



## Mr. Arnold Joy Welch

July 6, 1931 - May 2, 2023

Graveside services with military honors for Mr. Arnold Joy Welch, 91, of Henderson, will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Lakewood Memorial Park with Rev. George Conway officiating. Interment with Masonic Rites will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, May 5, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Mr. Welch passed from this life on May 2, 2023, at Hospice Homeplace in Tyler surrounded by his family. He was born July 6, 1931, in the Wood Glen Community of Rusk County to the late Ezra and Erma (Rowell) Welch. Arnold was raised in Rusk County and graduated from Minden High School. He went on to join the U.S. Army where he served stateside during the Korean War. Arnold's first posting was at Fort Chaffee in Arkansas where he met the love of his life, Dorothy Jean "Dot" Holland, at church. After his military service, he returned to the Garland area where he was a supervisor for Kraft Food Company for 16 years. He later received his insurance license and sold insurance in Garland before returning home in 1968 to work for Reliable Life Insurance Company.

Arnold loved his tractors and farming; that was his Heaven on Earth. He even worked two jobs while living in Garland to buy his farm at home in Rusk

County. He also had a heart for children, and it brought him joy to see their faces when he would play Santa Claus at different events. He never met a stranger and could have a conversation with anyone

Mr. Welch was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Master Mason for 63 years, having been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason at Garland Lodge #441 AF & AM in 1959. After returning home, he affiliated with Clinton Lodge #23 AF & AM in Henderson. He was also a member of the York Rite and was a Shriner with Sharon Temple in Tyler. He was involved with volunteer work for the Shriners Hospital for Children and assisted several children in getting the help they needed from the hospital. Arnold was also a long-time member of Eastside Baptist Church in Henderson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Jean "Dot" Welch; son, Ricky Arnold Welch; and sisters, Doris Carpenter, O'Reta Warren, and Barbara Powell.

Survivors include his children, Diana Smith and husband Carl of Henderson, Jeff Welch and wife DeeDee of Brachfield, Brad Welch and wife Tammi of Brachfield, and Sandi Griffith and husband Bruce of Pearland; 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other family and many friends.

Pallbearers will be Jason McKey, Todd McKey, Brady Welch, Chad Welch, Colton Welch, Colby Smith, Jacob Smith, and Micah Howard. Honorary pallbearers will be Marvin Powell and Carl Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of East Texas, online, at [www.hospiceofeasttexas.org/give/why-donate/](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org/give/why-donate/) or by mail at 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

Hwy 64 and 323  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Graveside

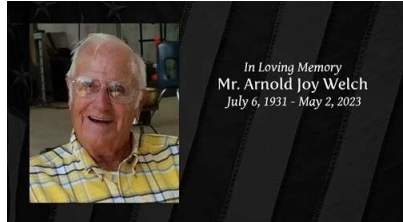
MAY 6. 4:00 PM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Park  
Hwy 64 & 323  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Arnold Joy Welch*



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - May 04, 2023 at 04:06 PM

DE

“ *David & Jan Edwards*



**David & Jan Edwards** - May 23, 2023 at 02:01 AM

BP

“ *RIP and now he is with wife. Prayers for family*

*Beth Rowell Hale Pope*

**Beth Pope** - May 10, 2023 at 02:19 PM

MG

“ *Missy & Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



**Missy Hacker & Steve Green** - May 07, 2023 at 09:05 PM

DK

“ Sorry, for your loss..  
In our Thoughts & Prayers!

*David & Dianna Kelley*



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**David & Dianna Kelley** - May 07, 2023 at 08:27 PM

RG

“ *Rebecca Glass lit a candle in memory of  
Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Rebecca Riley Glass** - May 06, 2023 at 09:20 PM

CT

“ *Chuck Towe lit a candle in memory of Arnold  
Joy Welch*



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**Chuck Towe** - May 06, 2023 at 01:22 PM

JJ

“ *Joe Frances Jones lit a candle in memory of  
Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Joe and Frances Jones** - May 06, 2023 at 10:16 AM

BP

“ *Benny Payne lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Benny Payne** - May 06, 2023 at 02:01 AM

MG

“ *Marc DeeDee Green lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Marc & DeeDee Green** - May 05, 2023 at 10:38 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Belcher lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Cindy Belcher** - May 05, 2023 at 07:05 PM

BG

“ *Becky Gholson lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Becky Gholson** - May 05, 2023 at 06:31 PM

TV

“ Tom Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Tom Vaughn - May 05, 2023 at 05:46 PM

MH

“ Mary Hardy lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Mary Hardy - May 05, 2023 at 05:20 PM

WC

“ WT Kay Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



WT and Kay Castleberry - May 05, 2023 at 04:05 PM

CB

“ Charlie Holli Bridges lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Charlie and Holli Bridges - May 05, 2023 at 09:17 AM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Brent Hale** - May 05, 2023 at 09:15 AM

BH

“ *Barry Hampton lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Barry Hampton** - May 05, 2023 at 09:00 AM

DJ

“ *Danny Rena Jordan lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Danny & Rena Jordan** - May 05, 2023 at 07:55 AM

BB

“ *Blake Ballenger lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Blake Ballenger** - May 05, 2023 at 07:42 AM

DS

“ Donna Saffell lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Donna Saffell - May 05, 2023 at 02:08 AM

CB

“ Colleen Briggs lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Colleen Briggs - May 04, 2023 at 11:35 PM

CN

“ Clay & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - May 04, 2023 at 11:27 PM

DC

“ David Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



David and Jan Crow - May 04, 2023 at 11:07 PM

MT

“ I am so sad to here this- He was a very special man! Prayers for your family!



