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Won't You Be My Neighbor?

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Fred Rogers, better known as television's Mr. Rogers, died today at the age of 74. My older children are embarrassed for me to admit it, but I was a Mr. Rogers fan. As a child, I watched his show daily, and sang along with him, "...Would you be mine, could you be mine, won't you be my neighbor...?"

By today's standards, Mr. Rogers Neighborhood was pretty low-tech. Hand puppets, a remote control trolley, etc. Yet, this show spanned five decades, and touched the lives of millions of children. So popular was Fred Rogers that one of his cardigan sweaters hangs in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Fred Rogers success as Mr. Rogers, was his innocence, kindness, and the simplicity of his message.

In Mr. Rogers absence, I hope that others will step forward and become advocates of what Jesus said is the second greatest commandment - "Love your neighbor as yourself." What a better world this would be if we would... if we could... be each other's neighbor!