



Kenneth "Ken" Welch

April 1, 1946 - May 15, 2017

Kenneth "Ken" Welch, 71, of Huntsville, Texas passed away on May 15, 2017.

Ken will be remembered for his love of the outdoors, fishing and his career in the Horticulture field. He also served our country in the U S Air Force.

Ken is survived by his beloved wife Dinorah "Dina" Welch, of 45 years; sisters-in-law Alma L. Julius, Sylvia (Johnny) Andel and Andi Vasquez; aunts Mary Ruth Hartley and Dottie Nell Thompson; nieces Audrey Schmidt and Gracie Hernandez (Conrad); nephew Joe Sanchez, Jr. (Terri); cousins Tommy, Dana, Stephanie, Laura Sue (Jay) Welch, Jackie Pace, Bruce (Cheryl) Sandford, Liz (Kenneth) Tripp, Dana, Dolores, Debbie and Lawana (Gary); and numerous other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father Herman Welch and mother Doris Lucille Rucker Welch.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the doctors and medical staff at Creekside Healthy Living Community and Huntsville Memorial Hospital for their loving and skilled care given; and to these wonderful friends and neighbors Joe, Lynn, Dean, Mark, Juan, Taylor, Don, Edna, Johnny, Ulla and the Red Hats of Waterwood: Eva, Eleanor, Wanda for all their help during Ken's last days.

In lieu flowers memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Pallbearers will be Johnny Andel, Don Chadwick, Joe Sanchez, Jr., Randall Schmidt, Bruce Sanford and Todd Weaver; and honorary pallbearer Jay Welch.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM till 2:00 PM, with funeral services to begin at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 19, 2017 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow at Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery

800 Martin Luther King BLVD.
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth "Ken" Welch*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

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“ My memories, they are many. Like many families, a child's cousin is possibly the only playmate. Such was my case. Both Ken and I were the only child. I was reared in Groves. Tx. and he in Houston, Tx. I would always in my later adolescence look forward to the summer months, it was then that mom would take me to spend a week with Ken and my favorite aunt Doris and Uncle Herman. One of my sweet memories is of aunt Doris, team mom of Ken's little league baseball team, baking cupcakes for game night. At the time, there was a famous vocal group, "Cookie and the Cupcakes"....so my aunt Doris and Ken and I baked and frosted her yummy desserts and we were the baking team known as Cookie (aunt Doris) and the Cupcakes (Ken and me), how silly & funny we 3 were in her kitchen.

Another memory, also made in that kitchen, was the morning Ken decides he's going to prepare my breakfast. He was to fry for me a easy over egg, after delivering at least a half dozen unacceptable by me eggs, in frustration he threw his long skinny arms into the air and shouted, "You are a spoiled brat", from that day forward both he and Aunt Doris referred to me as the little spoiled brat. Then one day Uncle Herman gives Ken a \$1 bill for us to buy each of us a treat from the neighborhood grocery store within walking distance from their home, we were so excited...we had a whole dollar!!! We returned home with a bag full of goodies and Uncle Herman asks us for his change.....no description necessary to that memory; back in the late 1950's there really was gum and candy sold for a penny and a candy bar was a nickel. We both received a lesson from Uncle Herman, on respecting the value of currency, LOL!!!!

Ken had a group of friends, all boys, of course, and even though I was a girl, I was always treated as one of the gang, and had so much fun and even developed a "crush" on one of the boys. I made Ken "pinky swear" he wouldn't tell his friend.

My last memory of Ken and I as teens were the 2 of us going to the movie together to see "Whatever Happened To Baby Jane" and he

thought it was so funny and teased me for being frightened and wanting to leave before the movie was over.

As we matured into adults, our life's journey took us on different destinations and sadly, we drifted apart. We only would see each other at the funeral services of our mutual relatives. I have a photo of him with his hand resting on my shoulder as my daddy was laid to rest in 2003. I will always treasure that photo of him, he was so very tall and handsome.

Dinorah, my health struggles controlled me and I was not there for you and Kenneth these last couple of years, I'm so very sorry and I'm the one today left with remorse.

Nevertheless, please know Ken was my favorite male cousin and my friend. I will be once again seeing him at a funeral, No, he won't be there, but I know he will be above walking with his Jesus in a fruit orchard, smiling that contagious smile, and from his heavenly home above point out to Jesus which one of the mourners is his "spoiled brat" cousin.

Both Gary and I offer to you our deepest sympathy and grieve with you, the loss of the love of your life. I pray your memories and your faith will be your strength.

Love and prayers to you, Lawana & Gary

Psalm 138:3 "When I called to you Lord, You answered. You made me strong and brave"

Lawana & Gary Davis - May 18, 2017 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Lawana Davis lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Ken" Welch*



lawana davis - May 18, 2017 at 09:48 AM

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Cherry - May 17, 2017 at 03:40 PM

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“ *I knew Mr. Welch from Waterwood. He and his wife were such a blessing. He was such a sweet man. I will be praying for his family.*
Lisa Hayman

Lisa Hayman - May 17, 2017 at 09:51 AM