

MYERS: Tribute to Myers' passion of music

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Chris Garcia, who was Myers' band member and fellow student, knelt in front of Myers' guitar and kissed it before speaking about how Myers stood out to him as a musician and a promising young man. Garcia explained that Myers would practice in the dark in the practice rooms in Niemeyer and that is how he got his attention.

"His work ethic was phenomenal," said Garcia.

Garcia continued talking about Myers and their band together, "The Chris Garcia Project." Myers tried to leave the band because his means of transportation were not always certain but Garcia wouldn't let him. Their bond was close enough for Myers to spend the night at Garcia's small, one bedroom apartment.

"[It is] very tiny and he was 6'5" and would lay in my front room [sideways]. Sure enough at 3 a.m. I would be kicking his feet out of the door way trying to get into the restroom," said Garcia.

Garcia went on about how Myers made an impact in his life, and although Myers was just 19, he taught Garcia, who is 40, so much.

Garcia then presented a signed picture of "The Chris Garcia Project" to Susan Myers, Cody Myers' mother. Garcia also presented a CD of band pictures to Kent Myers, Cody Myers' father who lives in Montana.

Briare introduced Cody Myers' brother-in-law to speak in front of everybody. Chris Klein worked with Myers for the past two summers and talked about how Myers was not only his brother and co-worker but that they are best friends. Chris Klein, although he was choked up, shared many of his fondest moments with Myers, such as when he shot his first duck and Myers

said, "I got it!"

Chris Klein thanked everybody that showed up and sat down next to Brittany Klein, Myers' older sister and their son Peyton. Brittany Klein read a short speech from her son Peyton.

"I only hope I can be as cool as him someday. I would like to be like him and I look up to him, literally," said Brittany Klein.

Music was played between speakers to show everybody what music Myers was most passionate about, jazz. Many of his instructors played in honor of him.

Many of Myers' friends from church spoke about what a godly young man he was and how he helped everybody and anybody who needed it. They talked about how he was such a caring young man and how he touched their life in a profound way.

The memorial closed with a slideshow and a recorded song played by Myers on his guitar.

The reception was held outside in the lounge area of Niemeyer. Students and faculty walked out of the theater playing drums.

The reception was buzzing with people remembering all of the good and fun times with Myers. Chris Friesen knew Myers and jammed with him.

"I really enjoyed it and it was true to what he was and what he was about," said Friesen.

He also said although Myers is gone he still feels as though he is in Niemeyer.

Myers is survived by his father Kent Myers; mother Susan Myers; sister, Brittany Klein and brothers; Dillon Myers, Tanner Myers, Blake Myers and Michael Craft.

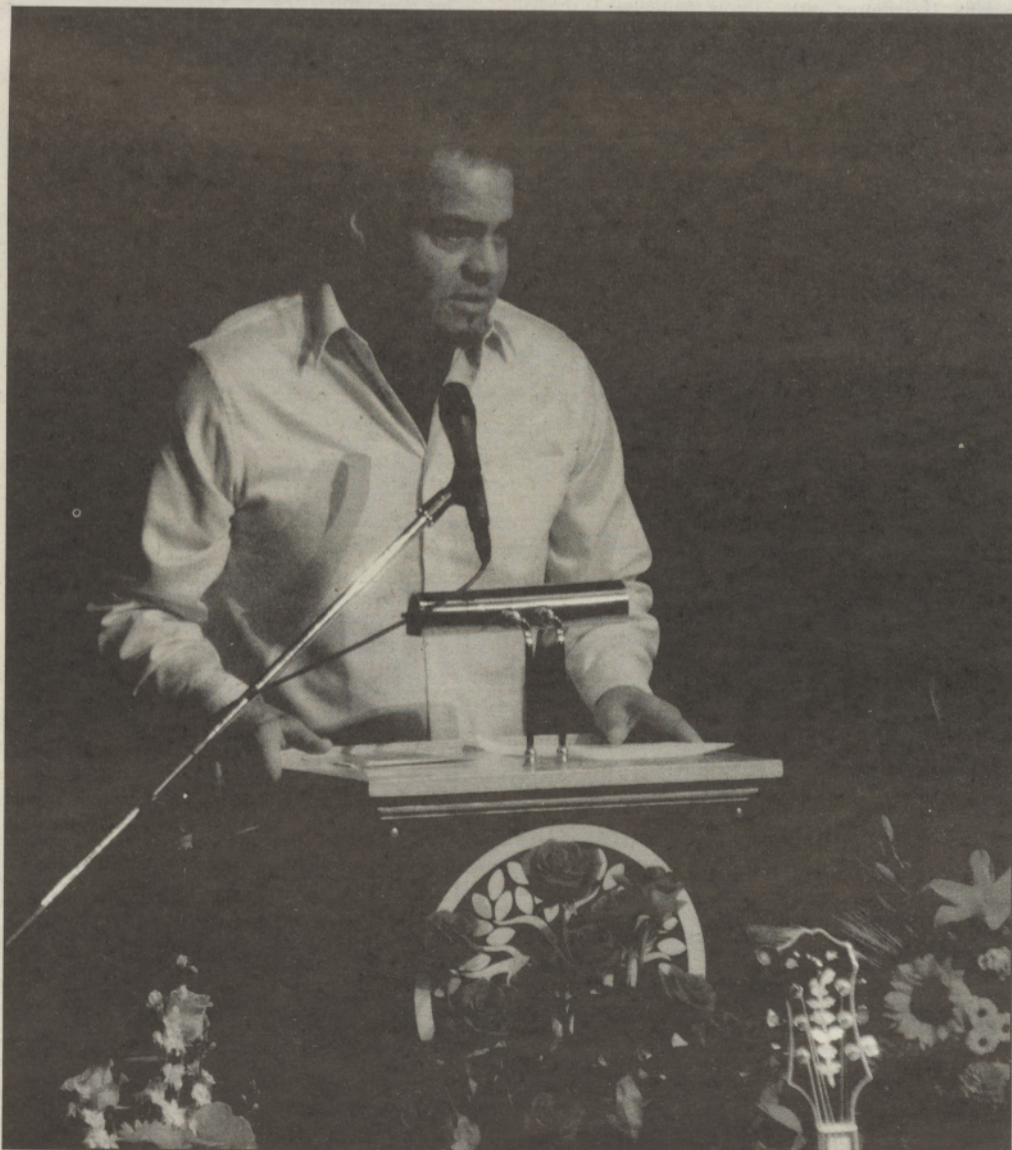
Donations can be made to The Cody Myers Memorial Fund at any US Bank branch. The money from the fund will be assisting students who are in need of instruments.



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Above: Flowers were set up along with candles and memorial programs.

Below: Chris Friesen plays the bass in honor of Myers



Chris Garcia opens up to the audience during the memorial about Myers. Garcia and Myers were band mates.

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