



David P. Welch

May 5, 1951 - July 30, 2019

David P. Welch, 68, of West Hartford and Clinton, passed on peacefully surrounded by his family on July 30, 2019. Born May 5th, 1951 to John Welch and Barbara (Beaudin) Welch, David grew up in Farmington where he was a devoted son, a proud member of the Home Town All Stars, and a graduate from Farmington High School in 1969. After receiving a BA in Psychology from Central Connecticut State University, David worked at The Institute of Living in Hartford, as a director of HR at Mass Mutual and Industrial Risk Insurers, and ended his career as a Claim Adjuster with Vericclaim Inc. An avid traveller, David explored the far reaches of North and South America, Europe, Egypt, and Turkey. He will be remembered for his warm sense of humor, his deep love of nature, and for going out of his way to help every individual along his path. David was often found fishing by the Farmington and Nepaug Rivers or paddling the lakes of New England and he would encourage all of us to breathe deeply the calm that nature provides. David is survived by his loving wife, Celeste Calabotta, his two children Anna and Dylan Welch, his brother Ja (Ann) Welch, sister Chris (Bob) Knowlton, and many other cousins and relatives. Family and friends may call on Wednesday, August 7th from 4 to 7pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, August 8th at 10 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave, West Hartford (Lower Church). Burial will be private. Donations in David's memory may be made to the Grant Sheely Memorial Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made

payable to the Grant Sheely Scholarship Fund and sent to the attention of
Katie Robidoux, C/O Farmington Public Schools, 1 Monteith Dr., Farmington,
CT 06032. For online condolences please visit www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall



“ *RIP Davey.* ”

frank titus - April 07, 2025 at 12:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David P. Welch.* ”



August 07, 2019 at 02:06 PM

“ I love the photo. This is the Dave that I was privileged to know. I have many fond memories of my time with Dave. He was a gentle and deep soul who saw the good in everyone -- and also enjoyed a chuckle when human foibles inevitably revealed themselves. He saw us all, including himself, as human, never expecting perfection. Dave had many competencies, and he appreciated competence in others, but he seemed to view striving for perfection as a fool's errand. He was the opposite of arrogant and disliked arrogance wherever he observed it. Most of all, he devoted his life to his family and to his friends.

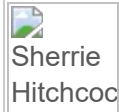
I met Dave in the early 1980s, through Perry, shortly after I moved to Connecticut from Washington, D.C. Soon thereafter, Dave, Perry, Bill Keenan and I had Civic Center season tickets for UConn's men's basketball games, together watching the rise of the Huskies from Big East doormat to National Champion. Dave and Perry were an odd couple and best friends. Dave was as steady and grounded as Perry was mercurial. Dave got a kick out of Perry's flighty moods (as we all did) and anchored Perry when those moods got the better of him. I had the pleasure of sailing with them to various Long Island destinations once a summer for several years on their sailboat.

Dave was always the reliable skipper, in good weather or foul. Perry did not know how to sail -- and had no interest in learning. This was an arrangement that suited them both, and both were immensely happy being out on the water. Perry was usually listening to the Red Sox game on the radio while Dave set the course and avoided all hazards to bring us to port. I miss them both, individually and together.

I saw less of Dave after I moved to Madison but Perry, Dave, Bill and I, and then Dave, Bill and I, made it a point to have dinner together several times a year, sometimes in the Hartford area, sometimes on the shoreline. Sadly, it has been about a year since our last dinner together. Dave's openness, courage and good humor in dealing with his illness left its mark on me. His life was well-lived and well-loved right to the end. I miss you, Dave. May you rest in Peace.

Barry Waters

Barry James Waters - August 07, 2019 at 09:39 AM



Sherrie
Hitchcoc

Barry, thank you for writing a wonderful memory.

