



Eric McCloskey

December 29, 2011

Eric Rees McCloskey, age 43, of Dublin, Ohio died peacefully at home on Wednesday, December 28, 2011. He is survived by his loving wife Lauralee and was born in Youngstown, Ohio to Tom and Lynne (Engelhardt) McCloskey. Eric graduated from Canfield High School, Class of 1986 where he was Senior Class President and played several sports. He attained his B.S., Business and his MBA degrees from Bowling Green State University where he was a member of Gamma Mu Chapter, Theta Chi Fraternity. Eric was a life-long employee of Honda of America in Marysville, Ohio. Along with his wife and parents, Eric is survived by his two sons Tommy and Michael; his brother Ross (Jennifer) McCloskey, of Howell, MI and their children Alex and Ross, Jr.; his sister Wendy (John) Schneider, of Warren, OH and their children Charles, Emily and Owen; many aunts, uncles, cousins; Lauralee's immediate and extended family; and many dear friends and loyal fraternity brothers. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471 where family will receive friends from 5:00-8:00pm. FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2012. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) A private Memorial Service will be held for the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to: The McCloskey Education Fund, c/o Honda Federal Credit Union, Marysville Office, 19775 SR 739, Marysville, OH 43040 (800)634-6632. Friends are asked to consider sharing a memory of Eric by visiting www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I just heard of Eric's passing. I am truly in shock. I have not seen or spoken to Eric since high school. He was such a bright light to everyone who knew him. He was smart and funny and very athletic. I looked up to him and his any talents. As his classmate and a mother now, I am deeply saddened to hear Eric is no longer here to spread his happiness with others. I pray for your family that you find some peace in these difficult times. Know that your son/brother was an amazing person and touched so many lives. My prayers are with you.

Beth Magliochette (Bollinger) - May 15, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ Eric McCloskey

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

JT

“ Extra thoughts and prayers to Eric's family and friends on his 44th birthday. Just remembering some of the many good times: the blue Monaco, X-11, Ross' 280 zx, Headbanger's Ball, Bridge Out, Hamburger Helper Beef Stroganoff (with rice NOT noodles)...

Jill Thompson - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear McCloskey family, I am truly sorry for your loss. I would like to share two things I remember about Eric (besides his gifted sense of humor that we all loved.) 1.Eric’s Hard Head: It was 9th grade basketball and we were practicing jump-ball situations. Coach Jones tossed the ball up, Derron Ondo tipped it in one direction and I turned to follow the ball and ran straight into Eric McCloskey’s head. I walked away, blood dripping from my eyebrow and clutching my head. I still have the scar. And I have the image of Eric walking the other way shaking his head. No, not because he was dizzy or hurt, but because he was disappointed that I was hurt. You see, Eric was tough, and he reminded me more than once that I needed to be tougher. 2. Eric’s Leadership: Our senior year of football was a disaster. 0-10. But early in the year, we were competing hard against a good Brookfield team. Although we fought hard to win the game, we came up short. After the final seconds ticked away, I fell to the ground in a heap, upset that we had lost. My reaction was nothing less than childish over-acting . Looking back, it was not one of my best moments. But it wasn’t two seconds after I had crumpled to the ground, feeling sorry for myself, that old number 85 came trotting by me. All he said was “get up, you wussy” and kept on trotting, his head held high. Thanks to Eric, I sprang to my feet and followed him off the field. In a way, I have been following him ever since. I hadn’t spoken to Eric since high school, but to this day, old number 85 chastises me whenever I catch myself being anything less than a man. Thank you for being you, Eric.

John Keller - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ E-Dog Miss you Brother! It was a privilege to be a Friend and co-worker the past 25 years. I have a lifetime of memories: more concerts than I can recall, Motorcycle races, Rides, and a garage full of Goodies that your advice helped pull the trigger when the Heart said yes, but the Head said "No way". You always knew the right words to spur activity. You've kept me out of trouble with the Law except for the occasional speeding incident or had my back even when I was in the wrong. It was great to see the impact that your winning Personality had on so many. Your strength and courage in face of your mortal battle was a true inspiration; your body grew weak but your Spirit still comforts us. Miss our 2am conversations when everyone else was asleep. Your wit and humor would always lighten up any occasion. Cue Lunatic Fringe by Red Rider "~See You on the Other Side"

