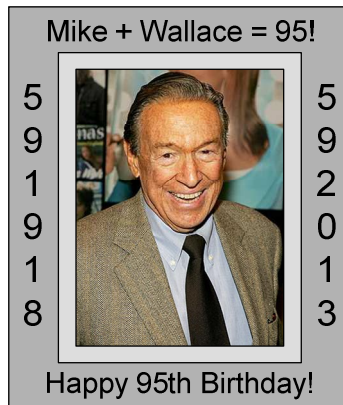


### **Mike Wallace's 95th Birthday is Numerically Special**

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The legendary CBS "60 Minutes" news reporter, Mike Wallace, died last year on April 7, 2012, in New Canaan, Connecticut, at age 93. Mr. Wallace was a charismatic, charming, and vibrant news reporter who always captured my attention and I especially enjoyed his tough and fearless interviews with some important people from all over the world.

Mr. Wallace was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on May 9, 1918 and Thursday, May 9, 2013 marks his 95th birthday. In his honor, I constructed the following numerical brainteasers as a 95th-birthday gift for him:

1. If numbers are assigned to the letters of Mr. Wallace's full name "MIKE WALLACE" based on letters of the English alphabet as A = 1, B = 2, ..., Z = 26, amazingly so, these numbers add up to 95, that is, Mr. Wallace's new age. Wow!
2. The reverse of Mr. Wallace's upcoming birthday number 95 is 59 and guess what, 59 represents his birth date, May 9th. Isn't this something?
3. Half of Mr. Wallace's birth year 1918 equals 959 and interestingly enough, the leftmost two digits of this number is 95 (Mr. Wallace's new age!) and the rightmost two digits 59 represents his birth date, May 9th. This is really fun!
4. Mr. Wallace's 94th birthday: The full date of Mr. Wallace's 94th birthday last year expressed as 592012 is divisible by square of 94. (As an aside, his full birthday expressed as 591918 is also divisible by 94.) In addition, Mr. Wallace died on the 98th day of 2012 (April 7, 2012) where reverse of half of 98 equals 94. Amazing! Also, interestingly enough, half of 94 (his birthday number in 2012) equals 47, representing April 7th (his death day in 2012).
5. Mr. Wallace's 97th birthday: Mr. Wallace's 97th birthday to occur in 2015 will also be special because the 97th prime number is 509, representing his birth date, May 9th. What a coincidence! Also, the 97th day of 2015 coincides with the 3rd anniversary of his death day, April 7th.

Have a happy 95th birthday, Mike Wallace!

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