

# The Weston Family of **AUGUST:** OSAGE COUNTY

## **Beverly Weston** *Patriarch*

Father of the Weston family and husband of Violet, he was once a published poet and taught at the local university. A former self-admitted alcoholic, his disappearance from the Weston home incites an ad hoc family reunion. The circumstances surrounding his disappearance serve as major plot devices.

## **Violet Weston** *Matriarch*

The matriarch of the Weston family, she is in her mid-sixties and is addicted to prescription drugs. She is outspoken and cunning; she claims to know everything that happens within the family. The latter portion of the production focuses on the family and their attempt to help her keep clean.

## **Mattie Fae Aiken** *Aunt*

The younger sister of Violet at age 57, she is the wife of Charlie and mother of Little Charles. A natural cynic, much like Violet, she constantly fights with her family. She is naturally protective of her older sister. The details surrounding the parentage of Little Charles becomes an exciting moment in the production.

## **Charlie Aiken** *Uncle*

Husband and father of Little Charles, he has a mild demeanor and constantly defends Little Charles against Mattie Fae. He was a very close friend of Beverly.

## **Bill Fordham** *Barbara's Husband*

Barbara's husband from whom she is separated. He is a 49 year old professor in Colorado and is having an affair with one of his students. Though estranged from his wife, he comes to the Weston home to show support for his wife and daughter.

## **Barbara Fordham** *Eldest Daughter*

In her mid-forties, she is the oldest Weston daughter. She is the mother of Jean and wife of Bill, from whom she is separated. A college professor in Colorado, she has hopes of salvaging her marriage. She attempts to take control of her surroundings, whether that be her marriage or dilemmas within the Weston household.

## **Ivy Weston** *Middle Daughter*

The middle sister, aged 44, she is the only daughter to remain in Oklahoma where she teaches.

## **Karen Weston** *Youngest Daughter*

At 40 years old, she is the youngest of the three girls. She lives in Florida with her new fiancé, Steve, whom she declares is the perfect man for whom she has been dreaming.

## **Steve Heidebrecht** *Karen's Fiance*

50 year old fiancé of Karen. He is a businessman in Florida and reveals himself to be not the perfect man Karen claims. After smoking pot with Jean, Johnna catches him sexually harassing her.

## **Little Charles Aiken** *Cousin*

Purported son of Charlie and Mattie Fae, he is constantly put down by his mother which affects and decreases his sense of confidence. He is having a secret affair with his cousin Ivy.

## **Jean Fordham** *Granddaughter*

The 14 year old daughter of Bill and Barbara, she is a bit of a rebelion. She smokes cigarettes and pot, she is a vegetarian and is angry about her parents' separation.

## **Johnna Monevata** *Housekeeper*

The 26 year old Cheyenne woman whom Beverly hires to live in the house and look after the home. Violet is confused and annoyed by her existence, but Johnna quickly becomes liked by the rest of the family as a result of her gentle manner, patience and good cooking skills.

## **Sheriff Dean Gilbeau** *Sheriff*

High school classmate and former boyfriend of Barbara. He is the officer who delivers the news of Beverly's suicide.