



Martha A. Welk

October 18, 1938 - February 27, 2020

Martha A. Welk, age 81, of Kankakee passed away Thursday, February 27, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She was born October 18, 1938 in Alliance, OH, the daughter of Harold & Rose (Steinmacher) Stanley. Martha married James C. Welk, whom she met in Germany, on November 24, 1962 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on June 16, 2006.

Martha worked as a teacher's aide for Kankakee School District 111 for 18 years. She also tutored for ALIVE for 12 years. Martha served as a Cub Scout Den Leader for 8 years.

She loved quilting, painting, singing, and doing needlework. Martha was a Chicago Cubs fan. She was an avid photographer.

Martha was a veteran of the United States Army where she served as a medic from 1959-1962.

Surviving are two sons, John Welk of San Francisco, CA and William James Welk of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Carolyn Suzanne (Kelly) & William Mattila of Kankakee and Mary Beth Welk of Quincy; one sister, Marilyn Rose Hoskins of Rockledge, FL; five brothers, William Stanley of Surprise, AZ, Harold & Sandy Stanley of Toledo, OH, Roger & Nancy Stanley of Midland, MI, Douglas & Phyllis Stanley of Dillsburg, PA, and David Stanley of Alliance, OH; and three grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, James C. Welk, Martha is preceded in death by her parents; one granddaughter, Melanie Rose; and one sister.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at St. John Paul II- West Campus. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service. Inurnment will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Inurnment

MAR 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery
20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I had a lot of fun at the Welk house when I was a kid. Kelly was one of my closest friends and while I was in their home, Mrs. Welk always made me feel like I was one of her own kids. I have many fond memories of Mrs. Welk and her family.

Janice Drew - January 14, 2021 at 11:25 AM

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“ Jane McLin lit a candle in memory of Martha A. Welk



Jane McLin - March 03, 2020 at 11:42 PM