



Gary Ray Welch

April 27, 1956 - May 10, 2009

Gary Ray Welch, son of the late Vernon George and Vesta Aline (Smith) Welch, was born April 27, 1956 in Waynesville, Missouri. Gary grew up in the Big Piney area and attended the Big Piney Elementary School. He began attending high school in Licking, Missouri and graduated in 1974.

On April 24, 1977, Gary was united in marriage to Pamela Lou Needham in Roby, Missouri. They shared over 32 years of marriage together and were blessed with two children: Andrea and Bryan.

Gary was a hardworking man. During his high school years and shortly after graduating, Gary worked for Curly's in St. Robert, Missouri. He then became employed on Fort Leonard Wood as a Bowling Equipment Repairman. He has been a faithful employee for over 34 years.

During his spare time, Gary was an avid hunter. He especially enjoyed hunting turkey. He also enjoyed going fishing, but he got the biggest thrill by taking the kids and grandkids fishing for catfish and bluegill. He always treasured those times that he could spend with his family and friends, especially the grandkids.

At an early age, Gary accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and he was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church. He attended every time that he was able.

Gary went home to be with his Lord the evening of Sunday, May 10, 2009 in the Phelps County Regional Medical Center of Rolla, Missouri at the age of 53 years and 13 days.

Gary will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by his wife, Pam of the home; two children: Andrea Schafer and her husband Courtland of Oklahoma City, OK and Bryan Welch and his wife Megan of Springfield, MO; one brother: Danny Welch and his wife Connie of Linn Creek, MO; 4 grandchildren: Coby, Cadley, Caseyn and Brylee; one niece: Misti Post and husband, Greg and their children: Dani, Nik and Justin of Ashland, MO; one nephew: Ryan Jones and wife, Alisha, of Nixa, MO; sister-in-law: Judy Jones and husband, Richard of Nixa, MO; brother-in-law: Gary Needham of Plant City, FL, other relatives and a host of friends.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by one brother, George Dean Welch.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, May 14, 2009 in the Hopewell Baptist Church of Big Piney, Missouri with Rev. Phillip McGuire officiating. Gary's cousin, Ed Welch, read several poems and recalled his wonderful memories of Gary. The songs "When I Get Where I'm Going", "My Wish" and "Go Rest High On that Mountain" were played. Pianist / Soloist Cindy Page played the prelude and postlude and sang "Thank You". Serving as escorts were Ed Welch, Charlie Welch, Van Page, Randy Welch, Lynn Chambers, Randy Cole, Robert Crabtree, Leon Welch, Jerry Welch and Dwight Welch.

Burial followed in the Big Piney Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Gary Welch to the Big Piney Cemetery Fund and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hopewell Baptist Church
Hwy T off of AW Hwy
Big Piney, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Ray Welch*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gary Ray Welch*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *The best information i have found exactly here. Keep going Thank you###imported-begin##LnddMiles###imported-end##*

July 27, 2009 at 11:20 PM



“ *Pretty cool post. I just stumbled upon your blog and wanted to say that I have really liked reading your blog posts. Anyway I'll be subscribing to your blog and I hope you post again soon!###imported-begin##buy_vigrxplus###imported-end##*

July 20, 2009 at 01:22 PM



“ *Hi webmaster! udk###imported-begin##Kazeltwm###imported-end##*

July 04, 2009 at 11:51 PM



“ *Whoever tries some JAgOlbzaCs1P will never be the same again. Remember it friends.##imported-begin##Palsefeanatty##imported-end##*

June 23, 2009 at 08:50 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Roger Layman##imported-end##*

May 14, 2009 at 10:16 AM



“ *Pam, Andrea, Brian & Family ~ Words cannot express how saddened we are by your loss. Gary was such a special person, always had a warm smile and I can still envision him waving good-bye to me as he left the office. I will cherish the moments we had when I told funny stories of this "city girl" trying to live in the country and how he laughed when I told him about those armadillos. Please know you are in our daily thoughts and prayers. Pam...I am only a phone call away. Please call if you ever need a shoulder to cry on. May God bless and watch over all of you!
Love & Aoha ~ Danny, Kim, Britney & Raiatea Moats##imported-begin##Danny, Kim, Britney & Raiatea Moats##imported-end##*

May 13, 2009 at 05:23 PM



“ *The Fort Riley office of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Gary and we wish to extend our sincerest condolences to the Welch family and in particular to his wife, Pam. Even though our physical distance keeps us from being able to share the same office, we have grown to appreciate Pam and know her as a person who treasured her husband and family. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy.*

Kathy, Candy, Humberto, Karen, Martha, Nora, and Sarah###imported-begin###*Fort Riley office of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center* ###imported-end###

May 13, 2009 at 03:29 PM



“ *gary was such a sweet person. he was always smiling. i will miss him alot!*###imported-begin###*darci jensen*###imported-end###

May 13, 2009 at 12:23 PM



“ *I don't know if you remember me I am Willie and Mary Lou' oldest daugter. Your family is in our prayers . I will let Mary Lou know also. ' God Bless to all of you*###imported-begin###*MIcki Harroun*###imported-end###

May 12, 2009 at 07:55 PM



“ I haven't seen Gary since we were kids. To all the family, may the Lord be with you at this trying time.##imported-begin##Skip And Marla Hankins##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 06:15 PM



“ Pam,
I am sorry to hear about the loss of Gary, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Debbie Willis##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 04:57 PM



“ Pam we are so sorry to hear of your loss. I (Peggy) remember working with Gary at the Daugherty Bowling Center at my first job on post. He had a great smile and it was a pleasure to work with him. May God bless your family.##imported-begin##Mike and Peggy White##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 04:53 PM



“ Pam & family,

Please know that my thoughts & prayers are with you at this toughest of times. I will always remember Gary's friendly nature and welcoming smile. He is to be treasured.##imported-begin##Karin Gan##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 12:35 PM



“ Pam, Andrea and Brian: I will never forget Gary's mannerism. He was just one of those really good guys that was laid back and so likeable. I will miss his smile and visits to the store. He looked so forward to this summer and his new tractor. I will surely miss him. I hold you all in my prayers. God bless##imported-begin##Kathy Williams##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ Pam, Andrea and Brian
May God comfort you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.##imported-begin##Rick and Arleta Weber##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 11:22 AM



“ Pam: I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Nancy Starnes##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 11:03 AM



“ My families prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Brian Shupe##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 10:59 AM



“ Our prayers to you and your family . Gary was one of those guys whom was such a treat to talk to and joke with. he was a gentelman in a world where not many true ones are left. We will miss him and his smile and thoughtfulness. God bless .##imported-begin##Randall And LaWanna Rogers##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 10:23 AM



“ I will always remember Gary as the one person that wlaways a smile and a Kind word whenever I talked with him. The kind of co-worker everyone should have in their lifetime. God Bless the family.##imported-begin##Carol Mitchell##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 09:45 AM



“ Pam, Andrea and Bryan.
We extend our Prayers, Thoughts and Love to each of you. Sometimes those closest to us leave to soon, but there is comfort knowing that God's arms now protect them and keep them safe.##imported-begin##Randy and Suzanna Welch##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 09:12 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Jim and Sue Morgan##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 08:26 AM