



Andrew McLean Welton

May 15, 1946 - November 25, 2022

Andrew McLean Welton, age 76, of St. Augustine, passed away November 25, 2022, in his home and surrounded by his family. Andrew was born in Hartford, Ct. May 15, 1946 to Frederick James and Ruth (Ellsworth) Welton. He grew up in Broad Brook, Ct. with his many cousins on the family's thousand acre farm which had been in the family since the 1700s. Andrew graduated 1965 from East Windsor High School, and continued his education at Culinary Institute of America where he trained as a chef. He joined the U.S. Army, rather than being drafted, and served as a cook in the highlands of Viet Nam. After his discharge, he returned to Connecticut, and with his brother, he opened Fisherman's Net Restaurant.

But, Andrew's real passion was boats. He moved to Essex and worked for many years as a skilled wood worker on the beautiful, old wooden boats of that era. First at Deep River Boat Works, then Essex Boat Works. During that time, he and his wife, Teresa, lived aboard a houseboat which Andrew built. That is where their son Noah was born. In 1988, Andrew, Teresa and Noah moved to St. Augustine and he founded Welton Pool & Spa with young Noah as his apprentice. Sadly, Teresa succumbed to breast cancer in 2006. Andrew and Noah grieved together, but persisted with their company, Welton Pool & Spa. In 2008, Andrew re-married to Pamela Geiger, to whom he was drawn through their passions for art, boats, sailing and adventure. Together with Pamela, Andrew got to fulfill his lifelong dream of sailing the Caribbean Sea as they left shore in 2012 to spend seven wonder-filled years on the water.

They sailed into St. Augustine harbor for the last time in 2019 with Hurricane Irma just two days away off their stern!

Andrew is preceded death by his parents and two elder brothers, F. James Welton III and Ellsworth Welton. He is survived by his wife, Pamela G. Welton of St. Augustine; a son, Joshua Welton and his wife Emily; a daughter, Erin Ferrell and her husband Scott; a son, Noah Welton and his wife, Ambra; as well as step-son John "Billy" Borglund and his wife Kathryn; step-daughter Kristin Borglund Meserve, all of St. Augustine; his sister, Theodora Pawlowski and her husband Thomas of Punta Gorda, FL; sisters-in-law Diane Welton and Dang Welton, and grandchildren, Madison, Kylee, Seth, Gabriel, and Preston, and many extended family.

A Celebration of Life will take place in the Spring off-shore St. Augustine.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.