

Celebrating the of Life of



John Ferdinand Welsh, Jr.

Sunrise
April 8, 1947

“Jerry”

Sunset
October 14, 2012

Service

Monday, October 22, 2012 ~ 11:00 am

Second Baptist Church

200 Locust Street

Roselle, New Jersey 07036

Rev. James E. Moore, Sr., Pastor

Rev. Michael Blackwell, Eulogist

Life Reflections

John Ferninand “Jerry” Welsh, Jr. was born on April 8, 1947 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He grew up in Roselle, New Jersey and graduated from Abraham Clark High School.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserves.

Jerry, as he was called by his family and friends, loved driving and was able to drive since the age of twelve when Grandpop let him drive his 1948 Buick Roadmaster on Second Avenue, down the long driveway, and he would park the car in the garage.

His love of driving continued as he entered the workforce. He was a long distance Tractor Trailer Driver most of his life and owned his own business, Welsh Trucking Company.

Jerry had a walk on part in the Burt Reynolds’ film, “Smokey and the Bandit” where his Kenworth truck was showcased. He also had a passion for Harley Motorcycles and owned several during his lifetime.

In his youth, he attended Second Baptist Church in Roselle.

In June 2012, he was diagnosed with Stage Four Throat Cancer. He fought this disease valiantly with few complaints. He showed his sense of humor when he asked the doctor if he would be able to sing when his treatment was completed. When the doctor answered yes, he asked if he would be able to play the piano. When the doctor answered yes, Jerry quipped that he had never been able to play the piano before. He did love to sing and was a great fan of Elvis Presley.

Jerry had completed his chemotherapy and was to begin his course of radiation on Monday, October 15, 2012. On Sunday, October 14th, the Lord in his infinite mercy and wisdom called Jerry home as he slept.

He was predeceased by his son, John F. Welsh, III; his beloved paternal grandparents, Harte and Pearl Welsh; and maternal grandmother Martha Janicke.

He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother, John and Elizabeth Welsh of Monroe Township, New Jersey; two sisters, Elizabeth “Jane” Befumo of Monroe Township, New Jersey and Sharon Buzzard of Shrewbury, Pennsylvania; nieces, Melissa Bethony and her husband, Joseph; Kathleen Dufresne and her husband Kevin; cousins, Kim Daniels, Brenda Lewis, Costanza McQueen, Margie Williams, Frank Williams, Louis Williams and his long-time companion, Martha Coberly and her children; wife, Mary Anne Welsh; and a host of young nieces, nephews, and many friends.

*Those we loved remain with us,
For love itself lives on.
Cherished memories never fade,
Because a loved one is gone.
Those we love can never be,
More than a thought apart.
For as long as there are memories,
They’ll live on in our hearts.*

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Reverend Michael Blackwell, Officiating

Prelude Lonnie Youngblood

A Parting View Funeral Director

Opening Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Scriptures:

Old Testament - Psalms 23 (NIV)

New Testament - 1 Thes. 4:13-18 (NIV)

Prayer of Comfort..... Bishop Wayne Johnson

Solo..... Elizabeth Jane Befumo, Sister

Music Tribute Lonnie Youngblood

Words of Comfort..... Clergy

Family Tribute Family

Obituary Ms. Joan Johnson

Selection/ or Hymn Lonnie Youngblood

Eulogy Reverend Michael B. Blackwell

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Repast

Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to:

Harteford Kim Daniels’ Home,

882 Beatrice Parkway, Edison, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203

www.ggwoodyfuneralhome.com

“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”

Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **John Ferdinand “Jerry” Welsh, Jr.**

*Here we are again, that old familiar place
Where the winds will blow no one ever knows the time or space.*

*Don't cry for me, don't shed a tear
The time I shared with you, will always be.
And when I'm gone, please carry on
Don't cry for me.*

*No one is the blame, my death was meant to be.
Don't carry guilt or shame, the reason why I came soon you'll see.*

*Don't cry for me, don't shed a tear
The time I shared with you, will always be.
And when I'm gone, please carry on
Don't cry for me.*

*Don't cry when life is not the joy it should be,
With life comes pain, soon time will end its course appointed
And you will be rewarded and all the world will see*

*Don't cry for me, don't shed a tear
The time I shared with you will always be
And when I'm gone, life still carries on.
Don't cry for me, don't cry for me.*

Acknowledgement

The family of **John Ferdinand “Jerry” Welsh, Jr.** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