R. Cole - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Lynne: as a dear friend and co-worker I hold you and your family in our heart and prayers. My first thought of Eric was when he was about 8or9 and you and the boys were visiting us, our son Kevin was out back riding his mini-bike and being the sweet shy boy Eric was he came up to me with his little sideway smile and head down said "Jan can I ride the mini-bike?" and with his moms permission he was off and riding. I am sure he is riding above and watching his wife and boys as they grow. Our Prayers are with you and the family. Love Jan

Jan Hart & Family - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ I went to high school with Eric and we lived close to each other. As you move away and lose touch with classmates, I have often wondered what happened to him as I would drive past his parent's home on my way home to visit my parents over the holidays etc---(this year especially as it was our 25th reunion year)--this was not the news I expected to hear and am so saddened for you! He was a sweet guy and funny as others have mentioned. I went to a Sadie Hawkins dance with him as well and probably laughed the whole night. He was generous (offered to drive me to school--but my strict dad wouldn't let me--which I laugh about now that I have my own kids). He always had a smile, and possessed a gift to make you feel comfortable no matter who you were--my prayers are with you....there are no words to dismiss the loss you feel...but the memories and love I'm sure he shared with you in the short time you had with him probably far outweigh most ever receive.

Cristin Zak - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Our prayers are with your family. May the words in Psalms 145:18,19 give you hope and comfort.

Barb & Tom Layton - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Prayers and blessings to the family and friends of my eternal brother and friend. May our memories of Eric forever give us joy.

Kim A. Kyle - January 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ To the McCloskey Family - The Burke's prayers are with you during this difficult time and I feel extremely fortunate to have become friends with Eric. Eric's love of music resulted many hours of debating which bands and musicians were the best. Always had a laugh after convincing our friends that we needed to go to a certain place which "just happened" to have a band that night. Quick with a joke, loyal as a friend, driven to succeed in anything he took on, and a Man anyone would be blessed to have as a Husband and Father. You are missed and your spirit remains with us.

Tim Burke - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ OK, well I hate wakes, funerals, viewings, all the above but I had a great time with Eric's family and friends this evening. I saw tons of Honda & ex-Honda folks there like Ricky D, Menel, Joe, Shawn, Billy Bob, hell, I forgot most of their names but they're all really good people and good friends of a great guy. One of Eric's nicknames was E-Rock but it seems his whole family is full of rocks! That didn't sound right...What I meant was that I was so impressed as to how well his wife, kids, parents, brother, everybody was holding up even though it was very clear that they had suffered a great loss. Pictures & video were awesome. DJ "MC RC" was servin' up the heavy vibrations. I honestly didn't want to leave but my wife was about to kick my butt for leaving her with ten 11-year old girls (b-day party). That was a truly healing experience!

Tom Lake - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ To the McCloskey family: I'm very sad for your loss of Eric. Many years ago at Honda I worked with him at MMP SD and the past 5 years we were in the same office at NACP. Many associates from those years have been fondly reminiscing the past week about good experiences that had with Eric here and during Japan travel. We all appreciated his fun disposition and accountability to the team. I enjoyed watching Eric grow from someone right out of college to the loving family man he became. I feel confident his young sons are full of their father's spirit and love. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Catherine Doran

Catherine Doran - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Lauralee, Tommy, Michael and the McClosky family, There aren't enough words to fully express our deep sadness and our heavy hearts. We had the pleasure, and honor of knowing Eric and your family these past many many years through (my sister and)brother-in-law and one of Eric's dearest and closest friend, Menel Gregory. We always had such a great time getting together with you. Mike has many fond and funny memories of Eric. When I think of Eric these words come to mind: charismatic, proud, funny, caring, honest, loyal, loving, creative, musician, heavy metal(lol), dependable, determined, dedicated, hard working, a fighter...a hero. Lauralee, you and your two little guys were the sun, the moon and the stars to him. An amazing love you shared. Tommy and Michael, your daddy will be in your hearts forever. Eric was the epitome of how to live life each day...to the absolute fullest. He thought of others before himself. He was one in a gazillion. We share in your grief and sorrow. Eric will be eternally missed and never, ever forgotten. His spirit lives on in each of you. Love, Camille Garbash

Camille and Mike Garbash - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ E...if you are watching from above as I am writing this tribute, you should know, without question, that some of the most memorable moments and biggest laughs of my life were shared with you during our years at BGSU. Springs breaks, motorcycle rides, late nights, roads trips, mountain bike excursions, live concerts, and just hanging out---all times that will never be forgotten. Despite all the craziness, I knew that I found in you a loyal friend that I could always count on. Little did you know the influence you had on my life and the respect that I had for you as a person. I love you and will miss you buddy.

