



Charles Lance Costello

May 9, 1946 - January 24, 2025

Charles Lance Costello (AKA Charlie) was born May 09, 1946 in Visalia, CA to Frank and Virginia Costello and remained a lifelong resident of his beloved hometown.

He graduated from Mt Whitney high school in 1964 and attended College of Sequoias where he earned his welding certification. Charlie held a variety of jobs throughout his life beginning as a dishwasher at Sambo's, a diner in downtown Visalia one of his favorite early roles. He later worked at Gifford Hill & Co a PVC pipe manufacturing company as well as imperial bondware and International paper as a machine operator before retiring.

A true enthusiast of classic cars and motorcycles Charlie found joy in working on vintage automobiles and attending races at the Famoso drag strip. He was an active member of the model A club and spoke often of his storied past of wild adventures on the road riding his cherished 1964 Harley Davidson Panhead exploring destinations such as Death Valley, CA and Sturgis, South Dakota often camping out with friends along the way.

Some of his fondest memories were the summers he spent on his grandmother Anna Wagner's Montana homestead. There he took part in branding and dehorning cattle, harvesting wheat and tending to her vast garden. Experiences that left a lasting impression on him.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Virginia Costello and his little brother Frank James "Jamie" Costello III. He is survived by his loving wife Tiffany Costello, his son Nicolas Costello, step son Cassidy Ropes and his wife Emily Ropes, grandson Caleb Ropes, granddaughters Mackenzie and Abigail Ropes and numerous cousins.

After a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, Charlie passed away peacefully on January 24, 2025. A private burial will take place at Visalia district cemetery

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Cemetery Details

Visalia District Cemetery

1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Previous Events

Burial

FEB 12. 8:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Charlie, a beloved patient at our Dental office will be greatly missed by us all.

He always brought a smile to us even during this past year when he clearly wasn't feeling his best.

His Tall, Lean, Lanky stature and ultra chill vibe always made my day and put a smile on my face.

From visit to visit I could tell he was wearing down and always feared any calls from Tiffany that she would be calling with sad news. Even in his last few months he refused to succumb to his horrific illness and I'm sure he fought his fate until the very end. To learn he passed this afternoon broke my heart as I was literally talking about him just this morning at the office and even mentioned out loud that I should call Tiffany to check up on Charlie.

I was literally spritzing a plant he had brought me months and months ago this morning and straightening a printed label I had made to put near my "Charlie Button Plant" that had unfortunately passed way before Charlie did, yet I kept it near the Donkey tail plant that he also brought me and I had also labeled. I didn't want to be a bother to Tiffany and opted to not call her hoping Charlie was still hanging in there and figuring if he was or had not she would call.

Another co worker indirectly came across his obit later this afternoon, not knowing he was earlier discussed. When she asked me "Hey isn't this our Charlie" , my heart just broke into pieces when she showed me his pic here.

Although I am grateful he passed peacefully at home, my heart is saddened for the large void he has left behind for Tiffany, his kids, family and friends.

Rest Easy my friend, may your soul finally be at peace. You will be truly missed by so many, but especially by all of us at the Dental office.

Prayers up to Tiffany, your family and friends as they all try to figure out how to carrying on without your physical presence here on earth. ❤️ 🗄️ 🙏 🌱 🏍️ 🚗 🤞 🕊️ 💙

Jenn Phillips - January 30, 2025 at 10:30 PM