



New Documentary Podcast Celebrates the Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary People Through Real Obituary Stories

*True Stories From the Obit Files Launches
With Mission to Honor Overlooked Lives
and Remind Listeners of Shared Humanity*

WAKE FOREST, NC, UNITED STATES, July 8, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A new three-times-weekly podcast is transforming how audiences connect with the stories of everyday people who shaped their communities in quiet, meaningful ways. True Stories From the Obit Files, hosted by Steve Rhode, premiered this month with a unique approach to documentary storytelling that finds the extraordinary in the ordinary through respectful adaptation of publicly shared obituaries.

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*Steve Rhode, Host of True
Stories From the Obit Files*

The podcast, releasing episodes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, features intimate 6-8 minute audio portraits of real people whose lives might otherwise go

unnoticed – teachers, mechanics, farmers, veterans, and neighbors who built communities and raised families with purpose and character.

"Every person you pass on the street carries a universe of stories, love, loss, and quiet heroism," said Rhode. "This show is a gentle reminder to see the extraordinary in everyone we encounter. These aren't celebrities or headlines, just regular people who lived full lives right under our noses."

Each episode transforms a single obituary into a compelling narrative that reveals the remarkable nature of seemingly ordinary lives. Recent episodes have featured stories ranging from a state trooper who sang hymns while fixing trucks to a man who walked his way into his town's heart for 50 years.

The podcast positions itself within the growing landscape of documentary audio, while maintaining a distinctly respectful approach to its source material. All stories are drawn exclusively from publicly available obituaries, with careful attention to honoring both the

deceased and their grieving families.

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The show's format deliberately avoids sensationalism, instead focusing on universal themes of resilience, service, and the lasting impact of lives lived with quiet dignity. Episodes consistently emphasize the "invisible extraordinary" – the idea that every person carries remarkable stories that remain largely unseen by the broader world.

True Stories From the Obit Files targets adults who appreciate authentic human stories and seek meaningful content that connects them to shared humanity.

The podcast is available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and other podcast platforms under the Society & Culture and Documentary categories.

[Show notification emails are available](#) to alert people about new episodes.

The show's mission extends beyond entertainment to serve as a cultural reminder of the value inherent in every human life. By highlighting the stories of people who didn't make front pages but lived lives worth remembering, the podcast encourages listeners to recognize the extraordinary nature of the ordinary people around them.

"Not everyone makes the front page," Rhode noted, referencing the show's tagline. "But everyone, and I mean everyone, leaves a story worth telling."

Steve Rhode

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