



Mr Ray Ralph Welch

December 18, 1950 - March 16, 2024

Ray Ralph Welch, 73, of Kildeer, IL was surrounded by family when he passed away at home March 16, 2024. He was born December 18, 1950 in Melrose Park, IL to the late Walter and Myrtle Welch. Ray is survived by a circle of family who will love him always: his devoted wife Patricia Welch (nee Salvinolo); loving children Michele (William) Giambrone, Lisa Welch, Anthony (Corey) Welch; proud grandchildren Victoria, Michael, Marie, Anthony, Juliana, Alison and Morgan. Ray was also a fond brother, uncle, godfather and friend to many. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Walter Welch.

Ray and Tricia were married December 26, 1969, spending 54 years together. Ray worked hard to provide a loving and happy life for the family he and Tricia created and supported together. He worked his way up through the construction industry, eventually founding and co-owning Ricci/Welch contracting company which subsequently became the biggest underground sewer contractor in Illinois. Ray was a proud business owner through his retirement in 2018. It was then that he purchased his first boat and began taking classes to learn how to navigate the waters along the Florida coast. He loved his new hobby because it provided a fun and beautiful environment to share with family and friends. Enjoying the sunshine alongside the people he loved became a gift he gave routinely for many years. Ray will be remembered for his generosity, extreme love, strength of spirit and the forever

life lessons he shared with family. He gave freely and never asked for anything in return, just like the warmth of the sun he so enjoyed.

Visitation Friday, March 22nd, from 3-8pm at Carbonara Funeral Home 1515

N 25th Ave Melrose Park, IL. Chapel Service Saturday, March 23, 11am at

Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donation to the Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **22**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Carbonara Funeral Home
1515 N 25th Ave
Melrose Park, IL 60160
(708) 343-6161
<https://carbonarafuneraldirectors.com/>

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Ray, Wow! Thank you for your long hard work and the beautiful help I found when I lost my husband Bob back in 2016 I know Bob really wanting to do what you did, I was selfish and I never wanted to let him go, because my Father was very sick. I made so many mistakes but one thing I'm truly glad of God put the most beautiful family right in front praying for me daily. I found God, after so many stupid mistakes. We are all born sinners that's for sure. I miss being with the entire family that made my day!! I had so many thanks to write and honestly my brother thru everything around on me because he was tired and I never had any organization as I was married to my job and caring for my parents but my husband was my beautiful soulmate that taught me Chicago better than anyone else. He was my all and all! He loved you and I loved you more as I was number one safe Professional driver out of three Naperville Lots and there were and are hundreds of busses in each location! I respect everyone in Construction and I'm proud to be your cousin and perhaps one day I will upgrade my license again. I'm in mountains here and I love the area my heart goes out to all kids here because their education was better taught in Illinois. You all were in the right schools there. God bless you Ray!! So proud to be reading this all because I'm sick. Love ❤️ you!!

Tracy Strzezewski - April 19, 2024 at 03:43 AM



“ 117 files added to the album *Tribute Wall*



M - March 26, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ Thank You for Your Generosity, And For Loving My Good Friend!
Wishing You a Peaceful Rest!

Jalonn Smith - March 25, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ Ray was always a generous, giving cousin. My earliest memory of that was when Ray was about five or six years old. He was attending Sunday mass with his family, and had been given money to put in the collection basket.. He somehow missed the basket when it passed him, but made sure to give his donation in his own way. He left his seat, walked down the center aisle to the priest, who by this time was facing the altar. He tapped the priest on the shoulder and handed him his donation. He later explained that he was giving it to God. We all loved him for that.

Nancy Gallagher - March 22, 2024 at 11:52 PM



Amen!

Tracy Strzezewski - April 19, 2024 at 03:45 AM

CT

“ My condolences to Anthony and the Welch family.. Ray was well respected in the industry and a great customer of EJ for years. Sorry, to hear his passing. Chuck Trost

Chuck Trost - March 22, 2024 at 12:46 PM

ST

“ Stevie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Stevie - March 22, 2024 at 10:42 AM

CC

“ Dear Tricia, Michelle, Anthony, Lisa and grandchildren and family.

Sending my deepest condolences on the passing of Ray. My late husband “Bobby” as Ray called him, and I have been friends for a lifetime. The times shared together bring a smile to my face and warmth to my heart. May your memories bring comfort.

“We don’t move on from the ones we’ve lost , we move forward with them always in our hearts, all around in who we are and what we do in life.”

