

Norman Morrison: My High School Crush and the Symbol of Protest Against the Vietnam War



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Norman Morrison was a young man with a bright future ahead of him. He was a brilliant student, a gifted musician, and a devoted husband and father. But Morrison's life was cut tragically short when he set himself on fire in front of the Pentagon in 1965 in protest against the Vietnam War.

Morrison's self-immolation was a powerful act of protest that shocked the world. It was also a deeply personal act for me, as Morrison was my high school crush. I had known him since we were children, and I had always admired his intelligence, his passion, and his kind heart.

I was devastated when I learned of Morrison's death. But I was also inspired by his courage and his unwavering commitment to peace. His

sacrifice helped to galvanize the anti-war movement, and it continues to inspire activists today.

Morrison's Early Life

Norman Morrison was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1933. His father was a Methodist minister, and his mother was a social worker. Morrison was a bright and inquisitive child, and he excelled in school. He was also a talented musician, and he played the piano and the organ.

Morrison attended Haverford College, where he studied philosophy and religion. After graduating from Haverford, Morrison worked as a social worker in Baltimore. He also became involved in the civil rights movement, and he participated in sit-ins and other protests.

The Vietnam War

The Vietnam War began in 1955, and it quickly escalated into a major conflict. Morrison was deeply opposed to the war, and he believed that it was a moral and political disaster. He was particularly troubled by the use of napalm and other chemical weapons by the United States.

In 1965, Morrison decided to take a more active role in the anti-war movement. He quit his job and moved to New York City, where he joined the Catholic Peace Fellowship. Morrison also began to participate in protests and demonstrations against the war.

Self-Immolation

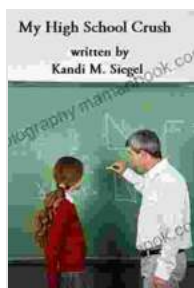
On November 2, 1965, Morrison walked to the Pentagon and poured gasoline over himself. He then set himself on fire. Morrison died shortly after.

Morrison's self-immolation was a powerful act of protest. It was a desperate attempt to draw attention to the horrors of the Vietnam War. Morrison's sacrifice helped to galvanize the anti-war movement, and it continues to inspire activists today.

Legacy

Norman Morrison was a brave and selfless man who gave his life for peace. His sacrifice helped to change the course of the Vietnam War, and it continues to inspire activists today. Morrison's legacy is one of courage, compassion, and hope.

I am proud to have known Norman Morrison. He was a true hero, and his sacrifice will never be forgotten.



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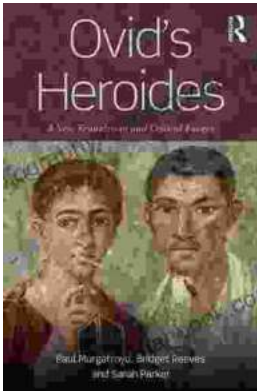
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