



Charles "Chip" Parsons

August 2, 2005

Parsons Charles "Chip" Jude Parsons was called to follow God's light home on July 30. He was surrounded by his loving wife and family as he valiantly fought complications from a brain aneurysm. Chip was born in 1957 in Hingham, MA and spent his formative years in Bloomington, MN. He resided in Eden Prairie, MN with his beautiful wife Patti. He was a beloved husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend who will be sorely missed. Chip was preceded in death by his father, Charles. He is survived by his caring wife, Patti; his faithful mother, Mary; his adoring sisters; Carol, Lee, Gail, Jan, and Fay; his brothers-in-law, Bob, Don, Greg, and Harry; his cherished nieces and nephew, Terri, Shannon, Kyle, Jasmine, and Paige; and an extended family of uncles, aunts, cousins, and in-laws. Chip was a kind man with a good soul whose compassion knew no bounds. Many were benefactors of his generous spirit as he touched countless lives. He proudly achieved 13+ years of sobriety and served as a mentor to a number of people as they struggled in their journey. His acceptance of everyone was a hallmark of his character. Chip loved to travel and was fortunate to visit many parts of the world. Throughout his travels, he met many people all of whom were blessed by his presence. He truly was one of a kind and will never be forgotten. Visitation Tuesday, August 2, 4-8 PM, at the Washburn McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Road. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, August 3, 2:00 PM with visitation 1 hour prior at The Church of St. Richard, 76th Street at Penn Ave. So., Richfield. If so desired, memorials may be made in the name of Patti Parsons

and will be distributed amongst Chip's favorite charities. Washburn-McReavy
Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400

Tribute Wall



“ ~

K G

March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Chip was a roommate of mine back in Chicago back in 1987. I lost contact with him a few years later. I only recently heard of his story from a mutual friend. I am amazed, but not surprised at what a great influence Chip was to so many for so long. His loss is a tragedy that leaves a hole in all the lives he's touched. He was a one of a kind guy who taught me a lot about life and living. My sympathy to his family and friends.

~

art rubalcava,

philadelphia, Pennsylvania

art rubalcava - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ My dear fallen friend you are still on my mind, Chipper..I still think so much about you!!I take strenth from having known you.I hope you sit on the right hand side of the Father.I still have a place for you in my heart..I love you dearly, Chipper. I will do my best to keep your menory alive.

~

Kernel,

Edina, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kernel - December 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Hi Patti. I came into this situatiuon late, as an outsider. I never had the chance to meet Chip, and if he would not have left this earth, I would not be writing this. From what I have gleaned through conversations with you Patti, I know that Chip was a great guy, a kind man and a good soul. I wish that he could have stayed among the living, as your husband. But the way it turned out was different, and so very painful for you, Patti. Your strength and pereserverance will surely make him proud, and the way you have kept Twin City Tickets going is extraordinary. He would be proud, if I may say so. You are a one of a kind person, Patti, and Chip would be thrilled with the way you have carried on. Good job Patti!Signed, "An old friend"

~

B W,

St Paul, Minnesota

B W - September 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear friend, Chip i can not believe a year has past since you have left this world. I think of you often and i truly miss our friendship. Grace and Lyla still ask me to call my buddy "Chipper" up in heaven when we are driving around the lakes. Chip you were a truly a mans man, and you are sadly missed. The fella`s on the corner keep your memory alive with beautiful stories of the one and only "Mr. BIG". God bless Patty and the rest of your family, and God bless your soul. Rest in peace my friend.

~

michael james stratton,

minneapolis, Minnesota

[Contact Me](#)

michael james stratton - July 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Brother Dear,

How I long to say those words only to hear in response, "Yes, Bev, what is the nature of your call?" That booming, gravel voice that I repeatedly asked to have the volume turned down on has been forever silenced. My heart aches to hear it once again. Alas, only the reverberations remain ricocheting off the walls of my memory.

As the year anniversary of your death approaches, I am consumed with thoughts of you and memories of days gone by. I see your beautiful sparkling green eyes dancing with mirth and remember your ability to hold a room in rapt attention as you regaled your audience with stories.

