



Bobby Wayne Welch

August 23, 1943 - January 8, 2026

Bobby Wayne Welch, 82 years old, of Jessieville, Arkansas left this world on January 8, 2026, and entered the gates of heaven. He was born August 23, 1943 in Hot Springs, Arkansas to Steward O. Welch and Vera L. Welch.

Bobby grew up traveling with his parents to many locations, with his father in the Air Force. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1968, and spent 35 years as a civil engineer at the Arkansas Highway Department.

Bobby was a gentle, but strong man who loved his family dearly, especially his wife of 59 years, Carolyn. He was a steady presence in so many lives. He loved fishing, camping, and finding bargains at the flea market.

Bobby's survivors include his wife Carolyn, son Wayne Welch and his wife Trina, son Jason Welch and his wife Gina, grandchildren Dustin Welch (Sabrina), Noah Welch, Amber Staley (Jordan), E. Ferrell, Hayden Ferrell (Manda), five great grandchildren, two brothers Ted Welch (Lonette), and Gary Welch, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Steward and Vera Welch.

Pall Bearers - Hayden Ferrell, Dustin Welch, Jordan Staley, Noah Welch, Todd Noles, Ryan Noles, Cameron Noles, and Morgan Noles

Honorary Pall Bearers - E Ferrell, Gary Ashley, Nursing staff at CHI St. Vincent ICU in Hot Springs, Dr. Kendal and his nurse Darlene.

Special Thanks to Pam & Myron Smith and Rosie & Phillip Singleton for their love and support.

Visitation will be Wednesday January 14th at 10 AM at Rock Springs Baptist Church in Jessieville, AR with funeral service at 11 AM. Burial will be at Shiloh Cemetery in Jessieville immediately following the funeral.

Arrangements are by Hot Springs Funeral Home
Online condolences at www.hotspringsfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rock Springs Baptist Church
1026 Rock Springs Road
Jessieville, AR 71949

Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KP

“ *Welch Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sorry we can't attend today. I have fond memories of Bobby and Carolyn being outstanding Booster Club members during Jason's time at Mills High School playing football and baseball. They were always supportive parents. I have great memories of a wonderful family.*
Coach Parks and Glynda



Ken Parks - January 14 at 09:14 AM

EF

“ *My Papaw was a great man. A gentle giant, he represented a kind of strength that didn't need to announce itself. A consummate family man, the only time I ever heard him swear was when my brother, Dustin, lit a Roman candle holding it the wrong direction. That's also the only time I can recall seeing him upset or angry. He always had a smile on his face, bringing a quiet warmth to the room. He didn't have to tell you he loved you, because you could feel it. I was lucky to have him as a bonus grandpa for 25 years of wonderful memories. I love you, Papaw.*

E Ferrell - January 12 at 01:23 PM

PS

“ *What an honor, pleasure and privilege it has been getting to know Bob and have him in our lives these past few years. For a quiet man, his life said so, so much! Blessed to have been a small part of it, and we are praying for Carolyn and the family as they learn to navigate life in a new way; waiting for a wonderful and sweet reunion in God's perfect time. 🙏🙏🙏*

Pam Smith - January 09 at 10:12 PM

SH

“ We were so sorry to hear about Bobby. He was a very kind man. Steve said he always enjoyed talking with him at the deer camp and has fond memories of him carving the Thanksgiving turkey every year. He will be missed
Steve and Gail Harris

Steve Harris - January 09 at 08:17 PM

RF

“ Uncle Bobby will never be forgotten. He didn't have to tell you he loved you. You just knew. He was a constant presence in both good and bad times. Though he was a man of few words his presence was loud. I guess our fishing trip will have to wait until I see you again ❤️ I'll love you forever Uncle Bobby.

Ronda Foley - January 09 at 03:54 PM