



Charles "Chuck" Simon

September 23, 1960 - February 28, 2026

Charles "Chuck" Francis Simon, 65, of St. Cloud, MN died on February 28, 2026, from Frontotemporal Dementia with Early Onset Alzheimer's.

Chuck was born to Francis and Marilyn (Notsch) on September 23, 1960, in St. Cloud. Chuck graduated from Apollo High School in 1979. Chuck was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Cheryl (Mathiasen), on June 14, 1980. Chuck was a hard worker; through the years he was employed by 7Up, Verso Paper Mill, and the St. Cloud Hospital. Chuck's favorite job, however, was his part-time gig delivering pizza.

Chuck was a devout Christian, and he looked forward to attending church every Sunday. This became an even more important part of his life as the dementia progressed. Thinking about Jesus brought him great comfort, especially later in his life. Chuck had a great smile, he was always willing to share a story or joke. He had a contagious laugh as well. He especially enjoyed reminiscing about "great, old memories". Chuck enjoyed going for rides through old neighborhoods that would inevitably bring up some of those great memories. Chuck was an incredibly talented wood worker. He created numerous pieces of furniture and other household goods for family and friends. Most notable were the adirondack chairs and swings he made. Chuck was also a gifted artist; he would draw various sceneries, characters from movies and shows, and portraits of people he knew. Chuck also enjoyed

writing in his younger years; while in elementary school, he wrote a book about presidents. For this book he was presented with an award from the St. Cloud City Mayor. Chuck was also an avid book reader; he was known to spend hours looking for books at the library. Chuck was an avid gardener of both flowers and vegetables. He enjoyed making the most delicious fried green tomatoes. He took immense pride in maintaining his yard and gardens meticulously. Chuck became well known in the neighborhood for his bonfires; he looked forward to having family and friends join him around the fire whenever possible. He had a voracious appetite for pizza and loved his beer served in his frosty, freezer mug. Chuck was a proud grandpa and loved his grandchildren beyond measure.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 45 years, Cheryl, children: Jenny (Terry Vanderbeek), Andy (Ashley) Simon, and Nick (Melissa) Simon, grandchildren: Carter, Katelyn, Charlotte, Lincoln, and Aubriella, siblings, Tim Simon and Julie (Steve) Simonson. He was greeted in Heaven with open arms by many family members including his parents, Francis and Marilyn Simon and grandparents: Herman and Evelyn Notsch and Frank and Helena Simon, and parents in-law: Fred and Clara Mathiasen.

Visitation will be on Friday, March 6, 2026, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Westwood Church in St. Cloud, MN. A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., with a viewing at 10:00 a.m., at Westwood Church. Burial will immediately follow the celebration at Assumption Cemetery in St. Cloud.

Chuck's brain has been donated to the Brain Support Network to help with research surrounding these devastating diseases.

Chuck's family would like to thank all of the staff at Benedictine-Asher Haus in Cold Spring, MN and St. Croix Hospice for their kindness and wonderful care of Chuck.

In honor of Chuck, we invite you to support Westwood Benevolence Fund, The Brain Support Network, The Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration, or Alzheimer's Association.

Westwood Benevolence Fund: <https://pushpay.com/g/westwoodstcloud?src=hp>

The Brain Support Network: <https://www.brainsupportnetwork.org/donate/>

The Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration: <https://www.theaftd.org/>

Alzheimer's Association: <https://www.alz.org/>

Cemetery Details

Assumption Cemetery

2341 Roosevelt Road
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Westwood Church
5719 Walnut Dr
St. Cloud, MN 56303

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Simon.*



March 05 at 10:46 PM



“ *Ricky & Laurie Notsch & Family purchased the Red Rose And Lily Floor Basket for the family of Charles "Chuck" Simon.*



Ricky & Laurie Notsch & Family - March 05 at 09:04 PM

CR

“ When we think of Chuck, we think of kindness and good times. We think of sharing great memories together. He was the kind of person who lit up the room whenever he was around.



