



Chris Merrell

March 2, 2010

Obituary of Chris Merrell

Jock Christian Merrell, 54 of Leesburg, FL died on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Chris, a singer and musician, devoted his life to entertaining the world in his unique style. As the son of an Air Force Colonel, he spent his youth traveling the world. The most influential period was when he lived in England in the Mid-1960's listening to bands such as The Beatles. Although he lived all over the country and the world, he considered Central Florida to be his home.

Chris is survived by, his wife, Tammy D. Merrell, Leesburg, FL; 2 daughters, Casey Rhea and Mia Kai Merrell; step daughter, Kelsey Buxton; father, Rev. Robert E. Merrell, Sr. and step mother, Gail Merrell, Fruitland Park, FL; 2 brothers: Robert E. Merrell, Jr. (Sandy); Weirsdale, FL and Michael I. Merrell (Rhonda), Fruitland Park, FL; sister, Kelly L. Merrell (Ernest), Cape Cod, MA; many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Chris is predeceased by his mother, Peggy Irwin Merrell.

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28, 2010 at Windy Acres, 01350 Miller Blvd., Fruitland Park, FL. No Funeral Services will be held.

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ Man where to start.I knew Chris from him and my dad playing together with Derek Trucks back in the early 90's.My dad would always say if Chris was brought up in our conversation how hysterically funny he was.He loved being around him and not only that but frequently talked about what an incredible singer he was.He (my dad) was terribly saddened when i told him mainly because he so wanted to see Chris knowing of his condition. I'm so sorry to hear of this,i met Chris only a few times,but i got it.

Dylan Hess (son of Derek Hess) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Chris we will miss you! We will see u again someday! We all love u!
Crystal

crystal falcone - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Chris was such a great friend. We have known him for many years. His love of music and life was contagious. We will miss him dearly, our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. love , bo and ellen coggins

bo and ellen coggins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ To all of the family we offer our condolences. Chris was very dear to our hearts not only as a fantastic entertainer but also as a wonderful person. It was our pleasure to have known him for the past ten plus years. Whenever we saw Chris, he had the innate ability to bring joy to us. And years ago when he was our neighbor, it was a pleasure to drive by and see bright white sneakers on the back of his car ... or wave at Chris and Casey on the bicycle. At the Rock, everyone loved Chris and enjoyed his performances tremendously. He had a rough time and we know that you all lovingly and unselfishly helped him through the rough patches! We miss him and are saddened by his passing but know he is now in a better place! Godspeed to Chris and our heartfelt sympathies to all of Chris's wonderful family.

Peter & Katie Zuccaro - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dear Chris: Wherever you are, I'm sure it is sounding a lot better now that you are there. Although, I only knew you a short time, you and Mike always made my life more enjoyable to be in the company of you and the music you played. Thanks for doing this from me and the many others you have touched. Love, Matt

Matt Lyons - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I am so sorry I can't make it to the service. Chris was the absolute funniest guy I have ever worked with, hard for me to even focus on my job, doubled up with laughter to the point of tears. Like his brothers Mike and Bob, but doubled. I will never forget the good times at Church Street with Chris and Casey. Vaya con Dios, Chris, we loved you.

Bo Frazer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ We knew Chris when he use to play in the villages.He was a great entertainer,a nice person to know..We even played golf with him a couple of times.We bought his dads golf cart along time ago.So sorry to hear of his passing.

patti&eddie carter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ FOREVER LOVED , FOREVER REMEMBERED FOREVER MISSED. IT IS TRAGIC AND HEART BREAKING I SO WISH I HAD THE WORDS TO COMFORT YOU. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU . SINCERELY, TERRY

Terry Randazzo - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Chris. He was a wonderful person and performer. I first met Chris when he came to NH for a festival. Chris sent my son, Jospeh, first electric guitar, a tuner and a case. He was a supportor of the Arts. Chris even helped me with my own cancer. He leaves us all with great musical memories to enjoy. My deepest condolences to the entire family. RIP Chris..You fought a tremendous battle and I Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything. Victoria aka Atilla

Victoria & Joseph Read - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I was fortunate to know Chris through my brother Joe. Joe and Chris were the best of friends as well as bandmates. My best memory is the cruise in which the Grass Roots performed and I was blessed with a week of getting to know Chris much better and his beautiful wife, Tammy. Chris kept us laughing on a daily basis! You will never be forgotten Chris. God rest your soul.

