



Michael Dean Welch

August 23, 1957 - February 7, 2024

Michael Dean Welch, 66, of Edwards, IL passed at Richard Owens Hospice Home on February 7, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was born to Gary and Phyllis (Balagna) Welch on August 23, 1957 in Peoria, IL. He grew up in Hanna City and graduated from Farmington High School, Class of 75. He graduated from Western Illinois in 1979 with a BA in Business.

Mike began a 44 -year career at Cilco/Ameren in May 1979, retiring in May 2023.

Mike married Lynette (Long) Welch on August 8, 1981. Together they have 4 children, Jillian Welch, Samantha (Kyle) Stover, Joseph (Brittany) Welch, and Michael (Kristen) Welch. He was the proud grandfather of 9 grandchildren, Alex, Oliver, Mason, Garrett, Mia, Grace, Meadow, Gwendolyn, and Marley. Mike is also survived by his mother and sisters, Susan (Vern) Newell and Stacey (Carol) Welch Anderson.

Mike was a proud member of: Farmington Moose Lodge 1571, Peoria Rotary North, Home Builders Assoc., Maple Lane Country Club and the Hanna City Sportsman's Club.

Mike enjoyed spending time with friends and family, hunting at the Bennett Farm, riding motorcycles, "collecting his mail" at Jimmy's and yelling at his

Cubs and Bears.

The family would like to extend their extreme gratitude to the ALS Foundation, OSF St Francis Medical Center Emergency Department and Medical ICU, and the Richard Owens Hospice Home.

A private graveside service will take place at Smithville Cemetery. Please join the family for Mike's Celebration of life on Friday, February 16, beginning at noon at the Hanna City Sportsman's Club.

Donations may be made to Team Gleason P O Box 24493, New Orleans, LA 70184, or the Hanna City Sportsman's Club Scholarship in memory of Mike Welch.

Cemetery Details

Smithville Cemetery

Hanna City, IL

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

FEB **16**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hanna City Sportsman's Club
103 South Main Street
Hanna City, IL 61536

Tribute Wall



“Dusty, Natalie, Avery and Bennett Ingle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Dean Welch.

Dusty, Natalie, Avery and Bennett Ingle - February 16, 2024 at 08:27 AM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Welch.



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February 14, 2024 at 05:24 PM



“A donation to the Team Gleason foundation was made in Mike's name from Jill's co-workers at Caterpillar. You all are in our thoughts!

Caterpillar - February 14, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Welch.



February 14, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Welch.



February 14, 2024 at 11:01 AM



“ Sincerely, Lynne Korte planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Dean Welch.

Sincerely, Lynne Korte - February 14, 2024 at 11:01 AM



“ I'm heartbroken to hear this news about Mike. I knew him through Rotary and he was always so kind, thoughtful, happy and ready to help however he could with our projects and programs. My deepest sympathies to all his family. Paula Bergstresser

Paula Bergstresser - February 12, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Welch.*



February 12, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ *To Lynette and fanuktL My deepest sympathies on your loss. I knew Mike when I worked at CILCO and I did has tax return for a number of years. I trust Mike is in a better place now. Dan Salrin*

Dan Salrin - February 10, 2024 at 03:05 PM