



Ralph E. Welch

November 29, 1941 - October 22, 2019

Ralph E. Welch, 77, of Bradley, passed away on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at his home surrounded by his wife and family. He was born on November 29, 1941 in Fremont, IA, the son of John and Vivian Rose Sherman Welch. Ralph married Judy Walker on March 12, 1959 in Keokuk, IA.

Ralph worked at Roper in Bradley, Bennet Industries in Peotone, and also farmed on the family farm. He was a Boy Scout leader for Troop #395, achieving the honor of Order of the Arrow. He loved hunting and fishing. Ralph enjoyed having coffee every day with friends. He enjoyed cooking, having fed over 300 Boy Scouts at a time. He also enjoyed writing poetry. He was a member of Westbrook Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee. Ralph loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Judy Welch, of Bradley; four children, Mark (Sherry) Welch, of Johnston City, Tara (Donald) Bykowski, of Kankakee, Londa (Mark) Tanner, of Limestone, and Landon Welch, of Bradley; six grandchildren, Samatra, Jade, Melissa, Zachary, Ashley, and Scott; six great-grandchildren, Chloe, Clara, Lincoln, Connor, Anna, and Amelia; one soon to be great-grandson, Chandler; one sister, Virginia Haggard, of California; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mary Ellen Dean and Delores Kanouse; and three brothers, Wesley Welch, Raymond Welch, and Ronald Welch.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the time of the 1:00 pm memorial service on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Westbrook Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee. Rev. Todd Peeler will officiate the service. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Westbrook Church of the Nazarene
900 West Jeffery Street
Kankakee, IL 60901

Memorial Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Dear Welch Family*
I am so very sorry to hear that the Patriarch of the family has passed. Your family has always had open arms for me and my boys (which are men now). I am so sorry that I didn't make it down there more often so my sons could've had the Ralph experience. He had such a presence about him. My deepest sympathies to the family. I'm not even sure if you remember me. Just know that I will never forget the love and kindness that your entire family showed me when I lived there. Rest in peace dear Ralph you will never be forgotten.



With much love, Juwanda Evans and sons

Juwanda Evans - November 05, 2019 at 08:14 PM

MS

“ *Marsha Sperry lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Welch*



marsha sperry - October 26, 2019 at 12:11 AM

MS

“ *Ralph, so very sad ...Thought you were ok...Was a shock, to hear of your passing.... Have missed you already, in the diner, and on FB.. Here today, and gone just like that... So very sorry...Miss you so.. Meijers, bean soup, and your favorite green shirt.... RIP.. Gone too soon...<3*

marsha sperry - October 26, 2019 at 12:06 AM