Whether it was partying after work at The Warehouse Market, or Chuck peeking in with a warm smile and a hello if one of us was in the hospital, but most of all when he would stop by our home for a visit, we could talk for hours. Chuck always had interesting stories to share. One of the memories that he liked to share was visiting The Grasshopper Chappel, a historical shrine in Cold Spring. Spending time with him at The Jacob's Prarie church festival was also a lot of fun.

Chuck was the kind of friend that everyone would love to have. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was so much fun to be around.

We think that Chuck would be amazed by how many hearts he touched. He was loved by all and we will miss him.

- Jerry and Cindy Rothstein 🙏

Cindy and Jerry Rothstein - March 05 at 03:54 PM

GF

“ Gary Meyer & Lynn and Vcki and families purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Charles "Chuck" Simon.



Gary Meyer & Lynn and Vcki and families - March 05 at 02:40 PM

PF

“ Polly and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Simon.

Polly and family - March 04 at 04:55 PM

PF

“ Polly and family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Charles "Chuck" Simon.



Polly and family - March 04 at 04:55 PM

SP

“ I'm sorry for your loss.

Sue Brambrink Perez - March 04 at 02:55 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Simon.



March 04 at 10:19 AM

MR

“ I worked with Chuck at one point in time at the St. Cloud Hospital. He was one of my favorite people to work with. We worked hard but always shared tons of laughs—sometimes to the point of having tears streaming down our faces.

One day, while we were getting to know each other better, I found out his son Andy was dating Ashley, who I happened to go to high school with. I said what a nice girl she was, and he mentioned he'd be happy to call her his daughter-in-law someday (Andy and Ashley weren't married yet at that time). I always thought she would be lucky to end up with a father-in-law like Chuck.

I thought of Chuck often after I left the hospital and wish we would have kept in touch. I will always remember him as hard-working, outgoing, funny and kind. Rest in peace, Chuck, you will truly be missed.

Megan Reitmeier - March 04 at 08:53 AM

CJ

“ Chuck was a great guy worked with him at St Cloud Hospital. Never seen a harder worker then Chuck. God will keep Chuck in his heart. Will miss you Chuck.

Charles Jernberg - March 03 at 09:36 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Simon.



March 03 at 08:59 PM

TF

“ Theresa Spiering Broadbent & family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Charles "Chuck" Simon.



Theresa Spiering Broadbent & family - March 03 at 08:18 PM



“ I worked with Chuck at the Warehouse Market from 78-84. Really enjoyed knowing him and spending time outside of work with him before I left St. Cloud in spring 84. The world lost a really great guy. My condolences to his family who he loved so dearly.

Chuck Kosel - March 03 at 07:57 PM

PS

I worked with Chuck at the Warehouse Market as well. He was funny and sweet and a little shy. And oh so honest. This world will miss him. My condolences to Cheryl and the his family.

Pattie Liestman Schmid - March 03 at 09:46 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Simon.



March 03 at 06:59 PM

JU

“ I worked with Chuck at the St. Cloud Hospital. He was a great guy & there serve of us who would eat lunch together. Also he grew up in the same neighborhood as kids. Rest in Peace Chuck. Sympathy to your family! They have many great memories of you!

JudyWalters - March 03 at 06:36 PM

LM

“ We are very sorry for the loss of Chuck. He was one of the most welcoming with a contagious smile. We are traveling and unable to make it. Two of Bob's favorite memories were winning the Mathiasen Champion Cup with him and the drawing of his favorite cat, Sweetie. Chuck also helped us when we bought our first home in St Cloud by making us custom book shelves from floor to ceiling. They made many moves with us! Hugs to you all as you celebrate him. - Bob and Linda

Linda Mathiasen - March 03 at 06:01 PM

LB

We give our deepest condolences to Chuck's, family and friends and loved ones.
Chuck was a wonderful guy.
Gary and I always enjoyed our talks and laughs together whenever we got together with Chuck.

Lori Brix - March 03 at 06:42 PM