



MSgt Robert O Welch

March 6, 2019

MSgt. Robert O. Welch, USAF Retired, 77 of Raleigh, MS died Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in Raleigh after a long struggle with cancer. Mr. Welch was born in Houston, TX. He was retired as a MSgt. In the United States Air Force in 1982 after 20 years of service. Following retirement Mr. Welch became a military contractor for over 30 years before retiring again. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Mr. Welch was preceded in death by his parents, William Orloff Welch and Robbie Lucille Myers Welch.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years Carolyn Bradley Welch of Raleigh; a daughter, Edie Jones and her husband, Chuck of Raleigh; step-daughter, Treva Avelli and her husband Michael of New York; a brother, Billy Welch of Sulphur, LA; five grandchildren, Garret Jones, Scarlett Jones, Miles Avelli, Christian Avelli , and Lauren Avelli; and a great grandson Grant Jones.

A graveside service with military honors by the United States Air Force will be Monday, March 11, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank Sta Home Hospice for the care and compassion they gave to Robert and his family.

Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, 15th Street, Gulfport is in charge of arrangements. View and sign register book at www.bradfordokeefe.com

Events

MAR **Graveside Service** 10:00AM
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Floral Hills Memorial Gardens
Gulfport, MS, US

Comments



“ My deepest condolences to Bob’s family and friends.

Another passing of a friend brings home how much we must value our lives and time and treat one another with kindness. Robert always did these things while marking time with silly jokes -- no matter how corny or inappropriate. Over the years, I spent many working hours with Robert in the field and back at the office. After working with him on manuals and training people all over the country, it’s hard for me to realize he’s not with us any more. He was a consummate professional, but he could always lighten our loads and ease our frustrations -- always with dignity. I remember most his love of the Southwest (which we shared, even if I’m not a Texan) and his extensive knowledge of the old west and cowboys and mountain men and their lore and our discussions of them. I’m glad that I knew Robert, and I’m glad that I have those memories.

George Soule

George Soule - March 14 at 04:08 PM



“ Robert (Cowboy Bob) was a great individual. I really enjoyed working with him. He taught me heck a lot about being a trainer. He will truly be missed. God bless his family and they will be in our prayers.

Wally Egbert

Wallace Egbert - March 13 at 02:32 PM



“ Robert was a great guy to work with. His ethical standards and "I got your back" attitude were a comfort during hard times with customers and on the road. And oh boy, the stories. God bless Robert.

Mike Sullentrop

Mike Sullentrop - March 13 at 11:46 AM



“ Share a memory of MSgt Robert O Welch or send condolences to the family.



Gary Bennett - March 12 at 09:34 PM



“ Make that Jerry Clower.

Rich middendorf - March 12 at 08:16 PM



“ I spent many evenings in West Plains listening to his stories, some of which lasted for 20 or 30 minutes. Storyteller just like Jerry Closet. What a great down to earth guy!. We will miss you, Stretch!

Rich middendorf - March 12 at 08:15 PM



“ Bob was my first tall cowboy. His sense of humor would bring smiles to the office at Lionbridge. He will be missed.

Art Cassidy

Arthur Cassidy - March 12 at 07:21 PM



“ We extend our sincere sympathy and value your trust during this time of remembrance and reflection. We pledge our support now and in the future.

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The Staff and Management of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes

Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home - March 08 at 05:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of MSgt Robert O Welch.



March 08 at 04:48 PM