



Mary Ellen Welch

March 19, 1939 - February 7, 2020

Mary Ellen Welch of Cape Girardeau died peacefully Friday February 7, surrounded by her family at Ratliff Nursing Care where she had resided for several years.

She was born in Cape Girardeau March 19, 1939, to William and Geneva Goodwin. She was raised by her uncle, Al Halter, from the time she was two years old.

Mary Ellen attended St. Mary Grade School and graduated from St. Mary High School in 1957.

She married John G. Welch on February 8, 1958. The couple would have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary the day following her death.

Mary Ellen worked in retail for several years at K-Mart, was a homemaker and assisted with the couple's business of Welch Construction and Supply and J.R. Welch Waterproofing.

She was a member of St. Mary Cathedral, the St. Mary School Board, the St. Mary Church Council and was a Cub Scout leader, a Brownie and Girl Scout leader and also was a volunteer at Saint Francis Medical Center.

Mary Ellen loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren She especially loved camping at the family's cabin on Lake Wappapello and vacations to Florida for many years as their family grew.

Mary Ellen is survived by her husband, John; three children, John R. Welch of Cape Girardeau, Julie (Marty) Platz of Jackson and Joe (Tori) Welch of Cape Girardeau; her grandchildren, Jacob Welch, Ashley Sparkman, Brittini Baker, James Allmon, Dalton Welch, and Hunter Platz; her great-grandchildren, Abigail Baker, Ella Sparkman, Serenity Allmon, Peyton Baker, Callie Baker, and Vera Grace Sparkman. She is also survived by a half-sister, Debbie Tretter of DeSoto, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her uncle and a great-grandson, Tristen Allmon.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home, with parish prayers followed by Knights of Columbus #1111 Rosary at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 am Friday, February 14, 2020 at St. Mary Cathedral with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating.

Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary Cathedral or to a charity of choice.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Ratliff Nursing Care and Legacy Hospice for their excellent, loving care of Mary Ellen.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Parish Prayers

FEB 13. 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Rosary

FEB 13. 7:15 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Mass

FEB 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral
615 William St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

TC

“ *John R and family, so sorry for your loss.
Sending you my thoughts and prayers !*



Tonya Crites - April 14, 2020 at 02:04 AM

ML

“ *Dear John and Family,
The last time I was in Cape was the time that the Class of '56 had
the Saturday fish fry at your cousin, Mary's church. Your and Art
cooked the fish and your wife Mary Ellen was there with you. Mary
shared with me Mary Ellen's illness.
I know it has been a long journey for you and family.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Hugs,
Martha Hensley Lyons*

Martha Lyons - February 15, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Mary Ellen Welch.*



February 13, 2020 at 08:24 AM

 Sherry James

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We will all miss her smile. God's Peace and blessings.
Paul & Sherry James and the Comfort Keepers staff

Sherry James - February 12, 2020 at 09:42 AM

MP

“ Marilyn Volkerding Poston lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Welch



Marilyn Volkerding Poston - February 11, 2020 at 05:48 PM

MP

Mary Ellen, you were always a shining light to all who had the honor of being your family or friend ! Sending hugs & love to John & family !

Marilyn Volkerding Poston - February 11, 2020 at 05:57 PM

LO

“ Julie I am so sorry to hear about your mother; you are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏

LaDonna Oliver



LaDonna Oliver - February 11, 2020 at 05:28 PM

RB

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy, John, to you and your family.

Rosemary Bennett - February 11, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Welch.



February 11, 2020 at 12:06 PM