



Edward Francis Welch

February 5, 1942 - February 20, 2020

Edward Francis Welch was born on February 5, 1942 and was called home on February 20, 2020. Ed was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire to Albert G. Welch and Dorothy Clark Kelly Welch. He was one of four siblings, predeceased by his older brother Clark Welch (Lacy) and survived by his younger brother Jay Welch (Dee) and younger sister Mary Grace Satur (Ron). At a young age, Ed's family moved to Gainesville, Florida. Ed was a proud Eagle Scout. After his 1960 graduation from Gainesville High School, he enlisted and served honorably in the United States Army, before attending Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. At FSU, Ed was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and received his Bachelor of Science in hospitality management. Also while at FSU, Ed met the love of his life, Kathleen Patrice Hartnett Welch. Together, Ed and Kathy raised five children in Ormond Beach, Florida. Ed was in the hotel and restaurant industries for more than thirty years. After retiring from hospitality, Ed and Kathy worked together as co-managers at numerous retirement homes up and down the eastern United States. More important to Ed than any paid position he ever held, was his passion and commitment to help others. As a devoted Catholic at St. Bernadette Church in Linville, North Carolina, Ed spent years working with the poor and the hungry, counseling prisoners and mentoring those in need. If he wasn't helping someone, Ed's life was not being fulfilled. Ed was a man of honor and faith. He is survived by Kathy, his wife of fifty-two years, their five children, Mark, Kelly (Danny), Joseph, Matthew (Stacy) and Anne Marie, fourteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews. A funeral mass will be held at St. Bernadette Church at 11:00 am, Tuesday, February 25, 2020. In lieu of flowers, please remember Ed through your donation to St. Bernadette Food Pantry, PO Box 1252, Linville, North Carolina 28646.

Words of Comfort and Memories may be shared with the Welch family by visiting our website <http://www.rsfh.net>

The care of Edward and his family has been entrusted to Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home of Newland.

(828) 733-2121

Events

FEB **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM
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St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Church
Linville, NC, US, 28646

Comments



“ Sending lots of love and hugs to a wonderful family.

I am so grateful to have met Edward here in North Carolina. What an incredibly gentle, positive , and kind man !

His stories were always filled with laughter and a wonderful smile.

I can imagine he is smiling down from Heaven to his loving family.

Love,
Suzanne Kelly
John Pederson

Suzanne Kelly - February 28, 2020 at 10:08 AM

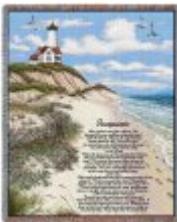


“ Ed was so helpful, respectful, and considerate to me and others. He and Kathy are such kind people. I will miss him very much. Family, you are in my prayers..I'm so sorry for your loss.

Diane McAlonan - February 25, 2020 at 06:10 AM



“ Kelly & Nancy purchased the Footprints Blanket for the family of Edward Francis Welch.



Kelly & Nancy - February 24, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ 89 files added to the album LifeTributes



Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home - February 24, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ I am completely broken hearted. I had no idea we had lost Mr. Ed. He was so nice, sweet and helpful to me. He always spoke and wanted to know how you were, just so nice. Mrs. Kathy, you are in my heart and prayers. I never saw one of you without the other.. Prayers from the heart. Debbie Winebarger

Debbie Winebarger - February 26, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edward Francis Welch.



February 24, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Francis Welch.



February 24, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Kelly I am so sorry to hear the passing of your father. I will keep your family in my prayers.



Connie Vincent - February 24, 2020 at 12:08 AM



“ My cousin Ed Welch was a remarkable and caring individual. He lived an inspired life and was like a big brother to me. He was fun to be around and was no stranger to enjoying life to the fullest and still found time to serve others. He was so welcoming and friendly that you knew he loved people. When I married the love of my life it was Ed and his wife Kathy who welcomed us and played hosts on our honeymoon to Florida. We still fondly recall the night Ed and Kathy took us out for a night of Jai Alai. He and Kathy always attended family reunions and other family events despite a semi-retired incredibly busy lifestyle. Ed's legacy will be his life of service, devotion to God, Country and service to those in need. His equally important legacy is his wife of many years Kathy and their five children, grandchildren and great grandchild. Well done faithful servant and may you enjoy everlasting life in the house of our Lord.

Kelly J. McClare - February 23, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ Hi Kelly....this is such a nice and perfect description of my dad. he would be really proud of this tribute! thank you and love you all. Kelly

KELLY HENRY - March 02, 2020 at 04:43 PM