



Charles Whitehead

March 9, 1950 - June 30, 2012

Obituary of Charles Whitehead
Chick was born March 9th, 1950, in Hackensack, New Jersey. He left this world on Saturday, June 30th, 2012, doing what he loved, RACING his school bus. He has lived in Ocala, Florida for over 30 years. He is presently married to Dawn Brown and leaves behind six grown children: Mickie Lewis, Selena Roberts, Sebrena Oralls, Charles "Chucky" Whitehead, JR, Christina "Tina" Tweedy, and Robbie Whitehead. He also leaves behind 13 grandchildren as well as 1 great-grand child and 1 great-grand child to be born later this year. He founded Tri-Co Communications, Inc back in 1979. He had a passion for fishing, racing buses, working and helping others. He was a man that touched many lives in many ways and will be missed greatly.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Whitehead*

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Happy Valentine's Day! Love you much and miss you more every day! Please keep watch over us as we venture through our days and along our journeys of life. Wish I could hear your voice and ask you questions to get those ever wonderful worlds of advice. I miss you much, Dad!*

Tina - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chick I miss you so much, I think of you all the time, I had a question the other day and I picked up the phone to call you and then I remembered. You taught me so much and trusted me with so much. My main thing was I never wanted to let you down in any way. I respected you and when I had questions either personal or professional you was there. I will remember you and me sitting at the computer in the back and you teaching me how to build a template. You showed me how to do it and then let me try and started to talk and I told you to watch and be quiet until I did something wrong you smirked at me and went and got coffee haha.... My thoughts are always with the family and the hurt they are going through, because I love them all as much as I loved you! I will miss you forever, but you will always be close to my heart!*

Dee (Delores) - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“Dad u r loved in so many ways. I can not think of one time that is any greater than the other bc everything we did with u was great and filled with love and our best interest. You were the best ever. I do not know how to go on just plz help me through. I love u

selena - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“I only met you one time by chance when you and Sebrena were shopping at Walmart. But she and I had many deep conversations about you and we actually listened to you CD's of inspirational healing going to Jacksonville one day and I can tell you that SHE was proud to be your daughter. I hope in the short time you two reconnected that the imprint of honesty, truthfulness to oneself, and love of oneself will stay with her through until you and your daughter can walk the streets of gold together.

Cheryl Nipper - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“I am so sad to learn of Chick's passing. What a Great Man. He taught me a tremendous amount since entering this business in 1985. His commitment to customers and employees was tremendous. His sence of humor and good cheer was unequaled. His "inovative" method of demonstrating what radio frequency energy was all about was to have me hold onto the antenna of a Citrus County Sheriff's Office car while he did a transmit test. Not too much damage as I watched him double over in laughter. I'll miss this man for sure. My thoughts and prayers are with all the Whithead and Tri-Co Family! Tom

Tom Henry - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Dear Whitehead Family, You will continue to be in the prayers of our family as you experience this sudden loss. I am sure it is especially hard on the younger generation. Chick loved his family so much, especially those grandkids, and I expect he is missed terribly. I am so sorry that this loss has ocme to you.

Coleen - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Tina, Andy and the kids, Please accept our condolences for the loss of your father, father in law and grandpa. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family at this time of great loss.

Regan Tweedy - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Very sorry for your loss. May all members of the family and friend find peace in his memory.....

Gene Meisenheimer - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dawn, Family, Employees & Friends of Chickenman, I am still in shock over the loss of Chick..... This hi-tech world we live in today, I wouldn't be surprised if Chick is up there in Heaven designing a communications system more powerful than Facebook that would enable us to call our loved ones in Heaven. "Look out everyone he will be calling us to order all the equipment and parts" Chick was an entrepreneur in everything he did including living his life. He had a HEART of GOLD and a big smile. Chick has helped my family and I during tough times throughout the 22 years that I have worked at Tri-Co. Thank you so much for your generosity and thoughtfulness Chick, you are the best and will be missed but never forgotten. My deepest sympathy goes out to Dawn, Family and all that were blessed to know him. We will all see you in Heaven Chick! Love and miss you! Carrie

Carrie Baldwin - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Whitehead family. God bless you Robbie . Sincerely, Joy Grant

Joy Grant - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Chick, I hope you knew what it meant to me when you tried to help my son and I. When I felt alone and no idea what to do or were to turn next it was you that stepped in and gave me strength to deal with what was ahead. Once again I find myself seeking the strength to say good bye to a man that touched the lives of so many people you will be forever missed. My Deepest Sympathy to Dawn, All the Kids, Grandchildren and Robert I Love You All. Love, Donna Williams