As legendary as your story-telling skills were, it is your kindness and compassion that stand out in my mind and heart. Your ability to accept people as they are is the characteristic I would most like to emulate. Countless are the times that I catch myself and think, "How would Chip react?" The same answer always comes back - with understanding and compassion. It is a lasting gift you have bestowed upon all of us fortunate enough to have been blessed by your presence in our lives.

As you look upon us from the heavens, I hope you are proud of how we've carried your mantle forth, telling tall tales (not nearly as well as you would have) of The Miracle Man and his many adventures.

Your beloved wife, Patti, is under our constant care. Despite bearing the pain of such unimaginable loss, she carries forth your business and, more importantly, your name with grace and dignity. I know you are her guardian angel whispering words of comfort upon the winds, protecting her from afar.

You are fondly remembered every minute of every day and will never be forgotten.

I love you,

~

Bev

July 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *What I feel Chip would tell his loving family:*

*You know I didn't want to go away
but, my earthly rights' bill was due.
God gave me a ticket to join Him
so, I had to leave all of you.
I'm watching over you constantly
and I don't want you to cry.
Think of all our good times often
as the days go by.
I will love you forever.*

*Chip,
I will think of you often
and pray for you always.
Love, Aunt Marie*

~

Marie Kavanaugh,

Rochester, New York

Marie Kavanaugh - August 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Patti,

I got the phone call from Frank earlier today. I am sorry to hear about your loss. He was a great man. I am sure he is watching all the free satellite TV he can handle up in heaven. I will miss him. Once again, I am sorry.

-Chad

~

Chad Holmes,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Contact Me

Chad Holmes - August 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Patti,
Sorry for your loss.*

~

Gene Hildreth,

Vancouver, Washington

Contact Me

Gene Hildreth - August 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM

P(

“ Though I only knew chip a few years, it only took a few minutes to see what kind of person he was. My heart goes out to all who knew him, we all lost a good friend. I do know however we will all see chip again one day...you'll find him outside the gates of heaven with a sign in his hand yelling tickets...tickets anyone.

~

Patrick Donovan II (bubba),

alexandria, Minnesota

Patrick Donovan II (bubba) - August 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ To Chip's Family,

My first and only time I met Chip was last year at a Packer game...Chip was our "ticket master". My lasting memory of Chip was the sight of him riding his bike back and forth through the crowd at Lambeau Field to get all our tickets, with huge smile on his face. He was a man of his word...and clearly a soul filled with great spirit.

My sincerest sympathies for the loss of your husband, father, brother and son...in your mind Chip's legacy continues.

~

Todd Eber,

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Todd Eber - August 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Dear Patti, Aunt Mary and dear cousins, we wanted you to know that we are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers and are so sorry for your loss.*

I am so grateful that I was there last summer for Aunt Mary's birthday surprize party. Chip was the same fun-loving, adventurous spirit that he was when we were kids. I got to see first hand his generous nature and how very much he loved you Patti and the family.

~

Ann & Mike & Jesse Holsworth,

Seattle, Washington

Ann & Mike & Jesse Holsworth - August 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Dearest Patti and Family,
I was so very saddened to hear of Chip's passing. I was cheering
for him every step of the way. It was a great honor to care for Chip
and to meet you. May God's loving arms give you peace and
comfort.
Diane, RN 3ICU*

~

Diane Kestner,

Backus, Minnesota

Diane Kestner - August 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Patti, I was so very saddened to hear of your loss. I will pray for you and your family. God bless you all.*

~

Betsy Cook,

Wenatchee, Washington

Betsy Cook - August 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Chip, I just want you to know that your funeral was first class. Super Bowl, Final Four and the 500 all wrapped into one. The walk up was "off the wall". It was a testament to your character, larger than life personality, and your huge heart. Chipper, I sure wish I would have known about "Jude". The Colonial and I could have had fun with that one. Once again, goodbye my friend. Mike

~

Michael James Stratton,

minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Michael James Stratton - August 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Hey Chip we always worked side by side every year at the Kentucky Derby now I have to work alone but I will fill your spirit there. I will have a Mint Julep in your honor. What a funny guy you were and we all will miss it. You now join Mr. Haney (Gary Ciptak) in heaven, both of you will be the best comedians they ever had seen. God Bless You Chip.

