



Rich Fabec

November 11, 1968 - November 8, 2015

Rich Fabec, 46, of Anna passed away Sunday, November 8, 2015 at Union County Hospital.

Rich was born November 11, 1968 in Lickey, PA the son of Richard George and Ann (Boling) Fabec. He married Sonya Clardy on October 5, 1997.

He was a professional musician and taught guitar and bass lessons at Shawnee Community College in addition to private lessons and also lessons at Byassee Music in Marion. He was a member and worship leader at First Presbyterian Church in Herrin .He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers Fan.

Rich's love for music and his larger than life personality took him all over the world performing in various venues including the Grand Ole Opry. His music is known the world over. Throughout our region he played in the Rich Fabec Band as well as with Steve Hornbeak and The Main Street Players. Music was his life and he was always prepared for any occasion with his guitar. He said "You never know when there's going to be a guitar emergency."

He is survived by his wife Sonya Fabec of Anna; son, Garrett Fabec of Anna; daughter, Morgan (Brandon) Sullens of Anna; granddaughter, Gracelynn Marie Sullens of Anna; sisters, Dr. Beth (Ron Lombardo) Reynolds of Munroe Falls, OH, Michelle Fabec of Northfield, OH; mother in-law, Eleanor Clardy of

Anna; sister in-laws, Gloria (Todd) Blanford of Marion, Teresa (Tony) Goins of Miramar Beach, FL, nephews, Kevin Reynolds, Dylan Spangler, Jake Spangler; nieces, Megan (Kristopher) King, Lauren (Tyler) Hoepker, Alexis Goins; aunts, uncles and all his very special relatives in Pittsburgh.

Rich is preceded in death by his parents and his father in-law, Jim Clardy

Visitation will be held from 4:00pm-8:00pm on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at the Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00pm on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the funeral home with Pastor Michael Neubert officiating. Interment will follow at Anna City Cemetery.

There will be a scholarship established in Rich's name and contributions will be accepted at the funeral home.

To leave online condolences visit www.crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 3:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna
135 W. Vienna St.
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Rich Fabec*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



Kathi Neubert

“ *Some people touch your life in a profoundly positive way. It was impossible not to be enriched by the love and joy in this man. I miss his corny jokes, his instant smile, his unlimited hugs, and his unconditional love for God that flowed over onto the rest of the 'family'. I still miss seeing him come through the door on Sunday morning, ready to praise God and often expect his smile to be the one coming through the door, just in time. He was a force, no doubt.*

Kathi Neubert - November 03, 2016 at 10:59 AM




Terry Tellor

“ *Terry Tellor lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec*



Terry Tellor - September 09, 2016 at 11:27 AM

 Terry
Tellor

“ Richard was a larger than life person and loved life to the fullest. I was lucky enough to meet and get to know him by taking lessons from him for several years. There were times we just sat and talked for the whole lesson but we both learned a few things just by being together. I know this is a very belated tribute but I just learned today of his passing, I had seen Rich about a year earlier and only found out by seeing his tombstone where I start by daily run, I could not believe it. So sorry for your lose may God be with you.

Terry Tellor - September 09, 2016 at 11:27 AM

JB

“ Our sympathy to the Fabec family. Rich was a tremendous musical talent and a gifted teacher. His musical legacy will live on in the students he taught to appreciate and love music Jim and Linda Byassee

Jim Byassee - November 16, 2015 at 09:53 AM

AP

“ Rich was one of my closest friends while growing up in Pittsburgh. He was the best man at my wedding and I regret losing touch over the years. May the Lord send His comfort and peace in this time of grief.

*God Bless you all,
Art Pentermann*

Art Pentermann - November 14, 2015 at 10:03 AM

MF

“ Rich was a good friend and a great musician. I am proud to have known him and done a few concerts together. I regret that I had to leave shortly before I reached the front of the visitation line on Wednesday, as I had to get to Marion and lead a worship service.
Mark Fisher, Marion

Mark Fisher - November 13, 2015 at 01:20 AM

SS

“ Susan Schultz lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec



Susan Schultz - November 12, 2015 at 10:27 AM

DD

“ What a legacy to leave; good Christian, dedicated Husband, Father and Grandpa, trusted friend who gave BIG hugs! Our prayers and sympathy for everyone. We are thankful you enjoyed such a loving caring man for this short time and that you can all look forward to a sweet reunion. May God grant you strength and peace.

W.L., Debra and Crystal Davis

Debra Davis - November 12, 2015 at 10:24 AM

JT

“ JACK TRAVELSTEAD lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec



JACK TRAVELSTEAD - November 11, 2015 at 01:29 PM

JT

SONJA SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I HAD ONLY MET RICH A FEW TIMES BUT KNOWING HE WAS MARRIED TO YOU HE HAD TO BE A GREAT GUY.. WILL KEEP YOU ALL IN PRAYER..

JACK TRAVELSTEAD - November 11, 2015 at 01:34 PM

SS

So sorry for your loss. Took lesson from Rich at the college and he also sang and played at my husband and my 25th anniversary party. It was an honor and privilege to know him. He will sure be missed but I know we will meet again in heaven some day. Prayers for all the family. God give you comfort and peace at this time.

Sue & John Steers - November 16, 2015 at 05:12 PM

JM

“ Rich was a favorite of ours. We are saddened by his passing. We were so pleased with him when he taught guitar in our store - his sense of humor, wit, intelligence, knowledge of and love of music were things we admired. Prayers for his family and know we are thinking of you. Jim McNary

Jim and Carol McNary - November 11, 2015 at 11:06 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rich Fabec.



November 11, 2015 at 10:07 AM

MC

“ I met Rich when he attended Clarion University of Pennsylvania. I was the Resident Director of Forest Manor Dorm, Rich was a resident there. He became a great friend, always smiling, always friendly, always there if I needed him. My husband also knew Rich, we send our sincere sympathies. God bless you all. Much Love, Melissa and Bryan Carfley



Melissa Carfley - November 11, 2015 at 09:58 AM

CS

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Rich's passing. What a great personality and loving spirit. The Sieveking Family, West Frankfort



Connie Sieveking - November 10, 2015 at 11:49 PM

TC

“ I have know Rich and Sonya for many years through our family connection, but in the last couple of years we have spent countless hours together watching our favorite band, The Mainstreet Players. Rich was an amazing musician and performer. But what I will forever be grateful for is how he took my son, Dakota under his wing and was not only a band mate and friend to Dakota, but a mentor as well. I know Dakota has learned so much from Rich over the last few years and that is priceless. I will always remember Rich's talent but more than that I will remember what a good Christian and a dedicated family man he was. He truly loved Sonya, Garrett, Morgan and that precious granddaughter. Many prayers for God to just wrap his arms tightly around this special family and give them a peace. We may not have the answers to why Rich had been called home when we it seems so many still need him here but someday we will understand it all. Until then Rich, rock out with that Angel Band dude!



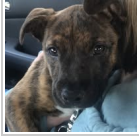
*With Deepest Love and Sympathy,
The Cummins Family*

Tana Cummins - November 10, 2015 at 10:05 PM

JC

“ Life here cut short but what a blessing for heaven to receive, Rich! Family(cousin) & friend so full of life! Love & Prayers to the Sonya, Morgan & Garret.
We Love you! John, Vicki & Courtney Clardy

John, Vicki & Courtney Clardy - November 10, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ *RG was one of my best friends in high school. Nobody had a bigger heart or love of life. My thoughts are with his family.*



Brenda Rossnagle - November 10, 2015 at 07:46 PM

LS

“ *Rich was my friend, a mentor and brother in Christ. He played at our wedding, at different points in our life gave us both guitar lessons, and always opened his arms wide for a hug when I saw him. One great memory I have is when the RFB played the Jack Russell Fish Co. in Benton a few years ago. They had already played Eric Johnson's Cliffs of Dover before we arrived, but when he saw us walk in and sit down, he played it again because he knew I was a big EJ fan. And the most recent gig we saw him play in Harrisburg about a month ago (complete with awesome Rich hug) included some phenomenal smooth jazz originals. Praying for Sonya, Garrett and Morgan, and looking forward to the day I will see Rich again.*

Lance & Andria Sittig - November 10, 2015 at 04:15 PM

AE

“ *Anthony & Cindy Edwards lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec*



Anthony & Cindy Edwards - November 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

BT

“ Rich played the guitar during my wedding ceremony this past April. He was an excellent guitarist and did a great job. Although I didn't know him very well he left a lasting impression. He was a very kind man, sending prayers to his family.

Brittany Tolbert - November 10, 2015 at 03:33 PM

EM

“ I have known Rich many years from coaching in baseball and football and from the music scene. Rich was always there helping, doing whatever it took from shagging balls in the outfield to being a lineman to help run plays. What an awesome talent and person. I always enjoyed watching him perform and feel privileged to have been on stage with him a few times. He always gave me a hard time (jokingly) at AJ football games if I played Mustang Sally at half time, even if it was Delbert McClintons version. Prayers for the family. Will miss you my friend.

Eric Massey - November 10, 2015 at 02:23 PM

KG

“ Rich was a fantastic band mate in high school. His larger than life personality touched everyone around him and could always bring a smile to your face. I was saddened to hear of his passing, but relieved to know through his life's work all is not lost. Heaven is lucky to receive such a talented soul. May our prayers and condolences give his family and loved ones peace during this time of mourning.

Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

*Kristi (George) Gittins
Pittsburgh, PA*

Kristi Gittins - November 10, 2015 at 11:40 AM

ET

“ Rich was a big part of my life, especially over the last few years playing music with him. He was always positive and funny, and really made sure he treated everyone as a friend. He was full of love and life. Some of my favorite shows with him were at The Venue in Cape playing in Steve Hornbeak and the main street players...those memories will stay with me forever. Those times were sweet, and even sweeter with rich in them. I loved the guy, so priveledged to know him.



Eli Tellor - November 10, 2015 at 11:06 AM

TW

“ Rich was someone I never had an opportunity to get to know, but someone I would have liked to. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God bless you with His awesome presence at this time.

Todd, Marla and Chloe Williams

Todd Williams - November 10, 2015 at 11:01 AM

JH

“ Prayers & love lifted up for you Sonya, Garrett, & Morgan.

I'll always remember Rich leading us in "Days of Elijah" his passionate worship & dance - like King David, unashamedly to lift up His God, Jehovah,- and now he is dancing with King David in a huge worship /jam session for Jesus ???? Look forward for the family Reunion...

*Comfort & peace for you, dear family,
Billy & Judy (Williams) and Will Halter*

Judy Halter - November 10, 2015 at 10:04 AM

JH

So sorry..the hearts translated into question marks...tried to edit.

Judy Halter - November 10, 2015 at 10:09 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rich Fabec.*



November 10, 2015 at 09:59 AM

MS

“ *Prayers and Love sent. Sorry for your loss. Love in Christ, from cousin Melody.*

Melody Williams Snider - November 10, 2015 at 09:18 AM

LE

“ *Rich was my bandmate many years ago & I've never forgotten his warmth, humor & talent. I am stunned to hear of his passing & my thoughts are with your family.*

*Leslie Mitchell
Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Leslie - November 10, 2015 at 09:04 AM

MV

“ *Mark & Sharon Varns lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec*




Mark & Sharon Varns - November 10, 2015 at 07:16 AM

DE

“ Dear Family & Friends of Rich Fabec,
May every consolation and blessing be granted to each of you in
your deep sorrow. My condolences and sincere sympathy, David
'Herb' Estes

David 'Herb' Estes - November 10, 2015 at 05:57 AM

 Steve
Hornbeak

“ So much can be said about his talent and his ability to make you
smile, and what a great teacher he was, a what a wonderful father
and husband he was. He was also one who who pray with you and
give you the biggest hug you can imagine. He was a Christian who
walked the walk. I know he's in heaven right now looking down
saying " Steve, they don't like Mustang Sally up here either"! I love
you and will miss you bro. You are a part of our family and will be
talked about for years to come. Prayers to the family.
Steve

Steve Hornbeak - November 09, 2015 at 11:12 PM

DW

“ Danny And Norma Weaver lit a candle in
memory of Rich Fabec



Danny and Norma Weaver - November 09, 2015 at 10:17 PM

 Shelly
Minton
King

“ May the Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time
of grief. Our sincere condolences for your loss. Brent & Shelly King

Shelly Minton King - November 09, 2015 at 08:54 PM

CB

“ *May God's arms surround and comfort you at this difficult time. Rich is doing what he does best, right where he is. And the audience now... Is just awesome. Prayers for your family.*
Chris and Kelly Bender



Chris & Kelly Bender - November 09, 2015 at 08:29 PM

CT

“ *Chuck And Tracey Thomas lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec*



Chuck and Tracey Thomas - November 09, 2015 at 07:42 PM

BA

“ *Here is an interview of Rich from 2012 on a Christian station near Mt Vernon. The station remembered Rich and how nice, talented and sincere he was.*



*[http://uschurchstream.ezstream.com/play/index.cfm?
fuseaction=embstay&id=2B16DE9B99&dsplvl=brd&org=uschurch](http://uschurchstream.ezstream.com/play/index.cfm?fuseaction=embstay&id=2B16DE9B99&dsplvl=brd&org=uschurch)*

Barry - November 09, 2015 at 06:23 PM

LH

“ Rest in Peace my friend. I will miss you but know that this isn't good bye. Keep that music playing!!!!



Laura (Tower) Hunt - November 09, 2015 at 06:08 PM

BB

“ Betty Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec



Betty Bellamy - November 09, 2015 at 06:08 PM

TM

“ Treca & Mike McConnell lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec



Treca & Mike McConnell - November 09, 2015 at 06:02 PM

TR

Sonya - our prayers go out to you and your children at this time. Walk by faith.

Treca - November 09, 2015 at 06:03 PM

LS

RG was a close friend from high school . . . always spreading love and laughs. A painful loss. My sympathy to the Fabecs.

Laura (Minech) Silber - November 12, 2015 at 08:39 AM

SF

“ *Shay Family lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec*



Shay family - November 09, 2015 at 05:31 PM

AT

“ *Ashley Thomasson lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec*



Ashley Thomasson - November 09, 2015 at 05:07 PM

SF

I am sorry for loss you will be in my thoughts and prayers. The Spanglers

Shay family - November 09, 2015 at 05:21 PM



“ *Prayers for my friend Rich's family. I am Thankful for the Faith I witnessed on a regular basis. Rich amazed me constantly with his knowledge of the scripture and his ability to live out what he believed. Knowing where he is at brings me great comfort. I pray it does for his family as well.*

John Windings - November 09, 2015 at 05:00 PM

JL

“ Jeannie & Jeff Landis lit a candle in memory of Rich Fabec



Jeannie & Jeff Landis - November 09, 2015 at 03:15 PM

MS

“ Richard was always a kind loving child..he was a kind, loving,positive adult..our family will suffer this loss as well..god be with you our dear gentle man..you left with us an image to be adored..god be with you. As you rock out heaven!

marsha stasik - November 09, 2015 at 02:46 PM

KA

“ Safe in the arms of Jesus. RIP, Rich. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Kay

Kay - November 09, 2015 at 01:21 PM

DW

“ He was a good friend, teacher and AMAZING guitarist. He will be greatly missed.

Dwayne - November 09, 2015 at 12:53 PM

MA

“ *My condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. When we lose someone we love in death, the pain, grief and feelings of helplessness can seem unbearable. But remember that the Almighty God sees your tears, he feels your pain, and he will continue with you to comfort and sustain you through this difficult time. Because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)*

Mary Ann - November 09, 2015 at 12:24 PM