Donna Williams - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Chick hired me at Tri-Co Communications almost 29 years ago and I have been so blessed of God to have such wonderful employers. Chick was a great mentor and always commanded a high standard of quality of work. He always expected others to have done their homework and you had better have been prepared if you worked with him. At times he seemed a bit tough but he knew his work and knew how he wanted it done. I wish I had his kind of resolve in the work of my hands but we are all gifted in different ways. Our daily employment in this life is important but let us all seek above all the greatest end in seeking God our Savior. Life is short, eternity is for ever. My prayer is that God would comfort your hearts in this great loss of your loved one. We will all miss Chick greatly. Love, Jeff (Psa 39:4) LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. (Psa 90:12) So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Jeff Eng - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Though I didn't get to work with Chick all that much, the contact I did have with him I will always remember. His obligation to his work and his caring for the working guy was of the best caliber I have ever seen. My prayers and sympathy go to Dawn and the whole Whitehead family. May you all find peace in Gods loving grace..

George E Otto - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Thank you for your guidance and direction, you will forever be in my heart. Gonna miss you bud! Love ya, Mike

Michael Magasano - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ My deepest condolences to all the family.. I feel so blessed to have shared so many great memories with Chick.

Larry Triana aka One Lap Larry - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I am proud to say that I had the honor to know Chick. When I was in sales with Motorola and given the counties of Marion and Citrus one of the first persons I met was Chick. He helped me from the first day and everyday for many, many years. If I needed anything, Chick was always there to offer his help and support. No matter what he was doing, he would take the time to hear about what problems I was having with a customer and offer his help. My condolence to Dawn and the family. Chick will be missed.

Tom Lathan - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families. Chick was a great man and was loved by many.

Kim Miller - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I met Chick 12 years ago when I worked for TRICO and at first I didn't know what to think. He had a certain way of doing things and it took a little while to figure him out. I realized though he just wanted things done right, and I always respected him for that. I learned a lot from him and he will be missed.

Rob Damuth/Boomer - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ So sorry to hear this, he was very much like his dad, a very giving-loving person, a great loss to family and friends. I am glad I got to talk to him recently, I will always have fond memories of the conversations and the times together, although short. Love to the family from: Alan, Lois, Matt, Doug and Dylan Kersten & Harriet Whitehead

Alan Kersten - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Last Saturday night God came running over to St. Peter, "Pete, get the place cleaned up, take the trash out, put some extra grease on the gait., if your not needed try to stay out of the way." "What's up? Some big wig coming up?" "Stand by. The Seagull has landed!" Like most people, I will always wish I had made that last phone call to tell you how much you and Tri-Co have meant to me and my family. Thank you.

Mike Magill - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ You have our deepest condolences. Our hearts and prayers go out to you. You will be missed but never forgotten. You are now another bright star in the sky looking down on us all. Love to all. The other "Tweedy" family

Cindy - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We will miss you friend, the Poker games in Ozello, So. Brooksville Ave meetings, Horseshoe Beach fishing, May you rest in Peace.

Dave and Sue Folds - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Will always miss you Chick.....I know you loved racing those buses but who would have thought this would happen??? Your memory will always live on in all of our minds and hearts..... RIP.....my good buddy

Maria Parker - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Love Ya Chick. I will miss you. Such a special man.

Kate Shelton - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ How do I say Goodbye to you Chick ?? I started to work for Chick & Robert in 1989 so we have been friends AND family since then !! We worked, played, partied together we weren't JUST employees we WERE family you cared about us you listened if we had a problem in life and you shared in our joys in life our accomplishments ! I am sending ALL my LOVE to the kids, the grandkids & Great grandkids and ESPECIALLY Dawn & Robert I know how much you all loved him and will miss him I LOVED him with all my heart and will be there for everyone whenever you need me just call ! RIP Chick you were a Special Man !! Love Brenda (aka one of the B*tches)

Brenda Wilcox - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ For the 28 years with Motorola you were my Man. You helped me more than anyone could imagine to make me successfull. I owe you so much for that and always will be gratefull to you and Trico Communications. Personally you were the one i could to turn to help me with my moms computer stuff that would drive me nuts. For that thank you thank you thank you. I will always remember our lunches and me busted your butt about that damn boat of yours. I dont how you could go fishing since half the time that boat was under water.LOL Chick i will miss you deeply and my thoughts and prayers go out to your family in this time of grief. And to the rest of us we were very lucky to have CHICK in our lives. John Liptak Motorola Solutions

John Liptak - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Dawn and all your family. Chick will be missed by soooo many of us. He was always there with a helping hand no matter what it was. If it was in his power, you received it. He was doing what he loved. He bought buses, he raced buses and he worked on buses. You are in my thoughts and prayers. If you need anything please call me. He was a great man and everyone loved him. The three are together again up in Heaven. Robbie, Jim and Chick. LOVE to all, Marilee Robbie, Jim and Chick.

