



Mr. Vance Bieman Welch

June 20, 1942 - September 17, 2025

Vance Bieman Welch, 83, of Walhalla, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at Seneca Health and Rehab.

A native of Oconee County, Mr. Welch was the son of the late William Vance Welch and Roxy Ramey Welch Hughes. He cherished a quiet life of solitude, but always had a Pepsi ready for those who stopped by to sit on the porch and watch the cars pass. Mr. Welch found joy in the simple things like tinkering with small engines, fishing, and most of all, being "Papa" to his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a man of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Welch is survived by his son: Martain "Marty" Welch; sister: Gail Kelley; grandchildren: Matthew Welch, Shane Welch, Robbie Pelfrey, Paige Thompson (David J.), Jennifer Gladitsh, Beth Portalatin, and Justin Portalatin; and twelve great-grandchildren.

In addition to parents, Mr. Welch was preceded in death by his sons: Kenneth "Kenny" Vance Welch, Dana Eric Welch, and Randy Bieman Welch; daughter: Cynthia W. Portalatain; brothers: Billy Welch, and Danny Hughes; and sisters: Eunice Garner, Helen Fricks, Brenda Bates, Linda Alexander, Fran Davis, and Mildred Broderick.

His family are at their respective homes.

Tribute Wall

WR

“ Thoughts and prayers for Vance’s Family. I guess the wild ones are together again! May you find Gods perfect peace during your loss and the days to come.

Wanda McMahan Rech

Wanda Rech - September 24, 2025 at 08:04 PM



SB

“ Stacy Belue lit a candle in memory of Vance Welch

Stacy Belue - September 22, 2025 at 11:28 AM



WB

“ Wayne Barton lit a candle in memory of Vance Welch

Wayne Barton - September 20, 2025 at 10:35 PM



JN

“ *Joyce Hughes Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vance Bieman Welch*



Joyce Hughes Nix - September 19, 2025 at 08:37 PM

JM

“ *Janice Morgan lit a candle in memory of Vance Welch*



Janice Morgan - September 18, 2025 at 09:45 PM

WS

“ *Warren Smith lit a candle in memory of Vance Welch*



Warren Smith - September 18, 2025 at 09:03 PM

RW

“ *RL Wilson lit a candle in memory of Vance Welch*



RL Wilson - September 18, 2025 at 06:18 PM

NJ

“ *Nina James lit a candle in memory of Vance Welch*



Nina James - September 18, 2025 at 03:17 PM

SH

“ *Prayers for the family 🙏 Steve & Debbie*



Steve Harvey - September 18, 2025 at 02:52 PM

OM

“ *Matt (Marty), our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of great loss and sorrow. God's blessings for peace. Love you, Mark and Ouida*

Ouida McDow - September 18, 2025 at 02:28 PM

RH

“ *RICKEY HOLDEN lit a candle in memory of Vance Welch*



RICKEY HOLDEN - September 18, 2025 at 01:34 PM