

THE NORTON PROJECT

STEP INSIDE: A CUSTOM TIMBER FRAME IN CARROLLTON, GA



Woodhouse

HOME DETAILS

Perched on six acres of Georgia woodlands in Carrollton, this 2,200-square-foot timber frame home embodies the artistry of custom design. With three bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms, it seamlessly integrates craftsmanship with nature. The open interior, bathed in natural light, features exposed timber beams, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. A testament to architectural innovation, this residence harmoniously connects with its pastoral surroundings, offering a unique retreat in the heart of Georgia.



CARROLLTON, GA



2,200 SQ. FT.



3 BEDS



3.5 BATHS



THE BACKSTORY



Chuck Norton may have built his own timber frame home in 2018 (while also coming on board as a Woodhouse Independent Representative simultaneously), but his connection to timber framing began long ago, before his career in IT and eventual retirement into a Woodhouse home.

“My dad was a builder and a plumber by trade, but he also was a developer. I grew up with a hammer in my hand, so to speak, but I never really pursued it until after I retired, aside from helping to build some houses while I was in college,” recounts Chuck. **“But I was thinking about passive solar energy efficiency in the eighties, and that’s when I started looking at timber frames. So, it’s been a 40-year journey to get to live in one.”**

The energy efficiency was a big pull for Chuck and led him back to timber framing when it came time for him and his wife, Kathy, to settle into retirement. But the customization opportunities sealed the deal, allowing him to envision—and plan for—his lifestyle now and in the future.

“I wanted an open floor plan. I wanted a great room. I wanted a high ceiling in the kitchen and living room. Everybody wants to sit around the kitchen and talk, and everybody likes being able to go into the living room or see the living room from the kitchen. So, I said, ‘Why not just have one big ol’ room? Let’s start with that concept, and let’s move to the left and right of that.’ So that’s what we did; we designed my house on the whiteboard at the Woodhouse campus right there in the design studio.”

“It is a long back porch with wicker chairs, a fireplace, a cooking grill, a smoker, and a few other little odds and ends,” says Chuck. “We ended up putting two fireplaces back-to-back with separate flues in the great room and back porch. It’s where we live in the summer and the fall; it’s where we drink our coffee in the morning, and it’s where we have our evening meal and watch the sunset.”

Even when it’s hot out, the porch is still comfortable thanks to solutions-minded design. “I’ve got fans up in the ceilings, so you can’t see them, but that really keeps the air moving. It’s just easy to design with a timber frame—you have so many options that people just don’t really think about until they have one,” says Chuck.

Even though it’s not a focus right now for Chuck and Kathy, the home is also designed for aging in place. The front entrance to the house is all on one level, the doors are all 3 feet wide, and the basement is accessible without use of stairs. The Nortons have not yet installed safety rails, but everything is designed so that if that’s needed one day, the house is ready for it.

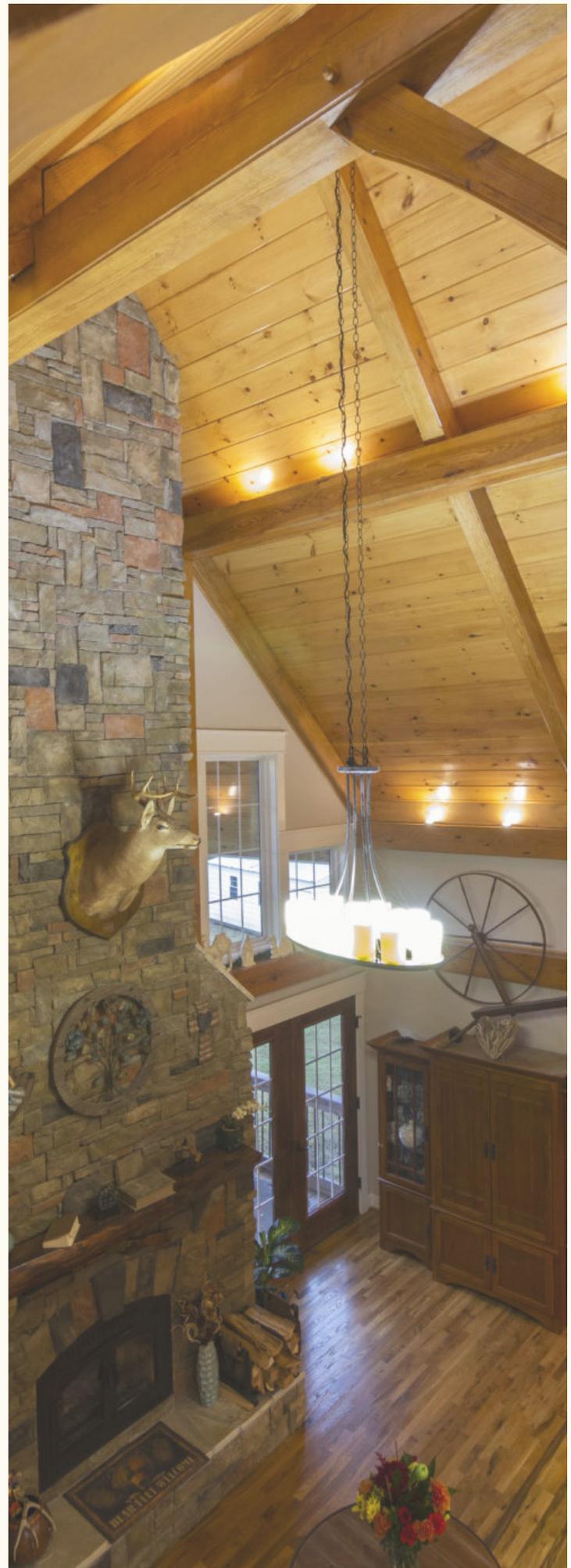
While planning his home at the headquarters, Chuck joked to Woodhouse Owner and President Pat Seaman that maybe working for Woodhouse is what he should do in retirement. Six months later, TimberStream was born, and Chuck became a Woodhouse Independent Representative for North Georgia and East Alabama. Today, he helps homeowners design and build their own Woodhouse timber frame home, so they can experience the same success and daily satisfaction he and Kathy had with their custom home.

“Timber frame design lends itself to a lot of unique things that you just won’t find in a conventional house or any other custom home that people build,” Chuck says. “That’s why I love timber frames.”



“Woodhouse has been set up in a way that lets us run our own business yet have the support on the technical side that I don’t think a lot of other companies offer. I chose Woodhouse for my home because they have a good, long-term warranty that they stand behind. They’ve been in the business a lot longer than most, and they have a long relationship with the SIP manufacturer. Simply put, I don’t know of anybody else that does it the way they do it. They have a really robust system, and they’re definitely the industry leaders.”-Chuck Norton, Woodhouse Homeowner







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