



## Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.

May 8, 1949 - August 11, 2022

It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Kathryn Latimer Welch announces the death of her beloved husband, Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch, Jr., 73.

Mr. Welch entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at McCoy Nursing Home after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. The Directors of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home are caring for the family.

A graveside funeral service with military honors will be held at 2:30 on Sunday, August 14, 2022, in the Bishopville Presbyterian Church Cemetery, with The Rev. Chris Parnell officiating. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to Bishopville Presbyterian Church, PO Box 66, Bishopville, SC 29010, or B.A.R.K. (Bishopville Animal Rescue Krew) 158 Johnson Pond Road, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Mr. Welch was born on May 8, 1949, in Lee County, SC, and is the son of Georgia Hopkins Welch and the late Benny E. Welch, Sr.

He joined Harmony Baptist Church and was baptized as a teenager. He attended Bishopville Presbyterian Church with his family.

He was a 1967 graduate of Bishopville High School where he played football and was an outstanding baseball pitcher and second baseman. He is one of a few Dragons to pitch a no-hitter game. He played two seasons with the Hartsville American Legion team and several summers with the Lydia Red Socks.

Mr. Welch was a U. S. Army Veteran, having served as an office clerk for his unit in Frankfort, Germany. He worked for Kendall in Bethune prior to serving in the Army. He later worked at Reaves Brothers and Bishopville Tire Company.

In 1991, he became the owner of the Bethune Country Club. He and his wife operated the golf course and the seafood restaurant. There he enjoyed meeting new people and playing golf with his many friends.

In 1980, Mr. Welch coached the Robert E. Lee Cavaliers Baseball Team to a winning record of 14-6. During this season, he was able to coach the son of his former baseball coach, Max DuBose.

He also coached both of his sons in the Bishopville Dixie Youth Baseball League. The former People's Bank record of 21-0 remains the best record in the Bishopville league.

Growing up fishing with his granddaddy, Mr. Welch learned all of the tricks to successful fishing. Those skills were passed on to his son, Benny, who became a great fisherman, and who was finally able to out-fish his dad. They both knew where every catalpa worm tree grew in Lee County.

Deer hunting was a favorite sport Mr. Welch enjoyed with his friends and his sons, but one of his greatest loves was watching his grandchildren participate

in sports. He followed them to every game until Alzheimer's kept him from going. All of his grandchildren will always have special memories of their Gramps.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Kathryn Latimer Welch; sons, Benny E. (Wendy) Welch III, Stephen Latimer (Amanda) Welch; brother, Charles (Charlene) Welch. He was blessed with five wonderful grandchildren, Caroline, Brooke, Conner, Peyton, and Mia.

He was also survived by his best friend, Tommy (Smokie) Gainey; sister-in-law, Shirley Boykin; uncle, Leon McCoy; aunts, Carolyn Smith and Bea Hopkins. He leaves behind several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Benny E. Welch, Sr.; sister, Brenda Welch Gillespie; grandparents, Bertha and Gene Welch, Ollie and Pearl Hopkins.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

AUG 14. 2:30 PM (ET)

Bishopville Presbyterian Church Cemetery  
215 S Main St  
Bishopville, SC 29010

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Janie Mathis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



Janie Mathis - August 17, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Great memories from Hank coaching me my senior year and better memories talking with my father about Bishopville High School football and baseball during the 60's.*

*Rest In Peace.*

*Max DuBose, Jr.*

Max DuBose, Jr. - August 14, 2022 at 09:37 PM

EH

“ Remembering the days of playing baseball with Hank. Being a young guy and playing with Hank’s younger brother “Charles”, was great. Hank was always encouraging. Those small things helped in my development as a player and a young man.

*God Bless the family. Prayers and Thoughts are with you.*

*Eddie Hill. '69*

*cehill@comporium.net*



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**Eddie Hill** - August 14, 2022 at 03:19 PM

KJ

“ Kathy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.



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**Kathy Jackson** - August 14, 2022 at 01:12 PM

CC

“ I will always remember the fish fry's we had. Hank and Uncle Benny would cook the best brim! Mama would always bring the slaw. We had the best times in Turkey Creek ❤️😭 I love you Hank.



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**Cindy Capell** - August 13, 2022 at 10:02 PM

CC

“ *Cindy Caulder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



**Cindy Caulder** - August 13, 2022 at 06:45 PM

ST

“ *Susan O Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



**Susan O Thrasher** - August 13, 2022 at 02:05 PM

ST

“ *Steven And Renee Bramlett Terrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



**Steven and Renee Bramlett Terrell** - August 13, 2022 at 10:41 AM

LJ

“ *Linda Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



**Linda Jordan** - August 13, 2022 at 09:36 AM

JM

“ *Janice Sims Melton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



Janice Sims Melton - August 13, 2022 at 08:17 AM

AC

“ *Amy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



Amy Collins - August 12, 2022 at 09:05 PM

CM

“ *Clara McElveen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



Clara McElveen - August 12, 2022 at 07:43 PM

CM

*Kathryn and family, I send my deepest sympathy and love to all of you in the lost of your love one. May God give each of you comfort, strength and peace in the difficult days ahead. God Bless! Love and prayers, Clara McElveen.*

Clara McElveen - August 12, 2022 at 07:46 PM

JM

“ *Jill McElveen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Jill McElveen** - August 12, 2022 at 07:21 PM

NH

“ *Norman And Iris Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Norman and Iris Hayes** - August 12, 2022 at 07:19 PM

DC

“ *Della Kiser Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Della Kiser Clark** - August 12, 2022 at 05:38 PM

AA

“ *Archie And Kay Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Archie and Kay Amerson** - August 12, 2022 at 02:54 PM

CW

“ *Cole Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Cole Watkins** - August 12, 2022 at 11:50 AM

RH

“ *Rosalie Hyatt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Rosalie Hyatt** - August 12, 2022 at 10:39 AM

RH

*Sympathy in the loss of your dear Hank! All of his family and many, many friends are in my prayers!*

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**Rosalie Hyatt** - August 12, 2022 at 10:41 AM

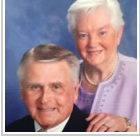
BB

“ *Barbara Stewart Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Barbara Stewart Brooks** - August 12, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *Bill and Annette Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Bill and Annette Hopkins** - August 12, 2022 at 09:35 AM



*So sorry for your love Prayers and sympathy*

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**Bill and Annette Hopkins** - August 12, 2022 at 09:37 AM

PJ

“ *Peggy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Peggy Johnson** - August 12, 2022 at 09:34 AM

BR

“ *We are sending prayers to you and your family 🙏*



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**Brooke and Jason Raley** - August 12, 2022 at 08:11 AM

LG

“ *Larry Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Larry Grantham** - August 12, 2022 at 07:21 AM

MF

“ *Michael Farver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Michael Farver** - August 12, 2022 at 06:51 AM

MB

“ *Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Eugene "Hank" Welch Jr.*



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**Matt and Betsy Bramlett** - August 12, 2022 at 06:23 AM

BC

*We had many of good times together working, playing ball, fishing, hunting and playing golf. Just sit around and talk for hours on end he was a good friend that words can't tell. I will always cherish the memories we made together. RIP my friend until we meet again you are free from the old body and now frying high. Wayne*

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**Billy Catoe** - August 16, 2022 at 01:29 PM