Patrick Myers - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Dear Lauralee and family, I recently heard the news of Eric’s passing. Eric was a customer of mine at Honda Automotive. I believe my former employer was his largest supplier and Eric and I spent many long hours working together. I have many, many fond memories of Eric’s humor and strong business sense. Eric was always more than fair in our transactions and I am sure this was his genuine personality in his personal life as well. Eric, as you know, had a certain endearing smile whenever he realized what we didn’t want him to know. Eric was very good at his profession and a very proud Honda Purchasing associate. Although our relationship was mostly professional, Eric shared with me his love for mountain biking and music. I also remember Eric sharing the news of selling his condo and buying a house. He was really excited about this. It was my pleasure to know and work with Eric over the many years. I considered Eric a friend. I pray that you will find comfort in the coming days and months as the Lord always looks out for those who mourn. You and the family are in my daily prayers. Thom Bennett
Greenfield, Indiana

Thom Bennett - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Big "E", E-man, E-rock, best man and my best friend. So many names for someone that had a larger than life personality. Eric was such a stabilizing figure in so many people's lives, including mine. Eric, I can only hope that you realized how important our friendship was to me. We had so many good times and experiences. I offer these memories in humor during this difficult time: -Living on Frazee and the art of "home decor". -The red geo and mastering parallel parking with the e-brake. -Mountain biking on the only hill in Bowling Green- the golf course. -1974 Porsche Green: The coolest color ever invented. - Polo's and loafers never go out of style. - Model rocketry gone wrong. And the list goes on. We would often revisit these pastimes and still get a good laugh. I am going to miss you bro, but I will never forget what you meant to me and the special times we shared. As you always ended "catch you on the flipside" and until that day, rest in peace. I love you.

John Holm - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Eric & I have spent hours talking about music (who played guitar for this band on that album kinda stuff). We also often talked about going to a concert together but for a long time, it just didn't work out. Then a couple summers ago, Eric said “The Pretenders are coming....dude, you're not gonna miss this one”. I think RC Cole heard the word “concert” from about 17 cubicles away and was immediately in. As we got closer to game day, Eric wasn't feeling well and said he would meet us at the show in case he couldn't go the distance. So I drove down to the venue with RC which is a whole other story.... When we got to the venue, RC & I met up with Eric and went right up front where the real fans hang out. Next thing we know, the Pretenders come bustin' out and the whole place is moving. Somewhere along the line I got “over served” and I'm still upset with the venue's management. In any case, I was finally hanging out with my music buddy Eric at a show. I'm quite sure that I will never forget the smile on Eric's face when Chrissie Hynde let out that classic line “Deeeetroit leanin’”. The very same smile that soooo many people have described on this blog. Eric, my friend, please give me a sign to confirm my suspicion that God has the most kick ass music collection that anyone could imagine! See you soon....

Tom Lake - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ To know Eric is to love him and it is so apparent by the memories we all have of the times /years we have shared. Blessed to know him and friend him is only trumped by being blessed to have him as a child, brother, husband and father. Eric was all about family and friends. My deepest sympathy to his family as we ALL mourn the passing of a Great Man! He will be missed but his spirit and memory lives on in two great kids and the hearts of all who knew him. Rest in knowing that he hurts and toils no more but most of all he is in the arms of GOD! For that he makes us smile once more!!! Because we loved him so much he now rests in peace. I smile again because I had Eric McCloskey as a friend and loved him as a brother!

Bob Cunningham - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dear McCloskey family: I am so sorry and sad to hear about the loss of Eric. My thoughts and prayers are with you. It seems like just yesterday that we attended BGSU and shared some great experiences together. Eric was a wonderful friend, positive role model and a great brother. With deepest sympathy, Kevin Theta Chi 94

Kevin Telepo - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I was saddened to hear of Eric's passing. I also went to Canfield with him. We were good friends in grade school and like many, we lost touch later on. I have fond memories of Eric, he was very witty and always kept me laughing. RIP "E" ”

Scott Detchon - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear McCloskey Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I was very sad to hear of Eric's passing. He was a dear friend in middle and high school as well as college. The McCloskey boys were a constant fixture at our household and my memories of full of stories of Eric. He was one of the kindest, funniest and deep people I knew. I was blessed to be able to call him friend. ”

Belinda Bienko Skertic - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I am very saddened to hear about Eric's passing. He was a great man....always smiling and full of fun. You will be missed, Eric! ”

Bill Dorman - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your husband and father. I graduated with Eric. Eric was always warm and kind to everyone he knew. Many prayers to your family. ”

Shelley Horvat - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ To the McCloskey family-You are in my thoughts and prayers. I was saddened to hear of Eric's passing. We went to Canfield together and he definately could make you smile. Love, Tina ”

Tina (Fitchet) Riccitiello - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Eric's family as I look though old CHS yearbooks and remember the good ol' days..... My God wrap his arms around you and comfort you all.... ”

Christine McCarron Feeley - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear McCloskey family, I am so sorry about your loss. I went to high school with Eric and some of my greatest memories were of him. He was a great person. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Megan Kover Cina - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ To the McCloskey Family . . . I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Eric was such a great friend throughout middle school and high school. I have so many fond memories of Eric ("Mac")through basketball and school. He had a contagious sense of humor that made everything more enjoyable when he was involved. He will be deeply missed. Mark Kosin

Mark Kosin - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear McCloskey family - I'm sad to hear of Eric's passing. I vividly remember Eric's high energy and humor while in the Theta Chi house. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mark West (Theta Chi '90)

Mark West - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I am so sadden to hear that my friend and former co worker Eric had passed away. He always made me laugh in some way. Eric would do anything for his friends and stick by them in thick and thin. I had the pleasure of traveling to Japan with him many times, on one particular trip during a slight earthquake, I got to see first hand the speed and agility of that big guy as he ran out of the room looking for cover from an earthquake not lasting more than 5 seconds. :-)He will be sadly missed by all. My prayers go out to his family.

Doug Hodinko - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To the McCloskey family, please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Although I did not work closely with Eric, we exchanged many emails at Honda over the years. Eric received many of my emails and I his in error due to sharing the same last name. We had to meet to see if we were related. We did and concluded we were not but had some great laughs at the expense of those sending the emails in error. God Bless.

Shaun McCloskey - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Rest in peace Eric, you will be missed!

Jim Morris - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ To the McCloskey family: I am so very for your loss. I had the privilege of going to middle and high school with Eric and was lucky enough to call him a dear friend. We had such a fun group of friends and Eric was always the life of the party and the root of great laughs and practical jokes. More times than I can count I happened upon a "gift" left in my front yard by Eric and Mellon! He truly never met a stranger and always made everyone around him feel welcome and included! Tommy and Michael, I have no doubt that you all inherited the best of your Dad! He had a contagious personality that drew others in; it is so comforting to know that he will live on through you boys. I can only imagine how proud he was and will continue to be of you two and how much his family's love and support must have meant to him. My heart goes out to all of you; please know how many people he touched with his smile, laughs and amazing personilty. I feel so lucky to have known him. Lara

Lara Crawford McCrary - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To the McCloskey Family - Eric was a very good friend to myself and many others during our high school and college years. He had an incredible sense of humor and the ability to make you laugh at any time. Eric will forever have a place in our memories from a very good time in many of our lives. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Jay Skrobola

Jay Skrobola - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ To the McCloskey Family: Eric was such a dear friend from 8th grade until we graduated from college. He had such a great sense of humor, and I still find myself quoting funny things that he used to say. Throughout the years, I have told my friends about some of the funny things that he would say and do. Even though some of my friends never met Eric, they have said that they wish they could have. Knowing Eric was an honor, and he and his family had a profound impact on my life. My deepest sympathy to the McCloskey family.

