



Marion Franklin Welch Sr.

February 23, 1939 - April 30, 2020

On April 30, 2020, Marion Franklin Welch, Sr., of Barclay, MD, passed away at the age of 81 at Autumn Lake Healthcare in Chestertown, MD. He was a devoted husband of 57 years to Phyllis “Cookie” Meekins; beloved father to his children, Frank (wife Robin), Steve (wife Ann), Jeff (wife Dorcas), and Kim; caring grandfather to his five grandsons, Patrick (wife Randi), Parker, Christopher, Logan, and Brandon; and great-grandfather to Patrick, Jr. He is also survived by many loving cousins.

Marion was predeceased by his parents, Calvin J. Welch, Sr. and Pearl Younger Welch; brothers, Calvin J. Welch, Jr. and Harold Welch.

Marion grew up in Church Hill, MD, and was a member of the Sudlersville High School graduating Class of 1958. After graduation, he proudly served in the Army for two years before moving to Barclay in September of 1964. He worked at General Foods in Dover, DE, and Kingstown Tractor in Chestertown, MD, before opening his own business, Welch’s Lawn & Garden Equipment Repair, that he operated for 41 years.

In his personal life, he was heavily involved with youth sports, clubs and organizations. He served as a coach for the first youth football team in the north end of the county in 1975 and was active in The Boy Scouts of America. Public service and commitment to community was also an important part of

Marion's life and he served as town commissioner for Barclay for numerous years, was on the Board of Elections for Queen Anne's County and was active with the Moose Lodge.

In addition to his family, he also loved all things automotive including pulling tractors, his Harley, and his '58 Chevy named 'Blue Angel.' He also enjoyed hosting family gatherings and relaxing in the pool. With a 'fix it or figure out' mindset, he'll be most remembered for being able to fix almost anything and always having the part that no one else could find. He will be sorely missed, and always remembered.

His fix-it spirit does live on through his family, and they are actively involved in fundraising for the Alzheimer's Association through the team Nuts & Bolts – appropriately named in honor of Marion to find a fix and the first survivor of Alzheimers. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association through the team's fundraising page at www.act.alz.org/walk and searching 'Nuts & Bolts' under Find A Team or by going to the following link: <https://bit.ly/2xtyyFD>.

Cemetery Details

Sudlersville Cemetery

Sudlersville, MD

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sudlersville Cemetery
Sudlersville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 05, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 05, 2020 at 07:54 AM

JH

*This was a beautiful tribute Video to Marion Welch. Although I never met him. Through this video going down memory lane. I can see he lived a special life. My sincere Condolences to the ones I do know Melissa Welch Horsey. And Kim Welch. My thoughts are with you both and your entire Family.
God Speed Marion 🙏🕊️*

John Hudson - May 06, 2020 at 06:01 AM



“ Marion Franklin Welch Sr.

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Marion Franklin Welch Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Marion Franklin Welch Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Kim, Frankie and family. Mr Marion was a good man with a kind heart. There wasn't much that he didn't know about an engine heck he probably knew it all and never told anybody. He was ornery at times too. No matter where I saw him he always had smile on his face and we talked about the good ole days. The most I'm gonna miss about Mr. Marion is that smile an that sparkle in his eyes. He's a true friend to me. I'm gonna miss ya ole boy. See ya around*



Boomer Bozarth - May 11, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *To a long time friend who was always willing to help me.
May you RIP old buddy. Will be missed by many.
David (Sonny) Alexander*



David Alexander Jr - May 09, 2020 at 03:32 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your families loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Jeff & Vickie Conner - May 06, 2020 at 09:34 PM

RC

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Welch. Condolences to his family.

Rock Crum - May 06, 2020 at 10:59 AM

FD

“ Frankie & Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Frankie & Jane Dill - May 06, 2020 at 09:35 AM

SQ

“ You were a great man and my condolence to your family. You are missed.