Cleveland Chris

~

Cleveland Chris,

Independence, Ohio

Cleveland Chris - August 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Patti-

So sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. Let your family be your strenght for a bit. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.

~

Mary (Hoekstra) Culbertson,

Howards Grove, Wisconsin

Mary (Hoekstra) Culbertson - August 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Patti, I want you to know how very sorry I am for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all the families. I'm so glad your wonderful sisters and brothers and Mom and Dad are there with you now. Sending much love your way.

~

Maureen Hildreth,

Vancouver, Washington

Maureen Hildreth - August 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*”

~

Spence "Punky" Carlson,

Huron, Ohio

Contact Me

Spence "Punky" Carlson - August 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JL

“*Fay, I'am so sorry for the loss of your brother. My heart goes out to you and your family. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

~

Jamie Larson,

Annandale, Minnesota

Jamie Larson - August 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Patti-

I am so sorry to hear that Chip has passed away. I am a friend of Rick and Mary Blum's and since hearing about your news we have been praying for the two of you.

I try to imagine how painful it would feel to loose my husband, and I know that I can not come close to relating to how you must feel.

We will continue to pray for you as you heal from your loss.

Isaiah 40:31 "But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."

May God Bless You,

Bridey and Tony Asher

~

Bridey Asher,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Bridey Asher - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Patti,

My most heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and Chip's immediate family.

I, along with so many others, were lucky to have known Chip. He was a great guy, one who was true to himself and his beliefs, so honest and trustworthy in business and in life. He will be sorely missed-not only by those who knew him, but more so by those who never had the pleasure and privilege of meeting and knowing "Chipper", truly a one-of-a kind person.

~

Michael Bruns,

Minnesota

Michael Bruns - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Patti, Aunt Mary and Family,
My deepest sympathy is with all of you at this time. Just 2 years ago
I had the pleasure of meeting Patti and enjoying some good
conversation with Chip when they were in Rochester. Chip was a
great guy and he'll be missed a lot.*

Tim

~

Tim Kavanaugh,

Rochester, New York

Tim Kavanaugh - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RL

“*Fay, Sorry to here of your loss, may your loving memories help you through your difficult Times. You and your Mom and Sisters are in our prayers.*

~

Ron and Joan Larson,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Ron and Joan Larson - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My deepest sympathy to Jan, Mary, Patti and the entire Parsons family. I am so sorry for the loss of your dear brother, son and husband. You have such a dynamic, loving, and devoted family, of which Chip was obviously an integral part. Through cherished memories, a piece of Chip will remain present within each of you until you meet him again in eternity. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

~

Kevin Russett,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kevin Russett - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I feel very lucky to have known Chip even though it was only through the ticket business and we really only had a few conversations. I feel as though I only knew him for a minute but he made a life long impression. He went above and beyond his duties to help me. Even when he was busy or on his way to meet friends he would still take my calls and do all that he could to help me. From the first time I spoke with him I dubbed him as my favorite broker. I really wish I had the chance to meet him. He is the only broker that I actually have in my rolodex and his number with stay there indefinitely just so I can feel like he's one call away. To his family and friends...you are in my thoughts and prayers. In the few conversations we had he managed to mention a few of his good friends and his wife and we were just talking about work so you know how much he loved you. Thank you, Chip. You will be missed.

Sincerely,
Stacy and all of us at Total Ticket Service

~

Stacy Elliott,

Kenmore, Washington

Stacy Elliott - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I have fond memories of playing hockey at Haeg Park with Chip when we were kids. Myself & all of the Divine brothers offer our deepest condolences to the family of Chip Parsons.