Carlye Chiarito - March 22, 2024 at 09:16 AM

DL

“ Doug and Brenda Long purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Doug and Brenda Long - March 22, 2024 at 09:02 AM

DL

“ Doug and Brenda Long planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

Doug and Brenda Long - March 22, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



March 21, 2024 at 05:58 PM

AJ

“ Alison, Morgan and Juliana planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

Alison, Morgan and Juliana - March 21, 2024 at 05:58 PM

LH

“ *Larry and Jamie Howard. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.*



Larry and Jamie Howard. - March 21, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.*



March 21, 2024 at 05:26 PM

WS

“ *With love, Dave & Julie Snelten planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.*

With love, Dave & Julie Snelten - March 21, 2024 at 05:26 PM

DD

“ *Sorry that we will not be with you in person, we will be with you in spirit. Sending prayers for the entire Welch family.*

Diane & Rudy Daigle - March 21, 2024 at 02:29 PM

RF

“ *Ralph and Laura Barone and family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.*



Ralph and Laura Barone and family. - March 21, 2024 at 01:37 PM

AS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Tricia, Lisa, Michelle, Anthony, Ray's grandchildren and extended family. The world is a much better place because of Ray's strong and generous spirit. He was one-of-a-kind and a blessing to everyone who knew him.*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers,
Art & Joy Skowron*

Art & Joy Skowron - March 21, 2024 at 01:04 PM

BF

“ *Ben F. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.*

Ben F. - March 20, 2024 at 09:21 PM

LB

“ *Love, Kristin & Jermemy and Boys purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.*



Love, Kristin & Jermemy and Boys - March 20, 2024 at 08:58 PM

JR

“ Jason R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

Jason R. - March 20, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



March 20, 2024 at 01:25 PM

DG

“ Dave, Jen, Keely & Connor Grasse purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Dave, Jen, Keely & Connor Grasse - March 20, 2024 at 01:04 PM

JN

“ Im so for your loss!!!

jacqueline nolan - March 20, 2024 at 12:11 PM

WT

“ Walsh I-294 Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Walsh I-294 Team - March 20, 2024 at 12:06 PM

JB

“ Jerry & Andrea Barone purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Jerry & Andrea Barone - March 20, 2024 at 12:01 PM

JB

“ Jerry & Andrea Barone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

Jerry & Andrea Barone - March 20, 2024 at 12:01 PM

LL

“ Love the Lovelles purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Love the Lovelles - March 20, 2024 at 11:52 AM

SS

“ Trish and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Please know we are thinking of you in this difficult time. Karl & Sally Singer

Sally Singer - March 20, 2024 at 11:32 AM

LT

“ Love, Andy and Linda Tenuto purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Love, Andy and Linda Tenuto - March 20, 2024 at 10:52 AM

LT

“ Love, Andy and Linda Tenuto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

Love, Andy and Linda Tenuto - March 20, 2024 at 10:52 AM

WD

“ Winston Armbruster & Abby Deats purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Winston Armbruster & Abby Deats - March 20, 2024 at 08:43 AM

AI

“ Archer Western de Moya JV III purchased the Str
ength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr Ray
Ralph Welch.



Archer Western de Moya JV III - March 20, 2024 at 08:37 AM

AI

“ Archer Western de Moya JV III planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

Archer Western de Moya JV III - March 20, 2024 at 08:37 AM

JS

“ Patricia, Michelle, Lisa, Tony, sad to hear of Ray's passing. He was
a great man and I'm sorry for your loss. I hope you all find peace
and comfort. John Sullivan

John Sullivan - March 19, 2024 at 11:09 PM

LF

“ Love, The Farag Family purchased the Sweetest
Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr Ray Ralph
Welch.



Love, The Farag Family - March 19, 2024 at 07:38 PM

LF

“ Love, The Farag Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

Love, The Farag Family - March 19, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



March 19, 2024 at 03:37 PM

EW

“ Elizabeth, Barry, Mia and Anton Walvoord purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Elizabeth, Barry, Mia and Anton Walvoord - March 19, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



March 19, 2024 at 02:20 PM

TS

“ The Seasons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

The Seasons - March 19, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



March 19, 2024 at 10:18 AM

JF

“ Joe & Julija Farnsworth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

Joe & Julija Farnsworth - March 19, 2024 at 10:18 AM

FC

“ From the Cerwins purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



From the Cerwins - March 19, 2024 at 09:48 AM

FC

“ From the Cerwins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

From the Cerwins - March 19, 2024 at 09:48 AM

TF

“ Tim Smetana and Frank Frasco purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Tim Smetana and Frank Frasco - March 19, 2024 at 09:41 AM

TF

“ Tim Smetana and Frank Frasco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

Tim Smetana and Frank Frasco - March 19, 2024 at 09:41 AM

MW

“ Mark and Ginger Welch purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



Mark and Ginger Welch - March 19, 2024 at 09:05 AM

MW

“ Mark and Ginger Welch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.

Mark and Ginger Welch - March 19, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr Ray Ralph Welch.



March 18, 2024 at 07:26 PM