Sherrie Hitchcock - August 08, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of David P. Welch.*



August 07, 2019 at 09:10 AM

BG

“ *Celeste, Dylan and Anna - our deepest sympathy for your loss of David. It is our loss that we did not get to know him better. Everything says that he was a very fine man.*

Sincerely

Bill and Helene Goward

Clinton

Bill Goward - August 06, 2019 at 09:58 PM

TM

“ *Dear Celeste and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your great loss of David. My sympathy is with you. Words are not enough to express my deep sympathy.*

With prayers and love,

Tanya Malse

Tanya J Malse - August 06, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ I will be out of state so I can not attend his wake, but I wanted to say that I worked with Dave for many years at Vericclaim/Sedgwick. He was a very good adjuster, but an even better man. We will miss him terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

Regards,
Mike Hale

Michael Hale - August 06, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David P. Welch.



August 05, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ Dear Welch Family, I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. My condolences.

Wayne Timura

Wayne Timura - August 04, 2019 at 11:27 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of David P. Welch.



August 04, 2019 at 08:17 AM

LO

“ Celeste, Anna, and Dylan - thinking of you during this very difficult time. Sending thoughts of love and comfort your way while knowing that the hole left by David's absence is too large right now to fill with words, prayers, and hugs. But I will offer them anyway. And so will many others. Take them, knowing they are not enough, but that they are something.

In the days, months, and years to come, I will think of David while doing what he loved - being out in nature, seeing new places, being present with people, laughing and loving the life placed in front of us with all of its beauty - along with its cruel twists and turns.

Anna when we get together we will honor your Dad and remember his life in the way I hope he wants us to - trekking out on the trail, quietly dropping a fishing line, contemplating the stars, or goofing around and climbing up to the top of that boulder "just because".

Lori - August 03, 2019 at 08:35 AM

DR

“ David, you were a wonderful friend. We shared many, many fishing trips to the Adirondack Mountains with our boys. I have fond memories of those trips that I will treasure forever. Thanks fo being part of my life. Dan Rockwell

Dan Rockwell - August 03, 2019 at 07:10 AM

DP

“ A Great Teammate !! A Great Classmate !! But most of all, a GREAT Friend !! You touched so many lives with such a calming influence. Your smile was always present and infectious !! My life was better because I knew you !!

Don Peterson - August 02, 2019 at 02:58 PM

JU

*Celeste,
So very sorry for your loss. May thanks for your words of comfort after I
lost Joe!
Judith Dougherty*

Judy - August 03, 2019 at 10:42 AM

JJ

*David is the brother I never had. From the moment we met, locked
eyes and hearts, we both felt it. His love was universal.
His physical presence will be missed, but his memory lives within and
without.
Namaste Davey.*

Jake Jansen.

Jake Jansen - August 04, 2019 at 12:35 PM

JF

*Dear Celeste, Dylan, and Anna,
I know that I speak for many of David's insurance industry friends, as I
have heard the sadness in their voices. We cherished Welchie as a
friend, have many fond memories, and miss him. Like you, we were
lucky to have him; we share your sorrow. If at any point you need our
help, just ask. God bless David.*

Jack Flaherty

Jack Flaherty - August 07, 2019 at 11:20 AM

LR

*Celeste, Dylan and Anna,
My love and prayers go out to you. David was a wonderful person, and
I know that the memories you carry will sustain you in the coming
months.*

Lee Ross

Lee Ross - August 08, 2019 at 09:07 AM

KB

Celeste, Dylan, and Anna -

We are so sorry about the loss of your beloved husband and father. Dave was an amazing guy - warm, gregarious, funny, gentle, and always, always a kind word. He always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. Anna - Melanie has the warmest and fondest memories of your time together with your Dad, you, and Perry going to the Red Sox games and sleeping over at your house. Josh too has fond and warm memories of your dad driving you both to PnJ rehearsals. David will be missed but never forgotten.

Karen and Gordie (as Dave always called him! ;))

Karen Binkhorst - August 08, 2019 at 10:26 AM