



Charles "Chuck" Weston

June 1, 1937 - October 7, 2023

North Hampton – Charles “Chuck” David Weston passed away on October 7, 2023, at midday surrounded by his family. Chuck was born in Providence, Rhode Island on June 1, 1937, to Charles Nelson Weston and Hazel Weston, who both had deep familial ties in Chatham, Massachusetts. Chuck was the first of three children and followed in birth order by Geoffrey Weston, who died in 2021, and sister Candace Petrucci. Chuck, Geoff and Candace were lifelong animal lovers and all three enjoyed the outdoors. Chuck and Geoff were childhood partners in crime. When Chuck was just four and Geoff was two, he figured out a way to liberate himself and his younger brother from a close line harness meant to keep the two of them out of trouble. Fat chance. Throughout their lives Chuck and Geoff continued to be collaborators in mischief, mostly at their family home in Cape Cod, where they speared eels, sailed, swam, dug clams, and cooked up all kinds of adventures. Later, they were hunting buddies and traveled to Newfoundland to hunt caribou.

As a teenager, Chuck was a motorhead. If it had an engine, or moving parts, Chuck wanted to tinker with it. In later years, when his memory started to fade, this sometimes led to some SNAFU’s with dismantled household appliances. When Chuck was eighteen years old, he married Marilyn Burton and served in the Navy on the submarine USS Sea Robin. During that time Marilyn gave birth to a son, David Charles Weston and shortly thereafter a daughter, Deborah Weston (Rendahl). In 1965, Chuck and Marilyn divorced,

and Chuck met Marilyn (Lynne) Gamble while jamming with other folk musicians. Chuck and Lynne bonded over a love of music and their lives together continued to center around singing and playing together with their friends. Chuck was an accomplished guitarist and banjo master. They had two children—Matthew Nelson Weston and Tamson Weston—and moved the family to a farm in Weare, NH. There they had a small farm with many animals, music was always playing—usually live.

Chuck was also an excellent cook. As with nearly everything else in his life, he enjoyed experimenting with different kinds of recipes. His family was privileged to be able to sample Szechuan stir fries, tempura, and Mexican food. If the meal made it to the table an hour later than they had hoped, they did not complain. Sunday mornings, while the rest of the house was sleeping off a night of festivities, Chuck was cooking up a big breakfast of fried eggs, homemade hash, home fries, bacon and sausage to rouse the revelers from their beds.

Chuck had a child-like sense of curiosity throughout his life. This made him an exceptional father as he always took an active interest in what his children were interested in. In the eighties he organized a barn raising for the horse Tamson had taken on as a 4-H project and he occasionally helped Tamson get ready for her horse shows. He toured the National Gallery of Art when Deborah was in the restoration department there. Chuck and David were always great fishing buddies, and he was Matt's eager assistant in the restoration of his house. Of course, Chuck was always full of helpful advice—and warnings. No one made it down the road with an empty tank on Chuck's watch.

Chuck held jobs in engineering and tech writing throughout his life. He worked at Geodyne Oceanographic, where he met his wife Lynne, and Digital

Equipment Corporation in early years. He was the editor-in-chief of Byte magazine in its heyday and traveled to Japan and George Lucas's Skywalker Ranch as the editor of PC Games magazine. There was almost nothing Chuck wasn't willing to give a go. He practiced Kenpo karate, flew gliders and biplanes, ran road races, hunted and fished. He rode with a motorcycle gang on the seacoast called The Disparates after he retired and rode a Ducati motorcycle into his 70's.

Chuck was sweet, funny, quirky, joyful and charming to the end, even when the details started to get a bit hazy. He always left a big impression, and his absence now is just as great. We will miss him.

A Celebration of Chuck's life will be held from 2 to 5pm on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at the Elk's Lodge, 500 Jones Ave., Portsmouth , NH 03801.. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association at https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Events/Tributes-AlzheimersChampions?pg=fund&fr_id=1060&pxfid=848192 or to Hungry for Music, whose mission is putting quality musical instruments into hungry hands, at <https://hungryformusic.org/in-memoriam-chuck-weston/>

Please RSVP at <https://events.blackbirdsvp.com/a-celebration-of-chuck-weston>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **26**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Portsmouth Elks Lodge
500 Jones Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Tribute Wall



“ Charlie and met in the first grade and were buddies through 12 years of school. Later I tried to have him come into the HiTec industry with me. He was my best friend in our school years sometimes playing hookey together to go to a record shop in Providence or go get a part for his Model A!

Michael Donnelly - November 23, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ I hadn't seen Chuck for the past few years, but I will always treasure the years we spent playing music together.
Don Bailey



Don Bailey - November 24, 2023 at 11:44 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Virginia Weston - October 11, 2023 at 01:35 PM

VW

“ I have such fond memories of Chuck. For years he'd travel down to RI for weekend deer hunting with Geoff. Up before dawn, hunting all day and returning to our house at night where he and his brother would recount the day's events over a glass (or two) of bourbon. By 7:00 pm both would be asleep in their chairs. Chuck was a charismatic man with a wonderful sense of humor and will be sorely missed by family and friends. My condolences to Lynne, Deb, David, Matt, Tamson and their families.

Gini Weston

Virginia Weston - October 11, 2023 at 01:33 PM

TW

Thank you, Gini. Dad and Geoff were such a pair.

Tamson Weston - October 13, 2023 at 08:26 AM

JS

“ Dear Lynne, family and friends of Chuck,
On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at Chuck's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS Sea Robin SS-407.

To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country.

Lynne and family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).

Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,
National Chaplain, USSVI.
www.jimsandman.com

Jim Sandman - October 11, 2023 at 01:29 PM

DR

Thank you so much. Dad was so proud to have been a bubblehead. The Weston family has a long line of service members; mostly Navy.

Deborah Rendahl - October 11, 2023 at 04:46 PM

LB

Lynne, Matt, Dave, Deb and Tamson. Sorry for your loss..Chuck was a funny and charismatic person. So glad to have know all of you most of my life. I think often of his guidance over the years and his wise words. Most of all his help in music and guitar tech and knowledge on everything musical among many other things. Meeting new people over the years was fun. Greatest memories are that of the "Last Resort." in Weare. He will be greatly missed.

*Lonnie Bean
Weare NH*

Lonnie R Bean - October 23, 2023 at 01:18 PM

FW

Charlie and I were closest of friends when he lived in Roslindale and we worked together at Geodyne in Waltham later to become EG@G I just looked up today and was surprised to see he had passed away. I new his dad, brother and sister and his two children Davis and Debbie from his first marriage. I would like to find David ad Debbie if possible just to touch base with them. I remember them living in Belmont Ma. my contact info is htcwhite@aol.com 508-981-4829 thanks Charlie RIP It was a pleasure being your friend thanks From Frank White

Frank White - November 12, 2025 at 12:05 PM