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Mulvane Mourns the Passing of Martial Arts Grandmaster and Tech Luminary, Mike Swope

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Mulvane is grieving the loss of a cherished community member, Mike Swope, a distinguished figure who served as the computer expert for the Mulvane Chamber of Commerce, was an IT expert with The Mulvane News some 25-30 years ago, and was the owner of Moosul Publishing LLC. Mike, an 8th dan Grandmaster in Chun Kuhn Taekwondo Federation, passed away on October 1, 2023, at the age of 55, succumbing to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Mike was a vital part of Mulvane, contributing not only to the tech industry but also leaving an indelible mark on the martial arts community. Earlier this year, on June 25, 2023, Moosul Publishing, under Mike's leadership, received recognition at the International Book Awards, one of the world's largest international book award programs for mainstream, Indie, and self-published titles. 'Breaking Through: The Secrets of Bassai Dai Kata,' a book authored by Colin Wee and published by Moosul Publishing, was named a Finalist. This accolade was a precursor to the book's recent triumph, winning the 2023 Best Indie Book Award in Non-Fiction for Martial Arts.

The Best Indie Book Award is an international literary honor, celebrating outstanding contributions from self-published and independently published authors globally. This recognition speaks volumes about Colin Wee's dedication to martial arts literature and the exceptional work championed by Moosul Publishing, an organization guided by the late Mike Swope.

'Breaking Through' stands as a beacon in the world of martial arts literature, offering readers a profound exploration of Bassai Dai Kata's secrets and a transformative journey. Colin Wee's innovative approach, blending traditional forms with contemporary insights, has earned acclaim from critics and the martial arts community alike, significantly contributing to the evolution of martial arts knowledge.

Mike's passion extended beyond the tech and literary worlds; he was an accomplished author, a Grandmaster with the Kansas Chun Kuhn Taekwondo Association, and a devoted teacher of Taekwondo. His influence reached far and wide, touching the lives of his students, colleagues, and the community he called home.

Mulvane expresses its deepest condolences to Mike Swope's family, friends, and the martial arts community. The Derby Informer joins in commemorating Mike's legacy and honoring the achievements of Moosul Publishing.

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