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Avid Motorcycle's Life Cut Short **While Riding His Beloved Harley**



When Craig Parliament's life was cut short on May 18, 2014, he was doing something that he loved - riding his Harley Davidson. On that fateful day, the avid motorcyclist and his friend and passenger, Connie Shope, were stopped at the intersection of State Route 15 and US 20 in Williams County when a 25-year-old rear-ended the bike, ejecting both from the motorcycle. Connie sustained multiple life-threatening injuries and Craig passed away at the scene.

Craig left behind four sons and four grandchildren, along with multiple friends and family members who all had the same thing to say about the 66-year-old man: that he had quite the sense of humor and would often find joy in the little things.

He had a passion for Corvettes, was a frequent contributor to online Corvette chat rooms, and he was always attending car shows around his hometown of Stryker, Ohio. After learning of his passing, other Corvette enthusiasts took to the web to offer their thoughts and condolences on the Corvette Action Center's website:

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& Wesley Merillat

"I remember Craig with a smile on my face. He cracked jokes and he came across genuine. Nothing was groomed, edited, revised, or withheld."

"A genuine 'good guy.""

"Being a tool and die maker by trade, he loved his machines, bikes, trucks, and when I met him he had three Corvettes. He always left you with a positive feeling."

"Craig had a heart of Gold and the stature of a puppy dog ... very nice man ... "

Craig's oldest son, Jason, remembers a life lesson taught to him by his dad that gives us an idea of the one-of-a-kind guy that Craig was.

"When I was 16, I wanted to trade a lady in my neighborhood the 1966 Chevelle wagon dad gave me for her 1969 Firebird," Jason said. "My dad said, 'Why would you want to trade for a "me too" car?' I was lost. He said, 'Whenever you talk to someone about what car they have and they say they have a Firebird, you'll say, 'Me too.'" That being said, I never traded, and continued working on that Chevelle until I was 17 and drove it to school."

Jason also recalled the years that weren't so great in the Parliament family.

"Growing up, we did have our rough times," Jason said. "My dad battled drug and alcohol addiction until I was about 10. His sobriety date is actually my son's birth date - February 4th and this year was his 27 year mark. Several years ago when he was going through a divorce, he was very upset and hurting. I suggested to him that

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Craig with

in the 1970's

riding together.

live life without their dad."

Craig with one of

his Corvettes

stepson,

maybe he should go back to meetings. He did go

times in one day. At his service I was amazed by

clear that another passion of his was going to

Our office was privileged to be chosen to help the Parliment brothers after the wrongful death

of their father. Chuck Boyk had represented both

Connie and Craig when they had been previously

"We wanted to prevent the Parliments from having

to deal with the tough legal side of things and give

them the chance to tackle their grief and mourn the

loss of their dad without distraction," Chuck Boyk

said. "Our deepest condolences continue to go out

to the Parliment brothers, as they relearn how to

involved in another motorcycle accident while

meetings and helping others."

how many people he touched in the program. It's

and sometimes he went daily and as much as three

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Can \$6 Per Month Really Save Me From Losing Everything? ACCIDENT VICTIMS SPEAK TO THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE INSURANCE



As the old saying goes, hindsight is 20/20. So many times we have looked back and wished that we would have done things differently in the past, to prevent serious problems in the present.

For many of our clients, this feeling of remorse often happens after they realize that they do not have

enough insurance coverage to cover their medical bills after an accident. They are left in pain, in debt, and without many options, all because of an accident that was not any fault of their own.

No one ever thinks that being hit by an uninsured or underinsured driver could happen to them, but it is more common that you'd think. An ambulance ride to the emergency room, x-rays, a CT scan or an MRI, and physical therapy can easily eat into the state minimum coverage of \$25,000 per person and \$50,000 per accident that drivers are required to carry. If the driver who hit you only has state minimum coverage - or none at all - who is going to pay for the rest of your medical bills? What if you need surgery or a long hospital stay? What if you were life-flighted to the hospital or have other injured passengers? The \$50,000 in coverage will be gone in a few short days.

Take for instance the story of Connie Shope, who was the passenger on the back of the motorcycle

driven by Craig Parliment and mentioned in this newsletter.

After being thrown from the bike and into the intersection, she suffered a shattered pelvis, right and left leg fractures, rib fractures, and underwent multiple brain surgeries.

"Connie's story speaks to the importance of uninsured and underinsured auto insurance coverage," Connie's mother, Victoria Dowling, said. "Her life was destroyed physically, mentally, and financially because the person that hit her had less than adequate insurance, which was not Connie's fault. Hopefully others read this and realize how important it is to protect themselves with insurance from drivers like the one who took Craig's life and ruined my daughter's."

We hear cases like these on a daily basis, which is why we encourage everyone - clients or not - to purchase uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage. Here's the breakdown:

What is it? Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage (UM/UIM) is coverage on your own policy that covers if you if you are hit by a driver who is uninsured (has no insurance) or underinsured (doesn't have enough insurance) to pay for your medical bills.

How much do I need? Having at least \$100,000 per person and \$300,000 per accident in coverage is the minimum we recommend, but it is not very expensive to jump up to \$250,000/\$500,000.

Why do I need it? The cost of medical care is only climbing, so the cost of a horrific car



accident is not cheap. Plus if you are injured so badly that you are unable to work, or you do not have health insurance, UM/UIM coverage could save you from forever being in debt and allow you to get the medical care you need.

Who should get it? Anyone who has a driver's license should have this coverage. Any time you are on the road, you are at risk of being involved in a car accident.

How much does it cost? Depending on your driving record, adding UM/UIM coverage is typically only \$6-8 per month. We ran quotes for a 31-year-old married female driver with one speeding ticket and the cost ranged from \$6 to \$11 per month for \$250,000/\$500,000 in coverage.

How do I get it? Simply call your auto insurance agent or go online to manage your policy and choose the coverage you would like added. Or you can send a copy of your auto policy to marketing@ charlesboyk-law.com or fax it to 419-241-8731 and we will give you a complimentary evaluation of your current coverage.

RECIPE: Cindy's Orange-Scented Green Beans with Toasted Almonds

Welcome spring with this fresh green bean recipe INSTRUCTIONS: that is the perfect accompaniment for virtually any type of meat or fish.

INGREDIENTS:

- I pound green beans, trimmed
- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted

1. Place a steamer basket in a large saucepan, add 1 inch of water and bring to a boil. Put green beans in the basket and steam until tender, about 6 minutes.

2. While the beans are steaming, toast the sliced almonds by placing them in a small, dry skillet over medium-low heat. Stir constantly until fragrant and lightly browned, approximately two to four minutes. 3. When the beans are finished steaming, toss them in a large bowl with oil, orange zest, salt, pepper and almonds.



START HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT & TEACHER OF THE MONTH



February's Start High School Teacher of the Month, Thomas Regalado, was thrilled to learn that he won a \$250 Visa gift card and was shocked to learn of the nomination videos made by his former students, Kali Urbina and Ronae Poindexter.

"He's really personable with the students and always makes us laugh," Kali said. "He's an all-around great teacher. I really enjoy the class discussions and it gives you a different perspective. It helps relate stuff going on now



to stuff that went on in the past and it makes it easier to understand."

Both Kali and Ronae won \$50 gift cards for their nominations.

Sophomore Tiana Tran was also excited to learn about her \$50 gift card, which she received for being chosen as February's Student of the Month. Amy Daunhauer, Start's Dean of Students, nominated her for the award for her generosity and school spirit. "Tiana shows compassion for other students," Amy said. "She is caring and she selflessly gives to others without wanting any recognition."

Each month, Boyk Law chooses one teacher and one student from a pool of nominations to win various gift cards. Students must submit a video nomination and teachers recognize students using a survey. To watch the heartwarming videos on the Student and Teacher winners, visit www.NominateAStartStudent.com.

Celebrate Mother's Day At A Mud Hen's Game!

Send us a photo of you and your mom along with an explanation on why she is the best and you'll be entered in a drawing to win four Club Level Mud Hens tickets. Finalists' photos and descriptions will be published in our May newsletter, just in time for Mother's Day!

Entries can be emailed to marketing@charlesboyk-law.com or mailed to:

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Chuck & his mom. Libbery, in 1958

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CASES OF INTEREST: APRIL 2015

State Trooper Nearly Killed While Investigating A Turnpike Accident After Semi Plows Into Wreckage

A 12-day hospitalization was required after our Our client spent nearly a month in the client was injured in an accident and suffered a broken leg, a ruptured spleen, two spinal fractures, several broken ribs, and injuries to his kidneys and liver. Surgery was also required to implant rods and screws in his leg, which he still has problems with. He also needed a chest tube after his lung was punctured and spent another 10 days in in-patient rehabilitation before being released to in-home in-patient rehab facility. physical therapy. Our client, who is an Ohio State Trooper, was on the Turnpike examining a collision when a semi truck plowed into him, causing a second chain-reaction accident. We are handling both his personal injury and worker's compensation claims.

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Woman Admitted To ICU After A Car Drives Left Of Center & Strikes Her Head-On

hospital - some of which was in the ICU on life support – to treat multiple life-threatening injuries after a car accident. In addition to her numerous surgeries, our client suffered fractures to her nose, ribs, both arms, her wrist, and left femur. Her fractured pelvis has left her unable to walk and she faces months of recovery while she recuperates in an

CASE FILE

Head-On Collision Causes Herniated **Disc & Potential Need For Surgerv**

Our client was experiencing numbress in his leg and foot in addition to pain after being struck head-on in a Toledo intersection. After chiropractic care brought little relief, an MRI revealed a herniated disc that was pinching a nerve in his spine. Surgery will most likely be needed to repair the disc, as well as another round of therapy.