Laura Dougherty - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Chris was the most entertaining musician and will be missed by many. God Bless your family. Please let me know if you need anything!

Karen & James Marshall - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Chris You will always be in our hearts, our thoughts and our prayers. George and Carole Hirtle

George and Carole Hirtle - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Tammy, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I only met you and Chris during one of his hospital stays at The Villages, but I could see how much you loved Chris, and how devoted you were to caring for him. I did research his singing days and I am sure that if there is a Rock n Roll heaven, he's up there having a great time. P.S. Send my condolences to your good friend Stephanie too. May God keep you in his care.

Judy Besserman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To all the Merrells - my deepest sorrow on Chris's passing. Oh, how that big ol' smile, the laughter and the music will be missed. Rest in peace, Chris. You did your part for this world.

Starlyn J. First - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Chris was a great performer when he played with the grassroots in Disney I saw him a couple of times when we went to the concerts. In between of the concerts Chris came down to talk to us after the concert and hang out with us there. He was really nice We will miss you Chris I will always think of you. From Stephanie

Stephanie Rann - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We will miss him very much. He was a wonderful, talented and funny person. God Bless.

Steve and Zoe Barley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My heart breaks of the news of Chris' passing. Chris and I played in Dickie Betts' band around 1985. Chris was a great singer and player with a wicked sense of humor. Long may you run.

Matt Abts - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Bob and Family, We know what a difficult time this has been for you. Please know that our thought and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Joe and Carol Mullins

Carol and Joe Mullins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ So sorry for your lost. Chris was a wonderful person and a good friend, even when he was sick he still came and performed for our wedding in May of 2008. He made our day very special and it was good to see him doing something he loved to do. He will be greatly miss! Gods speed Chris!

Donna & Billy Chapman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ My thoughts and prayers go to Chris' family. I thoroughly enjoyed Chris when he was a member of The Grass Roots. He was a wonderfully talented guitarist and singer. May God comfort all who loved him during this sad time. God Bless you, Rob Beltz

Rob Beltz - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I am very sorry to hear the news about Chris. I remember when Joe Dougherty first told Pam Boer and myself the news of his cancer. The Grass Roots were performing in Redding, California, so since I live in Washington State, Pam flew out this way 3 years ago February during Valentine's weekend and we drove to Redding. Joe was very devastated over the news since him and Chris were the best of friends. At least Chris gave it his best shot and kept playing in his own area. He was a real trooper!!!! His whole family has my deepest sympathy! God Bless Chris and may he rest in peace.
Shirley Wentworth

Shirley Wentworth - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I will miss our "4th sibling" greatly. He gave me the gifts of music, humor and, more importantly, friendship. He even turned me on to science fiction great, Philip K. Dick! Our thoughts will be with you, even at times you least expect. We will never forget Chris. Jim, Della, Evan and Madison Sennett

Jim Sennett and Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Just wanted to say what a pleasure it was to have met Chris for the first time many years ago when he was playing with the Grass Roots in Evansville, Indiana. He always had a smile on stage especially when it was his turn to exhibit the talent he had on the guitar. I know he enjoyed the adventures of being a musician on the road but was also very dedicated to his family back home. He always showed up at concerts with pictures of the family and sometimes a few stories to share too. I know he'll be missed by his family, friends, fellow musicians and all the music fans that he has greeted throughout the years. Thanks for all the memories!

Pam Boer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Chris was a great performer. He kept us entertained wether he was on the stage or telling a story. We will always remember him for his "joy of life". Our condolences to his family.

Skip & Ruth Labrie - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Chris was very important to me, my brothers and my Mom and Dad. We loved him and considered him a part of our family. I will miss him. My heart felt wishes and thoughts go to all the Merrells, his family, friends, and fans. Chris, thank you for the laughs and the great music. I'm sure you're in "Rock 'n Roll Heaven!"

Lynn Sennett - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Chris was a great performer and even better friend. We will miss him. Our thoughts are with all of you. Love, Tim, Margaret, Jessie

Tim, Margaret & Jessie - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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“ *Chris was an excellent musician and always fun to jam with. He always kept me in stitches. Sure gonna miss him. Jam on!*

Avocado Bob & Cindy Doe - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *my prayers go out to Chris's family--he will be greatly missed. I loved the shows he put on at "THE ROCK" ...he was so funny- the cutiest jokes. a great entertainer. so sad to leave so young but in a much better place. Diana &&&Hambone*

Diana - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM