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Charles Bainbridge Westover Jr. ("Chick"), 78 years, of Nashville, TN, passed away at home on May 10, 2017. Born in San Antonio, TX, on May 16, 1938, he was the eldest son of the late Charles B. Westover (Lt. Gen., USAF, retired) and Alice McIntosh Frink. He was a graduate of Yale University and an Army veteran.

Chick, as he was known, was a free spirit, an entrepreneur, a teacher, and a mentor who went wherever his curiosity and love of learning took him. He explored many places, first as a child of a military family, then as a lover of music, nature and history. His favorite adventures, however, centered around his family as a loving father, brother, grandfather and great grandfather who took pride in the successes of those he loved.

Throughout life, Chick gave voice to those he felt had not been heard, donating time to the Special Olympics Connecticut, numerous community outreach programs with the CT Jaycees, local church groups, and grassroots efforts for political and social change on local and state levels. Although he started his career in sales and computers, he was a creative soul at heart. He cultivated a passion for poetry into a bridge to his dreams as a songwriter, taking on an active role in the Connecticut Songwriters Association. He truly believed that given the opportunity, everyone could achieve their goals and dreams.

Seeking something more, he ventured to Nashville to immerse himself in its rich musical traditions. Chick wrote many "story" songs inspired by his travels and the people, culture and history he discovered along the way. He loved talking to people, hearing their stories and sharing his own with those who made the time to listen. Anchored by his faith, he joined St Philips Episcopal Church, Nashville where he continued to connect with people by tirelessly volunteering at Room in the Inn, providing a kind heart and a willing ear to those in need. Settled in his "new home," his desire and innate ability to teach led him to McGavock High School. As a substitute teacher, he thoroughly enjoyed helping to guide all students, who he viewed as the leaders of tomorrow. Meanwhile, he pursued music through unending support and collaboration with the local singer-songwriters. Forever the activist, he often blended music and politics to stand in



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support of others. From the Kerrville Folk festival, to Bay St. Louis, to the "Trail of Tears", he wrote poetry, sang his own songs and built relationships with people that have lasted a lifetime.

Chick is survived by his brother, Timothy O. Westover (Col. USAF, retired), Tucson, AZ, his sister, Susanna Hansen, Delray Beach, FL, his three children, Deborah Sullivan, New Haven, CT, Kimberly McCarroll, Mount Juliet, TN and Christopher B. Westover, San Antonio, TX, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two nieces, two nephews, and a loving extended family.

Funeral services will be held June 24th at 1p.m. at St. Philips Episcopal Church, Fairway Drive, Nashville. After the service, all are welcome to a memorial gathering in the church hall. Private burial will be held at a later date. Donations in his memory can be made to: Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee (<https://secondharvestmidtn.org/give/>) or St Philips Episcopal Church, 85 Fairway Drive, Nashville.




## Events


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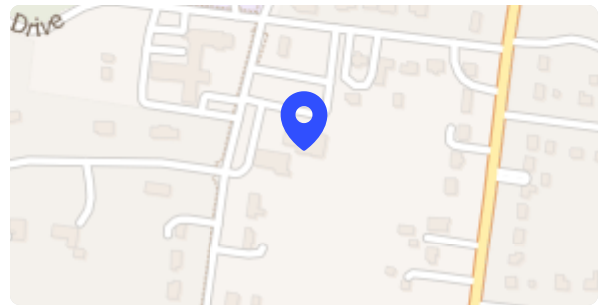
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### **Celebration of Life Memorial Service**

 **Saturday**, June 24, 2017

 1:00 PM CT

 **St. Philip Episcopal Church**  
85 Fairway Dr., Nashville TN





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**Ida & David** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We hung out with Chick for lunch every Saturday on the Eastside for the last year to share music and chit chat. He always had a smile and something appreciative to say to everyone. His love and support for music was very special - a true gentle man. We miss him so very much. Much love to all his family. Love, Ida & David



June 24 at 9:45 AM

KM

**Kimberly Mccarroll** September 15 at 12:20 PM

Thank you both so much, for the kind words and for the music you shared at the memorial

ID

**Ida** posted:

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June 24 at 5:37 AM

ID

**Ida & David** lit a candle in honor of Charles "Chick".



June 24 at 5:30 AM

KM

**Kim Mccarroll** posted:

My memories could fill this wall, so I'll just say this, "Dad, I love you and will treasure all the memories we shared.... from New Haven to Nashville and forever you have my ❤️ heart"

June 23 at 6:02 PM

KM

**Kimberly Mccarroll** September 15 at 12:23 PM

Thank you so much for your kind words and for thinking of my dad on this day!

ID

**Ida & David** June 24 at 5:45 AM

Dear Kim, we are so sorry we won't be able to make the memorial today as we are in Florida. Wish we could be there to celebrate Chick's life and gentle spirit, but he is in our thoughts and hearts this day. Love, Ida & David



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**Melissa J Javors** posted:

Some thoughts about Chick: I first met Chick at the Kerrville Folk Festival shortly after I had moved from San Antonio, TX. We knew many of the same musicians and songwriters both there and in Nashville. In the summer of 2009, I saw him at the Commodore Hotel where I was performing. He, graciously helped me load out my keyboard. After that we started dating and spend quite a few lovely evenings together. In 2010, he was coming to take me to dinner when he called in the afternoon to let me know that I-24 was completely flooded and closed. This was the great Nashville flood of 2010!! He wisely decided not to try driving to my part of town. Luckily, both of our places were spared damage. He was a true genettleman, always opening the car door and getting the set belt for me. We shared many discussions about poetry, songwriting, and politics. I was impressed by the extent of his volunteer work at the church with homeless people. We worked together to plan the first Kerrville Music Night in Nashville at Douglas Corner. I think the very first one was only a few days following the death of Rod Kennedy, founder of the KFF. It was a privilege to be invited to perform at several more of these wonderful events. I also sang back-up vocals for recordings of his political songs leading up to Obama's re-election in 2012. As I have been working as an ESL teacher in Metro, we also shared a love of working with English Learners. I valued our friendship more than I could ever express and I will miss him so much. I was honored to be included among his many friends. He was one of the finest human beings I have known.

June 23 at 12:39 PM



**Bill Mackinnon** August 24 at 2:24 PM

I was a classmate of Chick's at Yale in the late 1950s before he took a leave to discharge his military obligation (army). He was a fun-loving, delightful person with a whimsical sense of humor. I'm pleased to learn of the positive influence he had on so many people, and it's not hard to understand why so many people felt about him as they obviously do. -- Bill Mackinnon, Santa Barbara



**Kimberly Mccarroll** September 15 at 12:24 PM

Melissa - thank you so much for your kind words, shared stories and friendship with my dad! I appreciate your kindness and support at his memorial. Kim



**Tami, Tim, Tiffany And Kevin** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Westover family.

June 20 at 12:03 PM





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**Pete Darrah** posted:

Chick and I shared an attic space during WWII in College Park Georgia. RIP Chick. Pete Darrah

June 11 at 9:47 PM



## Media

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June 24 at 9:45 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Charles "Chick" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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