



Mr. Billy Ray Welch

March 29, 1934 - November 3, 2014

Funeral services for Mr. Billy Ray Welch, 80, of Henderson, will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, November 8, 2014 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Dr. Roy James officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Friday, Nov. 7 at the funeral home.

Mr. Welch passed from this life on November 3, 2014 at ETMC Tyler. He was born March 29, 1934 in Fayetteville, Arkansas to the late William Burton and Lester Smith Welch. Mr. Welch proudly served his country in the United States Army. He then began a long career with International Paper where he rose to procurement supervisor, and he retired after 40 years of service. Outside of his career, Mr. Welch loved the outdoors, hunting, and fishing. He was a former member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Henderson and was a current member of First United Methodist Church in Longview.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by Shirley Welch, his former wife.

Survivors include: son, Jimmy Welch of Hot Springs, AR; daughter, Teresa Firmin and husband Rev. Nathan Firmin of Longview; sister, Mary Frances

McKay of Ashdown, AR; grandchildren, Holly Hargrove, Charles Brady Firmin, Paul Welch, and Katie Welch; two great-grandchildren; and special friend, Carolyn Carroll.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Billy Ray Welch to the Arbor Day Foundation at 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, or by donating online at <http://shop.arborday.org/donate-general.aspx>.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

Hwy 64 and 323
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Welch



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - November 06, 2014 at 06:03 PM

BJ

“ Belinda Jennnings lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Welch



Belinda Jennnings - November 08, 2014 at 09:44 AM

KR

“ Bill was my favorite Boy Scout leader and he helped me love the forest.

Kent Rutherford - November 08, 2014 at 09:09 AM

LS

“ Lance Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Welch



Lance Spencer - November 07, 2014 at 05:56 PM



“ *Gregory Ervin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Welch*



Gregory Ervin - November 07, 2014 at 07:30 AM



“ *Bob Holladay lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Welch*



Bob Holladay - November 06, 2014 at 11:47 PM



Thank you Bob. Missing him.

teresa - December 14, 2014 at 07:50 PM



“ *We have lots of fond memories of Bill living next door on Amy Road. Sending the family our deepest sympathy.*



Paul and Debbie Zimmerman - November 06, 2014 at 10:59 PM

DL

“ Denise Ludlow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Welch



Denise Ludlow - November 06, 2014 at 08:57 PM

JE

“ Poppa Juice - "Hell Yea!" "Whatchall Doing!" "Damn Right I Want a Margarita!" "Lake Erling - Damn Right - Let's Go!" " Now That's What I Call a Boat Burnin!" Love that Man and hate that new memories have to end. But the old memories are forever ours and they're as good as they get.

Jeff - November 06, 2014 at 07:20 PM

DL

This is perfect!!!!

Denise Ludlow - November 09, 2014 at 06:54 PM

AS

“ Amanda Sledge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Welch



amanda sledge - November 06, 2014 at 03:53 PM

AS

“ Mr. Bill will be surely missed by me...I have a fond place in my heart for him...I will miss seeing your face...God has truly received an angel.....Love Amanda Sledge

amanda sledge - November 06, 2014 at 03:53 PM

JC

“ *I am heartbroken he has left us - I loved him dearly. He was family.*

*Every breath taking me closer
Every step leading to paradise
They say the faithful get to go there
I believe there's a love
Deep as it is wide*

*And I hear, when you get to the river
You look back for the very last time
And when you cross, you get washed off forever
Hurry up boy, eternity's on the other side,*

Joan Cullum

Joan Cullum - November 06, 2014 at 12:59 PM

SR

“ *Bill, I'm gonna miss talking and laughing with you at the Syrup Festival this year. Years ago, you were always a bright spot in my day when I threw a paper route and you waited in your driveway with a big smile on your face and a friendly wave as I drove by. Thank you for your friendship over the years. Sincere condolences to your family and friends. Vayo con Dios and RIP*



Suzanne Reed - November 05, 2014 at 11:23 PM

TA

“ Terry And Gale Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Welch



Terry and Gale Austin - November 05, 2014 at 08:57 PM

ST

“ Juice & Family

I am sorry for your loss. PaPa Juice will be missed. He is telling one of his old buddies a good story around a campfire about now. God Bless

TBT

Stan Thompson - November 05, 2014 at 02:56 PM

DD

“ My deepest sympathy to Teresa, Jimmy and family. May the Lord comfort you during this time of loss. Bill could always make us laugh. I know he will be missed by many.



Doris Dorney

Doris Dorney - November 05, 2014 at 11:47 AM

JB

“ *Joyce Blalack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Welch*



Joyce Blalack - November 05, 2014 at 10:14 AM

FS

“ *Lots of great memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to Teresa, Jimmy and all the family.*

Best Regards

Floyd

Floyd Sterling - November 05, 2014 at 09:42 AM