existed. Through Clarence, the angel, George is allowed to view the lives of his friends and family as if he'd never been born, unaltered by his influence and tells George:

“Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?”

What if George worked in a scrap yard . . . ?

September 2012 News Release:

A man was killed in an industrial accident this morning. Authorities said the 55-year old worker was crushed by a piece of equipment while working at a scrap metal recycling center. He was pronounced dead at the scene by an EMS. The Sheriff's Office said he was working on a skid steer loader when hydraulic lines lost pressure causing the bucket to fall, pinning him underneath. He was reportedly a longtime employee of the company. The accident remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office and OSHA.

The following posts were on the local news website:

This is my brother whom I love and miss so much. He loved his job and I guess you can say he died doing something he loved. We will NEVER forget you, ***. I know you are in heaven now. Until we meet again.

Uncle ***. You will always be with me I didn't get to say it a lot but I love you. I will cherish all the memories and do my best to make you proud please give angel *** a kiss for me and tell her that her daddy loves her. Rip I love you.

*** has been my stepdad for 12 years. I have never met a more kind hearted man. He was never in a bad mood. He could make anybody smile. I just don't understand why this would happen to such a great person. You will be missed ***. *** and I love you.

This Holiday Season, may we all come to see the value in every person, and do everything in our power to make sure each one has a long and wonderful life.

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