



## Mr. Charles J. Leadbetter

October 10, 1973 - February 7, 2019

ATHOL - Charles J. Leadbetter, 45 of Athol, died unexpectedly Thursday, February 7, 2019 in the Athol Hospital, Athol.

He was born in Gardner, on October 10, 1973, the son of Brian J. Leadbetter and the late Christine M. (Cook) Leadbetter.

He grew up in Athol and graduated from Athol High School with the class of 1992. He worked at the Bete Fog Nozzle Company in Greenfield.

Charlie enjoyed fishing and camping and was an avid fan of the New England Patriots.

He leaves his daughter, Lindsay Leadbetter of Athol; his father, Brian Leadbetter of Orange; his brother, Chad Leadbetter and his wife Nikki of Athol; his nephew Nelson Leadbetter; his niece, Abby Leadbetter and his good friend Aaron Stevens of Athol.

He was predeceased by his mother, Christine (Cook) Leadbetter.

Charlie's family will receive family and friends at calling hours on Friday, February 15, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Higgins-O'Connor Funeral Home 146 Main St., Athol. Burial will be at a later date and time to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made in his memory to the Athol Hospital, 2033 Main St., Athol, MA 01331.

For more information or to sign our online guest book please visit [www.mackfamilyfh.com](http://www.mackfamilyfh.com).

Higgin's-O'Connor Funeral Home 146 Main St., Athol is directing arrangements.

# Events

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<b>FEB</b>	<b>Visitation</b>	06:00PM - 08:00PM
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	Mack Family Funeral Homes Higgins-O'Connor Chapel	
	146 Main Street, Athol, MA, US, 01331	

# Comments

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“ Love you~



**Edie Silva** - February 18, 2019 at 01:11 PM

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“ My memories of Charlie are mostly of our younger years running between Conant Rd and Doe Valley to Danny's house. Smashing tree limbs while pretending to be Star Wars characters and terrorizing the Mallet's sand pit. Then came the dirt bikes, I can't count how many times we crashed trying to ride wheelies longer than Chad. Even getting our butts kicked during intense Wrestlemania sessions in the Ledbetter's living room. Great memories I'll always remember!

I don't live in Athol anymore but my parents keep me pretty up to date on things. I was sad to hear about this news today. It made me stop, sit back and think about all the great times we had as kids. You were taken way too early from us Charlie but know this.. you'll always be in our hearts and memories..

Darren

**Darren Miller** - February 14, 2019 at 09:46 PM

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“ Brian and Family,

I cannot offer any magic words to ease the sorrow you all now feel other than say I am sorry and you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Take heart to know your loved one is at peace and loved very much by our Lord in heaven. God bless your family. Peace to you.

Most sincerely, David Ambrose and Family

**David Ambrose** - February 14, 2019 at 04:01 AM

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“ Charlie I don't even know where to start. You and I never had too much in common but you still were my only brother. You were the free spirit and definitely the daring one out of the two of us. I can't believe that you are gone. I wish things were different between the two of us but now I can only dream. One of my very best memories of us is when we went to Maine with bunch of friends on a weekend getaway and conquered the Sacco River. Maybe it conquered us but I know that it was a lot of fun. Charlie I'm not good at this but I hope you can see this and If you can please know that I love you. I hope heaven is everything that anyone could imagine and that you are dancing with Mom right now. Please give all of our family and friends up there a huge hug and I will see you someday on the other side. You will be missed but never ever forgotten!!

Chad.

**Chad B Leadbetter** - February 13, 2019 at 02:10 PM

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“ So many memories, not even sure where to begin. I do not think I can even narrow it down to one... Charlie was always the calming voice in a tough time and the laugh when you needed one.

Charlie, you will be missed by many. Your laughter and humor is what I will always cherish and carry with me throughout the rest of my years. My tears today are for those that never got to know the joy you brought to the world. I will forever be grateful that God gave me you as a friend for all the years he allowed the world to enjoy your smile. Smile bright my friend, for we shall all meet again.



**Stephanie Crocker** - February 13, 2019 at 08:37 AM

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“ Charlie, you will be missed by so many, you truly were one of nicest, kindest men I've ever met. I'm grateful to have known you. Much love to the family and friends, love and prayers from The Bastine Family

**Trisha Curran-Bastine** - February 12, 2019 at 06:39 PM

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“ As long as I can remember he always had a smile. He never had a bad word to say about anyone and I never had a cross word with him for as many years we were friends. I will remember ice fishing with him and Aaron as the best of times and his smile and he loved to laugh. I am beside myself with grief at his passing and I only wish I could have done more with him and had more memories. I wish I could do more for his family other than say I am so sorry.

**Bill Melanson** - February 12, 2019 at 06:38 PM

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“ Charlie you were a part of my life for many years and loved you so. RIP Charlie

**Terri** - February 12, 2019 at 05:53 PM

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“ My favorite memories of Charlie, are from camping and fishing, and the leadbetter family parties. We were fairly close way back in the day. I always liked to chat and catch up with him when I would run into him. My sincere condolences to all Charlie's friends and family.

**Don Knapp** - February 12, 2019 at 04:18 PM

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“ My favorite memory of Charlie occurred when he was trick or treating our house with Brad Herk as grade schoolers. There was a leaf man seated in a lawn chair in front of our cellar window with Uncle Willie down cellar holding an old Victrola tin horn. If I used the code 'OK' when greeting our trick or treaters in a witch costume, Uncle Willie was to blast away. Charlie went airborne off the steps and both he and Brad started poking away at the leaf man. We heard the two boys laughing hysterically as they headed up Conant Road towards their homes. Charlie's mom phoned the following morning to say they were still roaring when they reached Charlie's house! Such a fun memory to hold on to.

**Joy Cutter** - February 12, 2019 at 02:48 PM

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“ Our hearts hurt so for you Brian, Lindsey, Chad, Nikki, Nelson and Abby..as well as the rest of Charlies family and friends....So very very sorry. gentle hugs..Nelson and Bonnie Bradshaw



**Nelson and Bonnie** - February 12, 2019 at 01:12 PM