Suzanne q - May 05, 2020 at 03:39 PM

MF

“ *Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Marilyn Ford - May 05, 2020 at 03:09 AM

BS

“ *Bill & Stephanie Spencer lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Bill & Stephanie Spencer - May 04, 2020 at 10:06 PM

DH

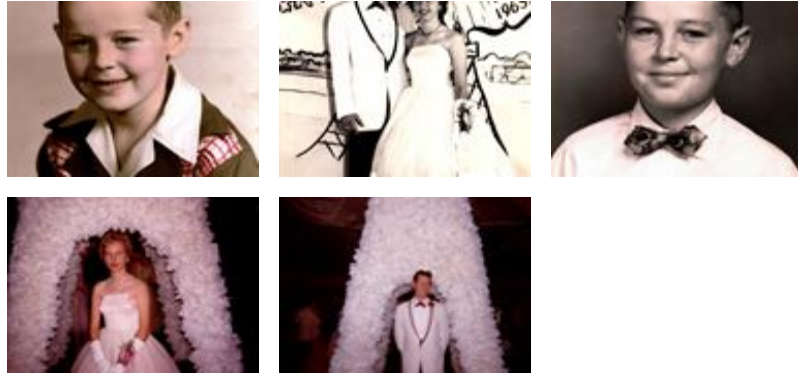
“ *Dianne Hill lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Dianne Hill - May 04, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ 206 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 04, 2020 at 04:49 PM

BR

“ *Betty Richardson lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Betty Richardson - May 04, 2020 at 03:21 PM

JW

“ *Jayne Welch lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Jayne Welch - May 04, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 04, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Wanda Shorts lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Wanda Shorts - May 04, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Tim & Esther Blackiston, Sudlersville sent a virtual gift in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Tim & Esther Blackiston, Sudlersville - May 04, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Frank and Tish Palmatary - May 04, 2020 at 11:14 AM

LC

“ Lynn Kimbles Conley lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Lynn Kimbles Conley - May 04, 2020 at 10:35 AM

LC

Cookie and Family,

Our love and prayers are with you all. I remember Marion from our young days in Church Hill. He was so friendly, loved music, was a great dancer and his greatest love then was his beautiful '58 Chevy convertible "Blue Angel". What a great family man. Cherish the memories you have made. They will last forever.

Lynn Kimbles Conley - May 04, 2020 at 10:43 AM

PG

Frankie, I am so sorry to learn of your father's passing. Love and blessings to you and your family.....Portia Gsell

Portia Gsell - May 04, 2020 at 11:41 AM

PN

“ Phil And Susan Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Phil and Susan Nickerson - May 04, 2020 at 10:20 AM

JM

“ Jeff And Cindy Moore lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



jeff and cindy moore - May 04, 2020 at 07:37 AM

LF

“ Larry Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Larry Faulkner - May 04, 2020 at 07:28 AM

DW

“ Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Donna Wood - May 04, 2020 at 07:11 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 03, 2020 at 09:40 PM

SE

“ *Cookie and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you,
Spencer and Barbara Everett*



Spencer and Barbara Everett - May 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM

MC

“ *So Sorry To Hear Of A Great & Good Hearted Man Has Left Us! We
Had Fun With The Sharing Of The Same First Name. Rest In Peace
Friend!*

Marion Chance - May 03, 2020 at 02:44 PM

GK

“ *Our sincerest sympathies...*

Glenn and Charlene Klabe - May 03, 2020 at 01:10 PM

JB

“ *Cookie and Kim I am so sorry to hear about
Marion, but he's in a better place. Hugs Have
many memories from school with him!*



Joyce Benton - May 03, 2020 at 12:09 PM

TM

“ Tina Trice Mayr lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Tina Trice Mayr - May 03, 2020 at 08:26 AM

PW

“ Patti Webb sent a virtual gift in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Patti Webb - May 03, 2020 at 07:16 AM



“ Charlotte Dukes sent a virtual gift in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Charlotte Dukes - May 02, 2020 at 11:12 PM

AC

“ Allen And Gerry Councill lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Allen and Gerry Councill - May 02, 2020 at 07:53 PM

GW

“ *Gene And Gloria Wiest lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Gene and Gloria Wiest - May 02, 2020 at 07:49 PM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



John M Larrimore - May 02, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ *Our prayers to the family of Marion. Jack &Pat Weston.*



Pat Weston - May 02, 2020 at 07:19 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Jeanette Stubbs - May 02, 2020 at 05:18 PM

FL

“ Frankie And Cathy Legg lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Frankie and Cathy Legg - May 02, 2020 at 03:02 PM

MF

“ A Blue Candle for my friend and his Blue Angel Chevy
Love and Prayers to all the family
Marty Gteeman



Marty Freeman - May 02, 2020 at 02:51 PM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Marie Usilton - May 02, 2020 at 02:05 PM

HY

“ Henry & June Yeager lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.



Henry & June Yeager - May 02, 2020 at 01:30 PM

HF

“ *Helen Fisher lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Helen Fisher - May 02, 2020 at 12:29 PM

DW

“ *Dorcas Welch lit a candle in memory of Marion Franklin Welch Sr.*



Dorcas Welch - May 02, 2020 at 11:39 AM