Mike and Sherie Tillison - May 04, 2023 at 09:31 PM

RD

“ Roy Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Roy and Pat Davis - May 04, 2023 at 06:26 PM

MA

“ Prayers for the family.



Merlene Ainsworth - May 04, 2023 at 05:00 PM

SC

“ Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Suzanne Cross - May 04, 2023 at 03:07 PM

SH

“ Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Sue HENDERSON - May 04, 2023 at 01:23 PM

KS

“ Sorry for your loss



Kelly Stroud - May 04, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Linda Smith - May 04, 2023 at 12:08 PM

RF

“ Robin Fullington lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Robin Fullington - May 04, 2023 at 11:41 AM

TE

“ *Trish Eckart lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Trish Jones Eckart** - May 04, 2023 at 10:58 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lochridge lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Annette Lochridge** - May 04, 2023 at 10:50 AM

PP

“ *pud patterson lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**pud patterson** - May 04, 2023 at 10:32 AM

NH

“ *Nancy Herrington lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Nancy Herrington** - May 04, 2023 at 09:57 AM

JB

“ *Jon Best lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



Jon Best - May 04, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ *Ellie Glenn lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



Ellie Glenn - May 04, 2023 at 09:17 AM

NR

“ *Will sure miss him on 840 on his way to and from the farm. Bob & Nelwyn*



Nelwyn Richardson - May 04, 2023 at 08:53 AM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



Elaine Davis - May 04, 2023 at 08:51 AM

JJ

“ Jason Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Jason & Susan Jarrell - May 04, 2023 at 08:16 AM

JB

“ Joe & Margaret G Brown lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown - May 04, 2023 at 08:13 AM

BB

“ Blake Ballenger lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Blake Ballenger - May 04, 2023 at 07:38 AM

MS

“ MARTHA SOLOMON lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



MARTHA SOLOMON - May 04, 2023 at 06:56 AM

BK

“ *Becky Krajewski lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Becky Krajewski** - May 03, 2023 at 09:24 PM

BD

“ *Going to miss my friend and neighbor. Rest in peace Mr. Welch. Bob & Christie Decker*



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**Bob Decker** - May 03, 2023 at 08:28 PM

CA

“ *Chase Ashby lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Chase Ashby** - May 03, 2023 at 08:08 PM

CA

“ *Many prayers and condolences to the Welch family. A very kind and good hearted man. Know he was loved and definitely will be missed.*

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**Chase Ashby** - May 03, 2023 at 08:07 PM

SC

“ *Stan & Cathy Collins*



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**Stan and Cathy Collins** - May 03, 2023 at 06:35 PM

SC

“ *Had the great pleasure of knowing Mr. Welch. I worked with both Jeff and Chad and you couldn't ask for better people. I took a cast iron ClawFoot Bathtub to Brads shop needing the feet welded back on and Mr. Welch was there and when he asked who helped me load it in my truck I said no one. He laughed and said my kids would be born bald headed and with no teeth if I kept doing stuff like that. He was one of a kind.*

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**Stan and Cathy Collins** - May 03, 2023 at 06:34 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl Harkness lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Cheryl Harkness** - May 03, 2023 at 06:34 PM

LW

*My sincere condolences to All the families!*

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**Leon Washington** - May 04, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ *Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Barbara J Jolley** - May 03, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ *craig Paula Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**craig Paula Sweeney** - May 03, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch*



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**Lacy Weaver** - May 03, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *My condolences to the Welch family. Very fond memories in my early childhood. My memories of going to the farm with Jeff and Brad were something I will always remember.*

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**Lee Scoggins** - May 03, 2023 at 04:05 PM

BG

“ I am so sad to hear of Arnold's passing. I know he was greeted by Dot, Ricky and all his loved ones in Heaven. Great neighbors, friends, and many stories and memories. Praying for Diana, Jeff, Brad and all the family.  
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - May 03, 2023 at 02:46 PM

JJ

“ My condolences to the Welch family. I didn't see him often, but when I did, he was always so nice to me. What a great man he was. Arnold was one of a kind and will certainly be missed.



Jake Jordan - May 03, 2023 at 02:45 PM

MS

“ Monica Bob Sanders lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



Monica and Bob Sanders - May 03, 2023 at 02:43 PM

BM

“ So sad to hear this news. I know my daddy was at the gate welcoming him. So many memories of my mom and dad going places with Dot and Arnold. They made some great memories together. Prayers for Diana, Brad, Jeff and the rest of the family. He was a good man!!

Becky Massengale - May 03, 2023 at 02:37 PM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



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**Gary Wilkerson** - May 03, 2023 at 02:24 PM

HC

“ Harriet Craig lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



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**Harriet Craig** - May 03, 2023 at 01:54 PM

SJ

“ Stephanie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Arnold Joy Welch



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**Stephanie Johnson** - May 03, 2023 at 01:47 PM

DH

A fine man and a good friend to my dad. Always smiling and making the room smile. Prayers to his family.

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**Donna Hudgins** - May 03, 2023 at 06:16 PM

CL

*Arnold had an amazing personality, kind like opening a can of shook up Coca-Cola. I don't think he ever met a stranger, if he did in less than 90 seconds they were friends. I remember many trips to Waco for Scottish Rite events. Floating along in the Lincoln with Kenneth Ashby at the wheel, Jack Johnson, Arnold and me. Arnold kept us laughing all the way down and back.*

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**Carter Norris Langford** - May 03, 2023 at 10:01 PM