Jill Thompson - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear McCloskey family, I am sorry for your loss of a son, brother, husband, and father. My prayers are with you all. Eric was a great friend. He made high school fun. Tommy and Michael - your dad was a good man. He spoke so well of both of you to me. He was trustworthy, loyal, helpful, and kind. We had a great group of friends from our class, and I am confident all would agree that he could always make us laugh, always lighten the mood, and always find creative ways to entertain us. I've told many friends about Eric and the things we did. They always laugh, and more often than not said they wished they had a friend like that. It was an honor to have known Eric and been able to call him a friend.

Dave Mellon - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ To the McCloskey Family, In this time of grief of sadness, I want you to know how much of an inspiration Eric was to me and others during the past 6 years we worked together at Honda. In spite of his condition he managed to continue to contribute to our business success...by passing on his technical expertise to others who were in need of it...by working with his team members on developing long-term plans...and by wrestling with the daily headaches we faced with all the energy he could muster. Today I sit here in amazement at how he managed to do all that and carry the burden that he carried. Throughout it all there were days when we all could see how difficult it had been for him to just make it in to the office, and other days when working actually meant standing for hours and hours in front of his desk or in the surrounding area, or in meeting rooms, doing his part in the manner that he was able to do it. There was not a day, however, when he couldn't find the time to smile and laugh with us. At Honda we often make reference to something we call the 'Challenging Spirit', a term that describes a certain individual tenacity to overcome problems and find solutions. Eric was the living embodiment of that concept, and we who were there to see it will have that memory forever and won't ever have to look very far to find it again. When I last saw Eric it was early June of this year and our annual time to talk about the past year and the upcoming year. He was apologetic about the time he'd missed and I told him how much we all appreciated his contributions. What I couldn't tell him then I shared above. Eric, you left an indelible impression on all of us. You were a rock and I wonder if I'll ever meet someone with the strength of character that you had. Rest In Peace.

Mark Ehrlich - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ To the McCloskey family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Eric. I have many fond memories of growing up with him. He will be missed!

Lisa Mlynarek Terlesky - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ I had the pleasure of working with Eric at Honda for many years. We both shared a love of cars, and music. He was a great guy and will be sorely missed. Rest in peace Eric. Ed Jackson

Ed Jackson - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ My condolences go to you and your family. I went to high school with Eric. It looks like he had a great life and will be dearly missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

Ivy Rechak - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I am sending my deepest sympathies for your loss. It had been awhile since I had seen Eric, but some of my fondest memories were of his many antics, his great sense of humor, and genuineness of character. He will be missed.

Craig Jones - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dear McCloskey family, I am truly sorry to hear about Eric. I went to high school with him. He had a great sense of humor and was a friend to everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Kim Franklin Chaplow - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To say Eric was a good friend is an understatement. We were inseparable as kids during my years in Canfield. I had only seen Eric twice since moving away and had recently reconnected with him. As I look back, I have only a handful of people who have truly impacted my life and Eric was one of them. To the McCloskey family, I am so sorry for your loss. He was like a brother to me and I will never forget him.

Dan Schmidt - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Eric's family during this difficult time. I had the pleasure to work with Eric in recent years, and enjoyed his humor and contagious smile! I can honestly say that I have never seen a guy 'light up' more than when he spoke of his sons and their personalities and interests. It was obvious that Eric was part of a very special family whom he loved dearly.

Melinda Brant - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ To the McCloskey family. I am sad to learn of Eric's passing. I had not seen Eric since college but have fond memories of the man Eric was. You are in my prayers. John Petersen Theta Chi

john Petersen - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Having met and become a college friend of Eric's, I am extremely saddened to hear about his recent battle with cancer. Eric was always a person who brought joy ,happiness and camaraderie to the Theta Chi house in BG. The entire McCloskey family has been in my thoughts and prayers since hearing the news. God Bless Jeremy Oyen BGSU Theta Chi '93

Jeremy Oyen - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dear McCloskey Family, My deepest sympathy to you at this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May the happy memories of your loved one bring you peace. Sincerely, Pam Hahlen GRE

Pam Hahlen - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ we just lost a brother and God just gained a hell of a Beta 500 runner. Roll Chi...

Keith Lucas - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I am very grateful to have worked with Eric for several years at Honda. Eric was a great man. My thoughts and prayers go out to Eric's family during this most difficult time.

Jeff Owen - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Thinking of you and pray that you feel all the love of family and friends during this difficult time. What a honor to be in the presence of such a wonderful family. The Peace of Lord be always with you. Julie

Julie Alcott - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM