



CHARLES "CHUCK" GORDON NEWELL

March 20, 2025

Charles Gordon "Chuck" Newell of Bayview, AL passed away at the age of 71 on March 20, 2025, from Pancreatic and Liver cancer. Born on August 26, 1953, Chuck was the youngest of the 5 children born to Lee Roy Newell and Ines Inez Kelley Newell. Chuck was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and friend. Chuck had the kindest and most generous heart.

Chuck's early years were spent growing up in the Bayview community where he attended Bayview Elementary School, Dixie Jr High School, and Minor High School. For his Junior and Senior year of high school, Chuck attended Gardendale High School where he took a course in Drafting and graduated in 1973. In 1975 Chuck married his sweetheart, Diane, and in 1977 they welcomed their only child, a daughter.

At an early age Chuck discovered a love of motorcycles, acquiring his first as a Christmas gift from his parents at age 10. Chuck spent all his free time as a kid and teenager riding dirt bikes around the Bayview community. In the early 1970's he started dirt track racing motorcycles and later go-carts at Talladega Short Track and Concord Short Track. He spent most every weekend racing throughout the 70's and into the early 80's. Because of the success he was

having, Chuck considered taking his love of racing to the professional level. However, given his responsibilities to his young family, Chuck decided to forgo his dreams of becoming a professional dirt bike racer.

Chuck worked in the steel industry his entire career beginning in 1973 until his retirement in 2012. Over the years he worked for ACIPCO, US Steel Ensley Works for 10 years, Feralloy Corporation for 20 years and finally retiring in 2013 from US Steel's Pipe Mill.

Chuck was most proud of his family, especially his two granddaughters, Audrey Grace, whom he shared his birthday, and Ava Diane. He always had the best time telling stories, laughing, and joking with family and friends. As an avid racing and football enthusiast, Chuck could usually be found watching some type of racing if his Crimson Tide football team wasn't playing. In addition, Chuck was fascinated with history and enjoyed watching documentaries on historical events.

Chuck was preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years, Glenda Diane Aldridge Newell; his father, Lee Roy Newell; his mother, Ines Inez Kelley Newell; and sisters, Barbara Lee Newell Walker and Donna Sue Newell Whisonant.

Chuck is survived by his daughter, Shelli Diane Garrett (Keith); granddaughters, Audrey Grace and Ava Diane; brother, David Newell; sister, Peggy Cooper (Butch); and along with a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews he adored.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, March 29, 2025 at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home; Visitation will be from 10:00 am until 11:00 am and the funeral service will be at 11:00 am at the funeral home with Brother James Connell officiating. Burial will follow at Village Falls Cemetery, 75 Bayview Drive.

Tribute Wall

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“ Chuck and Diane were my patients for decades but they were my friends. I will forever miss the talks and laughs we shared. Two wonderful crazy people that I enjoyed getting to know. RIP Reva Kelly

reva kelly - March 28, 2025 at 11:57 AM

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“ Doug, AJ, & Kernon Cooper purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of CHARLES "CHUCK" GORDON NEWELL.



Doug, AJ, & Kernon Cooper - March 28, 2025 at 05:36 AM

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“ Doug, AJ, & Kernon Cooper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of CHARLES "CHUCK" GORDON NEWELL.

Doug, AJ, & Kernon Cooper - March 28, 2025 at 05:36 AM

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“ Kevin ,Kim,Peyton and Troy McLemore purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of CHARLES "CHUCK" GORDON NEWELL.



Kevin ,Kim,Peyton and Troy McLemore - March 27, 2025 at 10:28 PM

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“ Chuck’s greatest gift was you felt better after seeing him. He always had kind words when you saw him and he was earnest with his words. He didn’t have a mean bone in his body and he was loving and kind to everyone he met and he would always lift you up with an encouraging word. He loved his family dearly and wanted to make sure they got everything they needed and wanted. He had the best sparring partner in his wife and they were always together. I loved how he was still truly in love he was with his wife after being together over 50 years! When you hear the expression “girl dad” Chuck was the original and was born for the role. He was a phenomenal husband, father and grandfather and Shelli and the girls were blessed to have him as a father and grandfather. He was a great listener, encourager, humbly wise and he moved out of love. The one thing I do know, I will bet money he had the best TV of anyone. He could look at a TV with a jeweler’s eye and only want the best. That was Chuck, he had the ability to look at the whole picture down to the finest detail. Chuck was a man among men and will be greatly missed but I find comfort in knowing he is with The Lord, his wife and family. I always think of Chuck when I see the number 3, the number of completion, he completed everything. We miss him already.

Lisa Garrett - March 25, 2025 at 04:51 PM