



Robert E. Welcher

November 12, 1940 - August 14, 2012

Robert Edwin Welcher

“Ozzie”

On August 14, 2012, we lost a true gentleman when “Ozzie” went to join the Angels in Heaven. He will forever be missed by those of us who loved and admired him. Ozzie was born on November 12, 1940, in Bayonne, New Jersey to Thomas G. Welcher and Ida E. Flagg Welcher, who preceded him in death - as did his brothers, Thomas Welcher and George K. Welcher.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Louisa Taylor Welcher, his son Robert Ryan Welcher and wife Dina, three grandchildren, who were the light of his life, Charlie Grace, Elyse Marie and Connor Robert. They will always remember him as their “Poppy.”

He is also survived by his stepson, Gene L. Fulton of Middletown, DE, his sister, Lorraine E. Kelly of O’Fallon, IL, his brother, James E. Welcher of Newark, DE, and many nieces and nephews.

Ozzie attended Newark High School, and served for 6 years in the Delaware National Guard. Ozzie worked in construction his entire life; he was a heavy equipment operator, and also held positions as Foreman and Manager for Brandywine Construction Co., Normel, Kershaw, Glen Moore, and Cole Construction. After retiring, he returned to work at Artesian Water Company until his death.

Everyone who knew him became his friend. His honesty, strength and sense of fair play were very important to him. His sense of humor defined him, and will never be forgotten.

Ozzie worked hard and played hard. He especially enjoyed boating, hunting, fishing, collecting things of all kinds and being creative with his hands. An amazing woodworker and artist, he created many things in and around his home.

The Welcher Family would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude and many thanks to Heartland Hospice for helping to fulfill his wish of passing at home in his own bed. Thanks also to Monica, Stephanie and Judy for the comfort and caring they gave to all of the Family.

Please join our family in a Celebration of Ozzie's Life on September 15, 2012 at 12 noon at Whispering Horse Farm, 1403 Bohemia Mill Road, Middletown, Delaware. To express an online condolence, visit www.strano-feeley.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I was so saddened to read that Ozzie had passed away in August. He was a wonderful man and my heart goes out to Louisa and the family at this time of complete and overwhelming grief. I will always remember him as a quiet, but, sweet man who was always there with a gentle hand to help someone in need. He will live in all our hearts forever.

Justine Joska - September 14, 2012 at 06:47 PM

JJ

“ Justine Joska lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Welcher



Justine Joska - September 14, 2012 at 06:41 PM

DW

“ Louisa and family, I was sorry to hear about Ozzie's passing. I remember him as a great person and real family man and someone who will really be missed. My sympathy and prayers go to you and the family. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers as we will not be able to attend the service, we will be in Chicago picking up our granddaughter. Just know he is in a better place now and watching over all of us. So sorry

Donna and Jim Whitesel

Donna and Jim Whitesel - September 12, 2012 at 07:51 AM

JP

“ *Ozzy was one of kind. I truly enjoyed spending time with him. He was unique, funny and totally in love with his family. He cherished the time with family and friends- especially his grandbabies. He and Louisa loved making memories with them. Continued prayers and hugs to you all, Louisa, Ryan, Dina, Charlie, Elyse and Connor. I won't be able to come to the celebration of life because it's Ashleigh's birthday party. I'll have a drink for him and blow a bubble up to heaven.* ”



Jessica Peace - September 10, 2012 at 08:50 PM

MB

“ *Mark Baker lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Welcher* ”



Mark Baker - September 09, 2012 at 10:51 AM

MB

My deepest sympathy to the family. I enjoyed the time I worked with Ozzie at Artesian he was an amazing man.
Mark Baker

Mark Baker - September 09, 2012 at 10:57 AM

DW

“ *Dina Welcher lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Welcher* ”



Dina Welcher - August 23, 2012 at 11:06 PM

ER

I was greatly saddened when I saw Robert or as I know him as ozzie. I worked with him for a couple of years at Kershaw. He did invite me to his place with my wife and kids to swim several times. He really was a wonderful man and he always left a memory with me for all these years. I thought of him from time to time but never knew how to catch up to him. He was a wonderful person who touched many lifes. God Bless his family.

Ed Ruba - September 08, 2012 at 03:17 PM