



## Charles M. Bestick

September 7, 1961 - April 28, 2023

COLEBROOK – Charles Mark Bestick, 61, of Colebrook, passed away at his home on Friday, April 28, 2023, with his wife by his side and after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in North Fort Myers, Fla., on Sept. 7, 1961, a son to the late Dunton M. and Mary J. (Johnson) Bestick. He was raised in Florida and spent most of his younger days with his grandmother in the Everglades area as part of the Cherokee Nation. Charles was always very proud of his Native American heritage.

His career, from a young age, was as a long-haul, over-the-road truck driver, and he also worked as a heavy equipment operator. For many years, he was employed by the Alvin J. Coleman & Sons Company. He was also a volunteer firefighter for more than 22 years, wherever he was residing, and was trained as a rescue diver.

Charles' passion was reptiles of all kinds, and he and his cousin took care of several different animals, traveling and putting on shows to teach others about them. At one time, he was the only person in New Hampshire who was licensed to possess and care for two alligators. He loved to hunt and fish which was a benefit to moving to the north country a few years ago with his wife to be closer to her family.

He is survived by his beloved wife of the past four years, Lisa J. Lodge of Colebrook; two sons, Charles (Candace) Bestick II, and David Bestick, both of Texas; his siblings, Dawn Blake of Plymouth, N.H., Sharon Arey of Epsom, N.H., and Jim Zacame of Arkansas; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is predeceased by a brother, Doug Bestick.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Charles may be made to the North Country Home Health & Hospice, 536 Cottage St., Littleton, NH 03561.

All services will be private. Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Arrangements in NH are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Lisa, Jon and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. If there is anything you need please reach out.



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**Marla Bush** - May 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM

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“ Lisa, so sorry to learn of your loss, may all the wonderful memories of him between the two of you from the past be a source of healing and comfort to you now during this difficult time..

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**Neal Scott** - May 03, 2023 at 07:20 AM

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“ Betty Simmons lit a candle in memory of Charles M. Bestick



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**Betty Simmons** - May 02, 2023 at 08:07 AM

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“ Sooo sorry for your loss. I went to high school with Mark, he used to teach us cuss words in Spanish .

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**Audrey Morris** - May 02, 2023 at 07:36 AM