



Chuck "Hawkeye" Coleman

January 19, 1953 - June 22, 2011

Chuck Coleman (Hawkeye), of Medina, passed away on June 22, 2011 from complications of lung cancer. He was under the care of Hospice of Medina County, and in his last few days was surrounded by friends and family. Chuck was born on January 19, 1953 in Euclid Ohio, and grew up in Brunswick. He graduated from Brunswick High School and the Ohio Center for Broadcasting. Although Chuck was blind since birth, he became an accomplished musician, playing drums and keyboards in a number on bands, most recently with the band, Groovy Shooz. He was also a graduate of The Perkins School of Piano Tuning, and operated Coleman's Piano Service for twenty-five years.

Chuck loved to ride his tandem bicycle, and along with his daughter, Catie, participated in GOBA. Last year, they took on the ambitious project of completing the Pan Ohio Hope Ride, a four-day bike ride from Cleveland to Cincinnati, with the goal of raising money for The American Cancer Society. Chuck was diagnosed with lung cancer in the spring of 2010, and finished his first round of chemotherapy and radiation in June. He was in remission and immediately started training, and at the end of July was able to successfully complete the ride. His inspiring story was featured on the TV news, and in several newspapers. Chuck and Catie hoped to participate this year, and had already begun their fundraising efforts. Late last year his cancer returned and further treatment was unsuccessful

Chuck is survived by many family and friends, including his wife, Michelle

(Pickett), and children, Cara Coleman, Catie Miglietti (Andrew) of Dearborn MI, and Connor Coleman, his parents, Bud (Ansel) and Marilyn Coleman of Wooster, sisters, Debi Bican (Don) of Chippewa Lake, Jayne Paytosh (Alan) of Wooster, and several nieces, nephews, to whom he was affectionately known as Uncle Chuckie. He is also survived by his guide dog, Cordell, who has been his constant companion of eight years. Cordell and Chuck could be frequently seen walking around Medina and hiking at Buckeye Woods. He took a great deal of pride in the accomplishments of his children, with whom he shared his love of nature, exercise, music, and the Cleveland Indians. Chuck was preceded in death by his grandparents, his stepson, Gary T. Frost, and nephew Lucas Ramsdell.

The family will receive friends at 10 A.M. Saturday at the Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, (a member of the Green Burial Council), 2284 Benden Drive, Wooster. The funeral will be held at 11 A.M. at the funeral home with Pastor Thomas Schwartz officiating, after which we will proceed to Foxfield Preserve at The Wilderness Center in Wilmot for interment. Foxfield Preserve is a nature preserve cemetery. As such, it is maintained in as natural a state as possible. It is recommended that visitors wear shoes suitable for walking outdoors.

Donations in Chuck's memory may be made to The American Cancer Society, 721 E. Milltown Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691 or The Seeing Eye, Inc. 10 Washington Valley Rd., P.O. Box 375 Morristown, NJ 07963 (info@seeingeye.org) or Hospice of Medina County at the Inn, 797 North Court St., Medina, Ohio 44256.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com

The family would like to thank everyone at Hospice of Medina for the love and care they showed Chuck and his family in his final days.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, Inc.
2284 Benden Dr.
Wooster, OH

Tribute Wall



“ Michelle & family, we're so sorry to hear of Chuch's passing. It was always a joy to hear him tune and then play our sanctuary piano after he got it just the way he wanted it. We're praying for you all.##imported-begin##Friends at Weymouth Community Church##imported-end##

June 30, 2011 at 12:28 PM



“ He taught me more about life, music and dignity than anyone I have ever known.

Now I just need to learn how to get by without him.

It's going to be a different world now.##imported-begin##Phil Sterrett##imported-end##

June 28, 2011 at 04:12 PM



“ We are very sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Lori Huff##imported-end##

June 27, 2011 at 05:44 PM



“ To my dear friends Cara and Connor,

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I know he had a very hard fight. I also know what a loving family he had to support him and care for and about him. The accomplishments, that he made in his life are so remarkable. They made him a very unforgettable person. I am glad to have known him. I pray that your future will be bright, knowing that he is in God's hands and that your burden of grief will be light, knowing that you are also, in God's hands.

Sincerely,

Carol Muhlbach

Medina Showbiz###imported-begin###Carol Muhlbach###imported-end##

June 27, 2011 at 03:42 PM



“ We have so many fond memories of Chuck and your family at cross country and track meets. We so enjoyed his amazing musical talent. Sending you love at this difficult time. Your Friends, The Hutson Family###imported-begin###Laura, Bill, Ryan, April and Sean Hutson###imported-end##

June 26, 2011 at 12:35 PM



“ A friend in our youth. I had looked forward to seeing Chuck again. I will miss him. I am sorry for the lose in your family. Chuck has always been an inspiration.

Curtis Jolly###imported-begin###Curtis Jolly###imported-end##

June 26, 2011 at 06:39 AM



“ Praying for you in your time of sorrow. Although I didn't know him personally, it sounds like he sure made his mark in the world.##imported-begin##Debbie Teets##imported-end##

June 26, 2011 at 03:15 AM



“ Dear Michele, Cara, Catie, Connor and family-
Please accept our sincere sympathy at this saddest of times. We enjoyed Chuck's company at the girls sporting events and were amazed at his piano tuning talents on our old prize piano. He was truly an inspiration to many.
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
With kindest regards,
John, Sheila, Kara and Courtney Benson
Matthew and Janna Elkevizth##imported-begin##John and Sheila Benson and family##imported-end##

June 25, 2011 at 07:44 PM



“ Dear Michelle,
I was shocked to hear of Chuck's passing. I was with you the night you met him and you never looked back. You created a wonderful life together and I know you will be lost without him. I love you all.
Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Laird##imported-end##

June 25, 2011 at 07:08 PM



“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, Debbie, Jane & Chuck's family:

My father sent me the notice of Chuck's passing. I have nothing but the fondest memories of Chuck from our childhood years, as well as his parents and sisters.

I can remember Chuck playing the drums in his garage, roughhousing with Bella, and delivering the Medina County Gazette through the neighborhood.

Please accept my condolences.

Dennis J. Reidy (Young Dennis)###imported-begin###Dennis J. Reidy###imported-end##

June 25, 2011 at 03:34 PM



“ Michelle, please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. My heart is with you and if you need anything let me know.###imported-begin###Marty Stein Richards###imported-end##

June 25, 2011 at 01:57 PM



“ Dear Marilyn & Bud,
*My heart goes out to you and Chuck's family. What an inspiration he was to so many people. I know you will all miss him very much. Wish we could be with you today -- we're thinking of you. Much, much love to you all,
Joanie & Brent###imported-begin###Joan & Brent Marston###imported-end##*

June 25, 2011 at 01:16 PM



“ I have Chucks yearbook picture on my computer. He was an amazing kid and now I see he continued that through his life. I have amazing memories of Chuck as a blooming genius. My condolences to his loving family and all who ever had any connection to him. He was and is an inspiration for all to follow. Just read about his passing this morning in the Gazette. Could not be there personally but I AM There in thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##C. Russell Huston##imported-end##

June 25, 2011 at 12:47 PM



“ I knew Chuch in high school when he played in the band Lesium Fields. I am sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you. God bless you##imported-begin##Jeff Homan##imported-end##

June 25, 2011 at 12:35 PM



“ Dear Connor and Cara, Wanted to let you know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry for this devastating loss to you all. Praying that God's peace will help you through these next few days and remain with you all. In Christ's Love, Kathy Frank##imported-begin##Kathy Frank##imported-end##

June 25, 2011 at 08:10 AM



“ To all of Chuck's family and friends, I would like to express my sincerest sympathy for your loss. Chuck was a tremendously courageous and talented individual. As a child, I remember listening to him play his music and tell funny jokes and stories. He would listen to comedy albums and then share them with friends and relatives. He was very good at relaying them and would always get a laugh. He had a unique sense of humor and was a gifted entertainer. I also remember his zest for life and some of the remarkable things he did as a kid growing up without the benefit of sight. These included such things as riding a bike, climbing trees and even skateboarding. These are some examples of how he courageously approached and overcame obstacles and challenges in his life. He will always be a true inspiration and will be missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Kevin L. Trabert##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 06:42 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Chuck's death. We will send a memorial to Hospice in his name.
Old neighbors from Regal Drive'
Dennis and Pat Reidy##imported-begin##Dennis & Patricia Reidy##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 04:14 PM



“ On behalf of all of Chuck's friends at The Ohio Center for Broadcasting, we'd like to extend our sincere sympathies to Chuck's family. Chuck was an amazing student and an inspiration to all those around him!##imported-begin##Kathy Wenner##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 02:56 PM



“ As your neighbors, our hearts go out to all of you in your time of sorrow. Although we did not know your son, it sounds like he lived a full and caring life. You can be proud of your son and your roll in his life.##imported-begin##Tim and Linda Hatten, and Joyce McCrork##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 02:35 PM



“ Dear Cate,
We are so saddened by your great loss. It was our pleasure to meet and get to know your father. He was a beautiful man and his spirit will be with you forever
Love,
Uncle Jon and Aunt Carol##imported-begin##Jon and carol Atkins##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 01:08 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to all Chuck's family, friends & associates. Chuck was a wonderful man who brought humor & smiles to everyone he encountered. I've many great memories of Chuck & will think of him often. He was one of the most upbeat individuals I've ever met. He will be missed by all!##imported-begin##Duane Trabert##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 11:58 AM



“ Deb and Family,
I have such fond memories of Chuck in High School. I am very sad for your loss.##imported-begin##Flo LaCavera Cubic##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 11:18 AM



“ Dear Bud & Marilyn and all of Chuck's Family:
Our sympathy and love goes out to all of you at this very sad time. Chuck accomplished so much in the life he had and meant so much to each of you. We wish we could be there in person to share in the celebration of his life. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Loren and Jan Griffith##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 11:14 AM



“ My deepest sympathy on your loss. I have heard so many wonderful stories from Marisa that it seems as though I know your family so well. May you take comfort in knowing how inspiring Chucks story is.##imported-begin##Judy Cosgray##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 09:03 AM



“ May God comfort you at this difficult time of loss. Chuck was suc a talented man with tuning pianos and was a dedicated Husband and familyman.##imported-begin##Dan and Billie Najimian##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 08:41 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. Chuck was an amazing guy and an inspiration. Although not realized in our younger years, as we age and look back at his accomplishments, it should be difficult for anyone to have a "I can't do this" attitude. I'm proud to have known him. The angels are singing and Chuck's on keyboard. Rest in peace, my friend.##imported-begin##Jill Bean##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 06:24 AM



“ As neighbors of Bud & Marilyn, we are aware of their concern for their family. This loss is very sad -- he will be missed by his parents and family.

God's blessings to all.##imported-begin##Dick & Beverlee Helser##imported-end##

June 23, 2011 at 09:35 PM



“ Please accept our sincerest sympathy; Chuck will be missed. I will see you on Saturday.

Love,

Rob##imported-begin##Blythe Robyn Houghton##imported-end##

June 23, 2011 at 06:52 PM