



Mr Rick Welch

May 26, 1948 - October 23, 2020

Ricky Wayne Welch, 72, of Mobile Alabama died Friday, October 23, 2020 at the Saad Hospice Facility in Mobile. Rick was born May 26, 1948 in Booneville, Arkansas and raised in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. After graduating from Charles Page High School in 1966 Rick began his lifelong career in the insurance industry eventually, over the years, owning agencies in Arkansas, Tennessee and Alabama.

Rick is survived by his wife of 55 years Diana Cowles Welch, children Michelle Welch Thomas (fiancé Steve Holmes) and Greg W. Welch; grandchildren Jennifer Faust (Bryan), Somer Franzone (Joseph), Nick Welch and Tyler Welch; great grandchildren Madison and Brooks Faust, Brayden, Englyn and Laken Franzone; mother Betty Vaught Welch, father Billy E. Welch, brother James R. Welch (Julie), sister Vicky Welch Putman (Larry), brother-in-law Mike Vallett (Pam), doggies Jack & Bella and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law Leroy Cowles, mother-in-law Wilma Vallett and step father-in-law Whitey Vallett.

The family would like to thank Dr. Thomas W. Butler, Oncologist @ USA Health System, Melissa Chenier RN and Christian Brown PT with Amedisys of Mobile and the staff of Saad Hospice Facility for the exceptional care Rick received through your treatment and guidance. Per Rick's instructions there will be no service. Cremation is being handled by Cottage Hill Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask you to make a donation to St. Judes Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall

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“ You will never know how thankful I am that God placed me in Mobile this past summer to help Rick & Diana out during their time with medical issues. It gave me a chance to spend over 3 months with my crazy brother. I had to keep reminding myself what Mom said to me before I flew out of Ft. Smith, AR, “now don’t go down there and fight with your brother!” LOL!! I know she got a kick out of Rick and I calling her to “tell” on each other!

He would remind me of funny neighborhood stories with his buddies Elliott, Pogue, Ray, McCracken, Warner and the list could go on & on. He spoke fondly of his high school buddy, Alan Langford (Spooky Carmichael). We reminisced about our family get togethers at the “old house” in Magazine, AR where our grandparents lived. July 4th was always a big happy holiday for Rick, he would take our Papa and all the little nieces, nephews and cousins to the fire cracker stand and come back with loads of fireworks. At dark he would start the show with most of the neighbors coming out to watch. Everyone was always glad to see each other but the older folks were always excited to see Rick and Diana arrive. Rick, the guy with the bigger than life personality.

Love you,
Vicky (Bippy) and Larry

Vicky Putman - October 31, 2020 at 03:01 PM