Marilee Armstrong - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Take chances, Tell the truth, Say no, Fall in love, Get to know someone random, Be random, Say I love you, Sing out loud, Laugh at a stupid joke, Cry, Get revenge, Apologize, Tell someone how much they mean to you, Tell the a**hole what you feel, Let someone know what they're missing, Laugh till your stomach hurts, LIVE LIFE! THIS CHICK DID, HE LIVED HIS LIFE TO THE FULLEST! MEMORIES WILL LIVE IN MY HEART FOREVER.

Robert Webb - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Chick, Took me into the fold of BBSS and helped me find a Sponsor. When I called him he always spoke to me with his unique "to the point" honesty. Those conversations will be forever missed. Now I must seek my "Chick Honesty" from the heavens. Good-bye dear friend.

Sarah Stanton - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ To Dawn and all the family, I am still in shock over Chick's sudden passing.. My husband Jim (Oldtimer) and Jim Armstrong (Mustard) were the 3 Musketeers of Ozello at one time. They spent many a day and night fishing and talking and enjoying life. And that is my consolation now, knowing they are together again at that great fishing hole in the sky! Catching the biggest redfish you ever saw! Chick was a good man who lived life to the fullest. He died doing something he loved. And from reading all the posts, he helped a lot of people. He truly had a life well lived. My love and prayers go out to all of you in this time of sorrow. May you feel the loving arms of God, wrapped around you, giving you comfort and peace. With much love, Rita Hutton Meares

Rita Hutton Meares - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ With great sorrow we mourn the loss of our beloved friend Chick, who was a source of inspiration, kindness, service, and love to us for the time that we were privileged to know him. He will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chick's family and friends left behind. May God bless you all. Jane and Michael Dacey

Jane and Michael Dacey - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HI

“ You allowed God to work through you to leave behind great treasures. Your rewards in heaven must therefore be great. Thanks Chick for all that you've done and farewell, Herb

Herbert A Hamblen III - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Tina and Andy, My condolences and prayers are sent to both of you and your children. I pray comfort and strength to both of you as you go through another "Dad" loss. Peace and blessings to you and yours. You are in our thoughts in Alaska. Suzanne and Kristen Dutson

Suzanne Dutson - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Marion County Public Safety Communicatins 9-1-1 Center would like to express our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the Whitehead family in your time of grief. Chick's commitment and dedication to his profession will be missed. May God Bless and comfort you during this difficult time.

Bill McConnell, Manager Marion County PSC - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Whitehead Family. Chick you were always fun to be around and a pleasure to work with. The knowledge you gave me has helped me in many ways. You will be missed.

Joe Wincklhofer - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ My deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Charles "Chick" Whitehead. He was always very helpful and nice to me. He will be missed. I am glad to have known him. Rest in peace my friend.
Love, Angela G. BBSS

Angela Green - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends of this good man. He always brought a smile to my face in the short times that I saw him. He will be missed by so many, may his family take comfort in knowing he was loved.

Beverly Hankins - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ chick will be missed by all.he was a careing man that i looked up to when thing were good and bad could always call him and he could change a negitive into a posative and always make me laugh

glenn fleming - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ First we would like to say our prayers and thoughts are with the family. Chick became my step brother 35 years ago. He always treated me as a brother. We didn't spend much time together as we both had our own families. I know Chick loved his family and friends. He would do anything for them that was within his power. It deeply saddens us that his life was taken, he had so much more to give to his family, friends and life. Chick you are one of a kind and we are going to miss you. Now take Dad fishing, he has been waiting for you.

John & Joyce Kersten - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Deepest Sympathy and Condolences in your time of loss. Chick will be missed by many. Sincerely Hal Herron

Hal Herron - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We will all miss Chick so very much. He was always there whenever anyone needed him. Love always to his family and close friends

Arlene Chouinard - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My heart and prayers go out to the Whitehead family. The BBSS "family" in Ormond Beach will be forever grateful to have had Chick be with us. Melissa Fiore

Melissa Fiore - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ WE are so sorry for your loss my god be with your family in these hard times

George Mangual an family #0 mini stock..... - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My heart goes out to Chick's family and friends. He will be missed and never forgotten.*

Connie Chillemi - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Chick was many things to me in the course of my life. In the beginning of my career he acted as a mentor, giving me insight on business and electronics. Later, through an unexpected chain of events, he became my employer, occasional fishing partner and database guru. As I moved on to other adventures, he was a friend and acquaintance who I will always remembered fondly. We didn't always agree but there was always respect there. Sometimes I think we had more fun disagreeing! I would like to offer my sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed in all our lives.*

Brad Barber - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *We will miss your smiling face in good times and in bad, always there for us - our loyal and faithful friend- Beth, Jeff and Elendea King*

The King Family - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ My brother, John Kersten, expressed my emotions perfectly. Our mother Dolly was fortunate enough to meet & marry Chick's dad, Earl Whitehead. Earl was a very kind, generous and thoughtful man & we felt lucky to have him in our lives. Well, as they say, the apple didn't fall far from the tree. Chick was truly a good person in all ways who ALWAYS thought of others. We know he will leave a huge void to the many, many lives he touched but never forgotten. We share in your loss & offer our deepest condolences.

Gerry (Kersten) & Carl Payberg - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Chick, was a wonderful man who inspired me to be a more selfless person. He would always do things for others without ever wanting to be seen doing them. I watched him and admired him for being the most altruistic person I ever knew. You will be truly missed!!! If it wasn't for you, I may have never found the process that saved my life!

David Biaza - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Whitehead family.

Davis Family - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Chick, we will miss you dearly. You were a man who I trusted and respected growing up you always included us kids in anything and everything that you could...later down the road we became family but in my eyes you already were part of my family having done more for us then you ever knew.....we love you and you will be missed dearly RIP!

Kristina - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Here's a cup of coffee to ya Chick. You will be missed dearly by many. My heart goes out to the family. Wish we could be there with you all.

Kerri Post - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We did not know Chick but from what we heard he was a wonderful man. Our prayers go out to his family in this difficult time. The memories all of you share will keep him alive in your hearts forever. You are in our thoughts and prayers

Michele and Eugene Malverty - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To the family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very sad time. Tina please call me if there is ANYTHING you guys need. We are always here for you and your family!!!

The Ferrell Family - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I do not know Charles personally, but ive had the pleasuring in knowing his daughter Tina Tweedy and i know if shes anything like him, he must of been a great man, i can see it with the way his daughter was raised she is pleasant, kind, loving, thoughtful, respectful, trustworthy and so many more wonderful things. God bless his soul and bless his family and friends who were touched by his presence and are hurting during this time.

Krystle Sequina - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I did not know Chick but from what I heard he was a wonderful man. My prayers go out to his family in this difficult time. The memories all of you share will keep him alive in your hearts forever!

Penny Lumpkin - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ You have our deepest condolences. Our hearts go out to you and our prayers are with you. Don & Harolyn Scott

Don & Harolyn Scott - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our sympathy to the family. Chick was a good friend to our family. We have many happy memories to remember Chick by. He was always there with a hug hello. He was very generous and never thought twice if you needed something you got it. He will be missed by so many people who's life he touched with his kind and generous heart. Give Robbie and Pop a hug for us Chick. We'll see you at the big race track one day. Love and miss you Brenda and Thurman

Brenda McDaniel - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We didnt know you personally Chick but have been told many wonderful things about you. Now you can do all those wonderful things in Heaven. GO GET THOSE CHECKERED FLAGS! Our sympathies and prayers go our to the family and friends of Charles "Chick" Whitehead. GOD BLESS!

L&B Racing - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Chick was one of a kind, his passion for his family, friends, fishing and racing will forever leave an impact on my heart. He was truly an amazing man, he lived life and enjoyed every moment he got to fish or race his bus. I will never forget the smile on his face when he would show up at the track to race his bus. The memories I have are endless. I love you Chickenman and to your family you all have a very special place in my heart. Love you all, as Chick called me "Princess Peckerhead"

Rebecca Aaron - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Thoughts and prayers to the whole Whitehead family. Chick was a great man. Always full of life and willing to go that extra mile to help out his fellow man! He will missed greatly!

Lyssa Maxwell - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM