

# DIXIE CHICK BLAMES DIVORCE ON CAREER

Work kept Emily Robison & hubby apart too much

**T**HE Dixie Chicks ruined my marriage!" That's the sad lament of Emily Robison – the banjo-playing member of the country superstar group – who was just divorced from singer-songwriter Charlie Robison.

The couple split after nine years and three kids, and now Emily is singing the blues, say sources.

"Their breakup is a classic case of success ruining a great relationship," a longtime family friend told *The ENQUIRER*.

"The Chicks either were on tour or writing and recording in Los Angeles while Charlie was on the road performing in clubs throughout the South. They hardly saw each other, and eventually their love fizzled.

"Emily told a pal, 'The band ended up costing me my marriage.' She said she can't believe it's over and she paid the price for success."

While the breakup stunned the Chicks' fans and the national media, it was no surprise to *ENQUIRER* readers.

We reported back in January that Emily, 36, and Charlie had split and that she had retreated to her Texas ranch with their three children – Charles, 5, and 3-year-old twins Julianna and Henry.

The couple's divorce filing states their marriage had "become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities."



Dixie Chicks on stage in 2007

the members of the all-girl group have been growing further and further apart – and rarely even talk.

"They weren't getting along very well on their last tour, and when it ended, they were happy to be away from one another."

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At the same time, says the family friend,

Emily and her husband Charlie, shown in their wedding photo (left), cited "conflict of personalities" as the reason for their divorce.