~

Chris Divine,

Richfield, Minnesota

Chris Divine - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Parsons family:

I just received word through Mom, via a long distance phone call to my place of employment. Mom's visiting family in WV, but her thoughts and prayers are with you all. I don't know what to say... I'm sitting here at work with tears in my eyes... I never even thought of the possibility that Chip wouldn't walk away from this! Although I didn't get to spend a lot of time with him or any of you "children" personally, you have all been like part of my family to me... as Mary is like part of my family. I love you all! My heart feels deeply for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

~

Sarah Dellwo,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sarah Dellwo - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TS

“*Fay, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*”

~

Tammie (Larson) Silverstone,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Tammie (Larson) Silverstone - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *To Pattie and Chip's family,
I was saddened to hear today of chips dying. You have our deepest sympathy. I can think of so many things that he said but the one that sticks in my mind is.. he didn't want to be on this side of the river. Now he is resting on the other side. vicki r.n.*

~

vicki corrigan,

wsp, Minnesota

vicki corrigan - August 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ How do we begin to write about Chip . . .What a terrible loss for everyone. I will always remember that wonderful smile of his and his zest for life. And of course the way he loved to tease Patti,his sisters and his mother too.

You'll forever be in my heart and in my prayers .

Love your Cousin Joannie

~

Joan Gensler,

Rochester, New York

Joan Gensler - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Our entire family grieves for Mary, Patti, Carol, Lee, Gail, Jan, Fay and the rest of the family. Chip was the precious little boy next door who grew to become the responsible, caring man that his family depended upon. I remember our mom giving Chip his hair-cuts and our brother Steven teaching him the fine art of golf. You were a part of our family Chip and you were a little brother to Steven.

We will meet you again one day "Chip Charles Jude Joseph Parsons". With deep sympathy for your family..Susan Dewar-Olson

~

Susan Dewar-Olson,

Mpls, Minnesota

Susan Dewar-Olson - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Patti, Aunt Mary and Family,*

We are so very sorry for your loss.

It was just about 2 years ago this month Chip and Patty came to Rochester for the U.S.Open at Oak Hill. We had dinner with Patti and Chip at our home, and we had dinner with Chip on his birthday . We tried to treat him on his birthday but he INSISTED and refused to let us treat.

I had never met Chip until then even though I had been married to Michael for 18 years, I had heard alot about him especially when Aunt Mary would come visit. He was eveything and more that I had heard . He had great stories and we could listen to him for hours. We laughed with him and had alot of fun that night on his 46th birthday

We wish we could be there but Chip is in our thoughts as well as the family.

You are in our prayers and thoughts.

Love,

Mike ,Ann, Sean and Bryan Kavanaugh

~

Mike and Ann Kavanaugh,

Victor, New York

Mike and Ann Kavanaugh - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Patti, my thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless, take care and let me know if I can help in any way.*

~

Terre Krantz,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Terre Krantz - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ dear mr parsons
you always had a perspective or humerous insight on any subject
on earth.even though i would only see
you every so often,you would always remember our past
conservations and pick up where you left off!you always treated
your ticket broker friends with respect.this is why so many people
will miss you and talk favorably about you for a very long time!CHIP
you are one COOL dude!

~

greg guy,

columbus, Ohio

greg guy - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Going on the road to events will never be the same. Chip was always one of the guys I looked most forward to seeing when I arrived in town. I think I can speak for all of us in the business when I say we have lost one of our best. Chipper, we'll miss you.

~

John Kossatz,

Lexington, Kentucky

John Kossatz - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. I knew Chip many years ago when we worked together at Henrici's, but my connection is with his sister, Jan. Chip is made whole now, by his faith. My heartfelt condolences to his dear family.

~

Mathew Friebe,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Mathew Friebe - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *My prayers go out to the family and friends of the Chipper he was one of a kind and a true friend. I'll miss ya funny guy*

~

Ronald Dunn,

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ronald Dunn - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I HAD THE PLEASURE KNOWING "CHIP" AND THE PARSON FAMILY MY WHOLE LIFE,AS NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS,HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED,I DO KNOW HE WILL BE SEATED FRONT ROW CENTER BEFORE GOD.

~

mitch horstman,

bloomington

Contact Me

mitch horstman - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I never met Chip but knew of him through my friend, Gail. It was quite clear he was a very special person and will be deeply missed. My deepest sympathies to Chip's family. Though I cannot be there in person, please know my thoughts are with all of you at this time.

~

Diane Koch,

Phoenix, Arizona

Diane Koch - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Patty, we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

~

Steve & Susan Woelfel,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Steve & Susan Woelfel - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I've had the pleasure of being one of Chip's many friends since before i can remember. I just heard the news and i really don't know what to say - i am so sad to hear the news...and so sorry his time is now. They broke the mold when they made Chip - a truly great friend and i'll miss him. The travels, the conversations and just his presence...heaven is a better place today.

~

Mike Munyon,

Savage, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mike Munyon - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *This is such sad news. My prayers are with the Parsons family. I always think of Chip as having such a great sense of humor.*

~

Mary Holtzman,

Edina, Minnesota

Mary Holtzman - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.*

I last spoke with Chip about a month ago. As usual, we had each other dying of laughter. We told each other what was going on in our lives and it seemed like we talked forever. Patti, I want you to know that Chip told me he was the happiest he had ever been in his life. He adored you so much. You were his life. He will be deeply missed. I know I will always remember him by all his good deeds to others and his huge heart. There wasn't a stranger he didn't meet. God Bless and stay strong. Just know that Chip loved you with all his heart.

~

Kristin Roberts,

Raleigh, North Carolina

Contact Me

Kristin Roberts - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Chip, I will miss our daily phone conversations, they brought me joy, laughter, and sometimes frustration, but that is what I loved about you. Chip, you were truly one of a kind. Now that you are at the side of the "original" MR. BIG... put in a good word for us... I will sincerely miss our friendship. Patti, if there is anything that Kristi and I can do please call. Love, Mike, Kristi, Grace and Lyla.

~

Michael James Stratton,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

michael james stratton - July 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Patti,
My heart goes out to you and the rest of the family. I wish I could
ease your pain but will keep you in my prayers. Take care my friend.
Donna*

~

Donna Carpentier,

Lino Lakes, Minnesota

Donna Carpentier - July 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ On behalf of the local ticket broker community, I wish to extend our broken hearts to Patty, his beloved wife, & the rest of the Parsons family. I meet "Chipper" in 1992 and saw his career soar overcoming many adversities. Chip , in short order, became the best ticket broker and FRIEND to many in the state of Minnesota. He had two very special gifts, one of thoses being generous to a fault helping those he knew without any condition. He also had the gift of gab who could sell sand to an Arab. He was a great salesman of his age and a charmer of the first class, ask his wife, Patty. Kindhearted, gentile, forgiving, caring, thoughtful, industrious, friendly and a capitolist entrepreneur. For those who had the pleasure of knowing "Chipper" he will leave an indelible mark on our lifes and hearts.

My dear friend I wish I had the chance to say goodbye to you.

You left too early, you left too young, you left too many!!

God Bless you, Chip.

~

Linda & Col. Hans Nieder,

Edina,, Minnesota

Linda & Col. Hans Nieder - July 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Patti...I am so sad for your loss and for Chips family. I am thinking of you. I wish I could help with your pain somehow.*
Sincerely, Kathy

~

Kathy anderson,

Minnesota

Kathy anderson - July 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ PATTY,
WE ARE THINKING ABOUT YOU AND ARE IN OUR PRAYERS.
WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE DEATH OF CHIP. IF
YOU NEED ANYTHING JUST GIVE US A CALL.
WE LOVE YOU
BOBBY SUE AND SARAH

~

BOBBY AND SUE and SARAH CARROLL,

AMARILLO, Texas

BOBBY AND SUE and SARAH CARROLL - July 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ We will always love Chip and hold him close in our hearts. It has been a delight and an honor being his friends. It will be very painful not having Chip to color our lives with his presence. Our hearts are heavy with sorrow, and we grieve for all of our loss having to go on without Chip - most especially for Patti, and Chip's family.

~

Kathy & David Gunderson,

Richfield, Minnesota

Kathy & David Gunderson - July 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Sorry for your sudden loss at such an early age.

~

Dick & Karla Gengler,

Clear Lake, Minnesota

Dick & Karla Gengler - July 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We lost one of the good guys in this world. Chip, you'll be missed.

~

Lucky Wells,

Navarre, Florida

Lucky Wells - July 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM