



Charles Francis Crossley Jr.

September 19, 1948 - April 18, 2012

Charles Francis Crossley, Jr., of Orange Grove, TX, formerly of Sudlersville, MD, died on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 in his home. Mr. Crossley the former Sheriff of Queen Anne's County, MD, was born in Chestertown, MD, he was the son of the late, Charles Francis and Ethel P. Breen Crossley, Sr. He was 63.

Mr. Crossley was a member of the last graduating class of Sudlersville High School in 1966 and was a graduate of Chesapeake College with an Associate of Arts degree in Business Management.

Mr. Crossley was a longtime law enforcement officer beginning his career with the Centreville Police Department. In 1990, Mr. Crossley was elected to his first of four terms as the Queen Anne's County Sheriff. During his tenure as Sheriff, Mr. Crossley served as President of the Maryland State Sheriffs Association. He was also an instructor at Chesapeake College in their Criminal Justice program. Mr. Crossley was a member of the Queen Anne's County Fraternal Order of police, as well as a past member of the Sudlersville Lions Club and the Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Co. Mr. and Mrs. Crossley also owned and operated the Parkside Deli in Sudlersville for a number of years.

Mr. Crossley enjoyed coaching Little League baseball for a number of years as well as collecting baseball cards. He loved his Baltimore Orioles and the

Baltimore Ravens, and enjoyed playing his guitar and country music.

Since leaving law enforcement and the busy commitment of community service, Mr. Crossley has lived a quiet life on his ranch in Texas.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Crossley is predeceased by a brother, Wayne Crossley.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Lea Crossley of Orange Grove, TX; daughters, Brenda Rhodes of Millington, MD, and Karen Sue Robbins and her husband, Larry also of Millington, MD; a son, Charles F. Crossley III "Chip" and his wife, Misty of Orange Grove, TX; a stepdaughter, Brenda Clough of Hartley, DE; four brothers, David Crossley and his wife, Regina of Sudlersville, MD, Gary Crossley and his wife, Linda of Clayton, DE, Dennis Crossley of Millington, MD and Brian Crossley of Sudlersville, MD; grandchildren, Darren, Courtney, and Colin Rhodes of Sudlersville, MD, Buck and Dalton Robbins of Millington, MD, Chippy Crossley of Orange Grove, TX, Sarah Clough of Millington, MD; and Ashley and Cody Crossley of Orange Grove, TX

Funeral services with Police honors will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 11 a.m. in the Sudlersville Firehouse, Sudlersville, MD, where friends and family may also call Tuesday evening from 5-8 p.m.

Interment will follow in the Sudlersville Cemetery, Sudlersville, MD..A

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Charles F. Crossley, Jr., Memorial Fund, C/O Fellows Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Millington, MD 21651.

Cemetery Details

Sudlersville Cemetery

Sudlersville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Department
Sudlersville, MD

Service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Department
Sudlersville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 25, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ *Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Brother David lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Brother David - April 29, 2012 at 08:13 PM

JL

“ So saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Sheriff Crossley. I now live in Texas, but had lived a number of years in Queen Anne's Co. and Sheriff Crossley was a steady presence through many of those years. He was a wonderful public servant and it was a pleasure to have known him. I trust God's presence is with the Crossley family members as their strength to carry on each and every day.

Jeff Leffelman - April 27, 2012 at 08:05 PM

GP

“ To the Crossley Family: We are away in Florida and was so sorry to hear about the death of Charlie. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. May the memories you have of him always remain in your hearts. May God give you the strength and love and get through each day. Thinking of you and blessings to your family. Gene and Lynda Palmatary



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - April 27, 2012 at 06:20 PM

VC

“ To Brenda & Family,

Deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your Dad.

I'm sure your happy memories of him will help you through these sad days.

Valerie and Frank Coldwell



Valerie Coldwell - April 26, 2012 at 08:38 AM

DB

“ *Darlene Borggreen sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Darlene Borggreen - April 26, 2012 at 07:44 AM

LJ

“ *Brenda, Karen Sue & Family, So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You are all in our prayers. Laura and Jim Johnson & Family*

Laura Johnson - April 25, 2012 at 12:57 PM

KD

“ *Brenda, Karen Sue and family - We want to say how sorry we are to hear about your dad. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your families. If you need anything, please let us know. Love Uncle Jimmy, Aunt Kay and family*



Kay Davis - April 24, 2012 at 01:04 PM

BJ

“ *Brandy And Delaney Jewell lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Brandy and Delaney Jewell - April 24, 2012 at 11:51 AM

SD

“ So Sorry For The Loss Of Your Dad. lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



So sorry for the loss of your dad. - April 24, 2012 at 11:19 AM

PV

“ Patty Boone VanStavern lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Patty Boone VanStavern - April 24, 2012 at 09:43 AM

GK

“ Glenn & Charlene Klabe lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Glenn & Charlene Klabe - April 24, 2012 at 09:35 AM

GK

*Karen, Brenda & Family,
Thinking of you at this very difficult time. All of you are in our thoughts
& prayers. Glenn, Charlene, Kendall & Kole Klabe*

Glenn & Charlene Klabe - April 24, 2012 at 09:40 AM

JC

“ *Jo Ann Wallace Cook lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Jo Ann Wallace Cook - April 24, 2012 at 09:20 AM

JC

My thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Connie, Karen, Brenda, Chip and Brenda at this time. I pray God comforts you through this difficult time and that you find peace in all the wonderful memories that you have of him. God be with you.

Jo Ann Wallace Cook - April 24, 2012 at 09:22 AM

SB

“ *Shawn A. Brown lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Shawn A. Brown - April 24, 2012 at 07:14 AM

JC

“ *Janice Colvin lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Janice Colvin - April 23, 2012 at 08:27 PM

BB

“ *Brenda, Mike & Wyatt Beaver lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Brenda, Mike & Wyatt Beaver - April 23, 2012 at 01:48 PM

TS

“ *Tempie Starkey lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Tempie Starkey - April 23, 2012 at 01:35 PM

SF

“ *Shelley Wheatman & Family lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



shelley wheatman & Family - April 23, 2012 at 12:15 PM

PN

“ *Phil, Susan, Tanner & Baxter Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Phil, Susan, Tanner & Baxter Nickerson - April 23, 2012 at 11:46 AM

SK

“ Susan Knight lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Susan Knight - April 23, 2012 at 11:22 AM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



JoAnn & Royden Powell - April 23, 2012 at 10:48 AM

MU

“ Mary Ellen Unruh lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Mary Ellen Unruh - April 23, 2012 at 10:42 AM

WP

“ Wayne, April, Jordan And Brooke Pyle lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Wayne, April, Jordan and Brooke Pyle - April 23, 2012 at 10:03 AM

JC

“ Joe, Brenda & The Team At Hands On Const
lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis
Crossley Jr.



Joe, Brenda & the team at Hands On Const - April 23, 2012 at 09:47 AM

SE

“ Spencer Barbara Everett lit a candle in
memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Spencer Barbara Everett - April 23, 2012 at 09:28 AM

SE

Connie, Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Spencer & Barbara Everett

Spencer Barbara Everett - April 23, 2012 at 09:29 AM

JB

“ Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of
Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Joyce Benton - April 23, 2012 at 09:17 AM

DF

“ *Crossley Family - So very sorry for your loss. You are in our hearts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.*



Dallas & Libby Walls and Family - April 23, 2012 at 09:15 AM

KC

“ *Kristy Conde lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Kristy Conde - April 23, 2012 at 08:45 AM

KC

*Dear Crossley Family,
I had the pleasure of working with Sheriff Crossley and he was a wonderful and kind man who will be dearly missed. I loved the comments he would leave me on Facebook and they always made me smile. My thought and prayers go out to you and your family. May you rest in Peace Sheriff and protect us from above.
Brian & Kristy Conde*

Kristy Conde - April 23, 2012 at 08:48 AM

GB

“ *Georgette W. Biggs lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Georgette W. Biggs - April 23, 2012 at 07:42 AM

MK

“ Dear Crossley family, It was a pleasure to know and work with Sheriff Crossley on many county projects over the years. He was always thoughtful and insightful with his ideas and comments. Most of all he cared about his family and community. He will be missed but not forgotten. May fond memories sustain you during this difficult time. Margaret Cohey Kaufman

Margaret Cohey Kaufman - April 23, 2012 at 07:31 AM

SC

“ Shelly Clough lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Shelly Clough - April 23, 2012 at 07:19 AM

GI

“ I had the distinct privilege of serving with Sheriff Crossley in the Maryland Sheriff's Association as a fellow Sheriff from Anne Arundel County. I was immediately impressed with his commitment to the greater good of Law Enforcement and to his friends he made along the way. He was a man of tremendous integrity and was held in very high regard by the other 23 Sheriff's throughout the State of Maryland. On behalf of my wife Linda, myself, and all members of the Maryland Natural Resources Police of which I am now privileged to lead, we want to let the Crossley's know that you have our deepest sympathies and you will be in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. We will miss Charlie very much!

Colonel George F. Johnson Iv
Maryland Natural Resources Police
Former Sheriff - Anne Arundel County (1994-2006)

George F. Johnson IV - April 23, 2012 at 06:51 AM

DD

“ *David P Doraisingh lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



David P Doraisingh - April 23, 2012 at 06:46 AM

DJ

“ *David E Wenck Jr lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



David E Wenck jr - April 23, 2012 at 05:03 AM

AC

“ *Ann Cauthen lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Ann Cauthen - April 23, 2012 at 12:03 AM

AC

I know Uncle Jr you are in heaven with my dad and mom-mom and pop-pop and having Sunday dinner and having those Sunday talks~ Love and miss you~

Ann Cauthen - April 23, 2012 at 12:06 AM

CT

“ Chris Tarr lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Chris Tarr - April 22, 2012 at 08:25 PM

DM

“ Debbie Matt lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Debbie Matt - April 22, 2012 at 08:00 PM

DC

“ Donna P Crossley lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Donna P Crossley - April 22, 2012 at 07:56 PM

DC

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Connie, Brenda, Karen Sue, Chip and Brenda. Charlie was a great man and an inspiration! He will be greatly missed by all!

Donna, John, John Jr, Eric and Greg

Donna P Crossley - April 22, 2012 at 08:00 PM

SW

“ Sue Cook Wolff lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Sue Cook Wolff - April 22, 2012 at 07:42 PM

CF

“ Cleamon And Robin Kincaid And Family lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Cleamon and Robin Kincaid and Family - April 22, 2012 at 07:31 PM

LR

“ Laurie Radcliffe lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Laurie Radcliffe - April 22, 2012 at 07:27 PM

SJ

“ Steve & Terrie Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Steve & Terrie Jarrell - April 22, 2012 at 07:17 PM

SJ

*Dear Crossley Family,
"Sheriff" Crossley was not only my boss, but has been a lifelong friend of our family for years. I said in a post earlier that he truly is the meaning of love, integrity, honesty and one of the most caring persons I have had to privilege to know! He gave of himself unselfishly here on earth and is now receiving his heavenly reward! Love to you all...*

Steve & Terrie Jarrell - April 22, 2012 at 07:20 PM

RJ

“ Ronald And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Ronald and Rhonda Jewell - April 22, 2012 at 06:52 PM

RJ

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Crossley Family... May God Bless and hold you in his tender loving care through this difficult time! Mr. Crossley was a great man and will be sadly missed, but, never forgotten!!!! Love and Blessings, Ronnie, Rhonda, and Gavin Jewell

Ronald and Rhonda Jewell - April 22, 2012 at 07:00 PM

JC

“ Jeannie Edwards Clothier lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Jeannie Edwards Clothier - April 22, 2012 at 06:00 PM

SH

“ Sean & Stephanie Hampton lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Sean & Stephanie Hampton - April 22, 2012 at 05:42 PM

GH

“ Sheriff, you will be missed, you are an inspiration, mentor and friend. You will always be remembered in my families thoughts and daily life! I am going to miss you. I know our law enforcement family will always hold you close to our hearts. May you rest in peace, as you wlk the streets of heaven! I know that God has a special place for you! Gary Hofmann and family



Gary Hofmann - April 22, 2012 at 05:07 PM

JS

“ Jennie Spear lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



jennie spear - April 22, 2012 at 05:07 PM



“ *Hilda Erdman lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Hilda Erdman - April 22, 2012 at 05:02 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Crossley family during this difficult time.*

Bo, Amy and Benton Greenwood



Amy Greenwood - April 22, 2012 at 03:40 PM



“ *Curtis Amd Linda Benton lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Curtis amd Linda Benton - April 22, 2012 at 03:38 PM



“ *Donna And Billy Blackiston lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.*



Donna and Billy Blackiston - April 22, 2012 at 03:36 PM

CT

“ Constance Todd lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Constance Todd - April 22, 2012 at 12:39 PM

CT

My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Connie and Charlie's children and his entire family. This loss of such a remarkable man came much too soon. I will always cherish my friendship with him. I hope knowing he is one of heavens newest angels will help his family and many friends through this very difficult time. Cherish your memories. God bless you all.

Constance (Connie) Todd - April 22, 2012 at 03:00 PM

DS

“ Dwayne, Lisa, Harley And Jenna Sewell lit a candle in memory of Charles Francis Crossley Jr.



Dwayne, Lisa, Harley and Jenna Sewell - April 22, 2012 at 11:31 AM