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Christopher J. Crobaugh, age 61, of N. Ridgeville, passed away Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at EMH Regional Medical Center, Elyria, following a sudden illness.

He was born in West Hartford, Connecticut, and grew up in Medina. He had resided in North Ridgeville the past 24 years.

Mr. Crobaugh served in the US Army and National Security Agency during the Vietnam War.

He received his Jurist Doctorate from John Marshall School of Law at Cleveland State University. He was a practicing Attorney in Elyria for the past 10 years. He was also a professional musician playing the Pedal Steel Guitar under the stage name Chick Donner in many venues in both Nashville and Cleveland areas.

Mr. Crobaugh served on the North Ridgeville School Board in the 1990s.

He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, N. Ridgeville, a life member of VFW Post 1079, Elyria, member of the American Legion, Elyria and a life member of the NRA. He was an extra class Amateur Radio operator; call letters NU8R.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years Susan L. McKelvey-Crobaugh, his sister, Virginia Aslaskasen of Medina, and his father and stepmother John and Marilyn Crobaugh of Largo, FL.

He was preceded in death by Mother, Mary Jeanne Crobaugh in 1990.

Friends will be received Friday from 4:00 PM until time of memorial service at 8:30 PM at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home 36625 Center Ridge Road, N. Ridgeville. Father Jim Becherer will officiate. Private interment will take place Saturday in the St. Francis Cemetery, Medina.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc. Ohio Valley Affiliate PO Box 163549, Columbus, Ohio 43216-3549.



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PG

Pat Geisler posted:

Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. Chris did some legal work for me at one time and helped me a great deal with a difficult matter. I will remember him warmly.

September 23 at 8:00 PM

DR

Don And Marcia Rothgery posted:

Dear Sue, We just returned from a trip and found the newspaper obituary for Chris. Please accept our sincere expression of sympathy and prayers for your loss. We're very sorry we couldn't attend the visitation to tell you in person.

September 22 at 8:00 PM

RS

Roberta Sullivan posted:

Suzy, At a time like this it is so hard to find the right words to say. Chris was a unique person. His wit and wisdom will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Though I can't be with you at this time, I'm keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

September 21 at 8:00 PM

JD

James Dufala posted:

Dear Sue My condolence and my prayers are with you. It was a shock to learn of your loss. Should you need anything! Call and I will be there to help! In Prayer Jim Dufala

September 21 at 8:00 PM

TC

Tom Cahill posted:

My sincere condolences to Chris' family. Although we were on opposite sides of the criminal justice system, I really liked and admired Chris. He truly was a renaissance man. I will miss not being able to debate and joke around with him. He certainly was a "good ole boy". I'm sure he is playing that steel guitar up above while he tells God how things should be done. May he rest in peace. Tom Cahill, Lorain County Asst. Prosecuting Attorney.

September 20 at 8:00 PM



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PW

Patricia Kulcsar, Wd8cwp posted:

So many memories. Good times. His fondness for chocolate covered cherries. The ham community will miss him and I can only hope that David Wilimen and Julius and Chris have met up in heaven and are enjoying a brew and ham radio.

September 20 at 8:00 PM

DW

Don Weaver posted:

Wow...I was just talking to Chick last Saturday night at the Shamrock Nite Club after my band's performance there. I will always remember Chick as a steel guitar virtuoso and one of the finest guys I have ever known. I sat in for his regular bass player several years ago at the Elyria Moose - It was a rare treat for me to be on the same stage with Chick. The Northeast Ohio country music fraternity has lost one of its best. You'll be missed, Chick.

September 20 at 8:00 PM

KB

Kary Bates posted:

I was first introduced to Chick Donner by Rodger Wilhoit back in the early 80's at the Parklane Lounge when I was just getting my feet wet in the music business. I would often "pick his brain" as they say and developed a casual friendship over the years. We got our first chance to pick together in the Black Jack Boot Band and I enjoyed working with him. When we all got together in the Marshall Law Band, that friendship developed into something special. I learned a lot from him and about him. I finally found out that Chick Donner was his stage name. (You think you know somebody!) Aside from being such a good picker, I found him to be one of the smartest, funniest, and last but not least, most generous people I have ever known. Chick was my "Right Hand Man" on stage for the past 5 years, and I will miss him very much. I think there is a "Rowdy Corner" in Heaven, and I'm sure that's where Chick is now, pickin' with a great band, tellin' stories, and having a good time. That's how I'll remember him.

September 19 at 8:00 PM



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RT

Rick Troyer posted:

Once again I am reminded that Life is as a vapor .A month ago we were playing music,joking and having a wonderful time together . Now it too will be a memory to hold on to . As my mind trips through all the good times together I realize how blest I was to have him for a friend . Whether it was telling stories of the road work he'd done , giving helpful insights to varied topics or help with a legal problem , Chic was always willing and able .He will be missed by so many . The steel guitar and music community has lost a dear friend . Heart felt condolences go out to Sue and family .May you find comfort in the love and grace of the Lord .Rick Troyer

September 19 at 8:00 PM

RT

Rock Thomas posted:

I REMEMBER CHICK AS A WELL LIKED STEEL PLAYER WHOM OFTEN TOOK THE TIME TO SET AND CHAT WITH THE STAGE CREW AND THANK THEM FOR THE WORK THEY DID.HE WAS ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS AND WE WILL MISS HIM.

September 19 at 8:00 PM

RC

Ron Cramer posted:

Chick was an excelent musician and I always looked forward to playing drums for him. I worked enough with him to know his style and tone. He was very easy to back up at the steel jams and shows. Chick always had some great stories and advice. I feel truly blest to have met him and played music with him. I'll miss him and his smile very much.

September 19 at 8:00 PM

RB

Richard Bass posted:

I met Chick when he first came to Nashville, we lived in the same musicians boarding house together. Run around together quite a bit in those days. A great guy, he will be missed. My prayers are with his family and friends. Richard Bass Hendersonville, Tn

September 19 at 8:00 PM



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PI

Paul And Debbie Irvin posted:

Chick will be remembered not only as one of the best Steel Guitar Players we ever had the joy of picking with, but a great human being and friend. We were so glad he accepted membership in the band when we asked him to join Marshall Law back in 2002. We had admired his picking for years, and were thrilled when he joined our little group. We retired, but he kept picking with the guys, and it was such a pleasure seeing him every couple of months. We consider ourselves very lucky to have had the opportunity to be in the same band with a musician of Chick's caliber, personality, and humor. He will be missed!

September 19 at 8:00 PM

KR

Kevin Rickert posted:

Chris was a dear friend, kind of like a brother and father wrapped in one. We had great fun together but always offering some fatherly advice to me on many different subjects. Although maybe not apparent to a lot of folks he had a certain loving and caring way about him that one had to know how to perceive. I saw it! I am blessed to have had him be a part of my life and will hold his memory dear to me til we meet again.

September 19 at 8:00 PM

RP

Ron Page posted:

I always looked forward to visiting with Chris at the steel guitar shows. I didn't realize that I'd known him for over a decade until I read that he'd been practicing law for 10 years. I can recall when he was still in law school and then studying for the bar exam. As Rick Troyer stated above, the steel guitar and music community has lost a dear friend. Rest in peace, our friend.

September 19 at 8:00 PM

DB

David And Dawn Berta posted:

I considered Chris a good friend who never knew how to say no to anything that was asked of him. If I had a question, Chris had an answer and if he didn't have an immediate answer he didn't stop looking for that answer until he found it. Many remember Chris as an attorney but I'll always remember him as a friend who helped me out whenever I needed it. God doesn't make many like Chris. He will be sorely missed.

September 18 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Christopher by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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