



## Mr. Leonard P. Welch

November 30, 1936 - September 6, 2015

Leonard P. Welch, 78, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015. He was born on November 30, 1936, in Chazy Lake, the son of Thomas W. and Edith (Agoney) Welch.

In May 1973, he married Juliana L. Garsow, who he was married to for 42 years. He was previously married to Patsy LaPoint who passed away in 1972. Besides his wife, Leonard is survived by six children, Zachary Howard and Layla of Arlington, VA, Leonard Patrick and Kelly of Pearl River, NY, Angela Mary Boula and Thomas of Standish, NY, Margo Beth Layton and Edward of Massena, NY, Jamie Jo Marie Welch and Arnold Provost of West Chazy, NY, Tammy Lashway of Morrisonville, NY; 11 grandchildren, Griffin Welch, Melanie Welch, Kathryn Welch of Pearl River, NY, Anthony Boula of Standish, NY, Natasha Wilson and John Edick of Fort Plains, NY, Keith Wilson of Massena, NY, Joshua Provost, Zebulin Provost of West Chazy, NY, Courtney Flick of Plattsburgh, NY, Kerina Kent of Plattsburgh, NY and Amber Lashway of Morrisonville, NY; 6 great-grandchildren, one of which is his special "Little Princess" Riley Morgan Edick.

Leonard is also survived by one brother, Thomas and Joanne Welch of Ocala, FL; three sisters, Jane Floyd of Shepherd, TX, Geraldine and John Langston of Grove, OK, Carolyn and Ronald Rushford of Bellview, FL; one step-sister, Stella and Gary VanderWarker of Ocala, FL/Pottersville, NY; two brothers-in-law, Vernon Rock of Ocala, FL, William Spencer of Maplesville, AL and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides his parents, Leonard was predeceased by a step-father, AB Barletta, father-in-law, Howard Garsow and mother-in-law, Myrtle Garsow; one brother, Frank Welch of Monkey, Thailand and his sisters, Helen Rock of Ocala, FL, Peggy Spencer of Maplesville, AL, Josephine Bushey of West Chazy, NY; one step-brother, Michael Barletta of Honolulu, HA; two brothers-in-law, Martin Bushey of West Chazy, NY and Ralph Floyd of Shepherd, TX; one sister-in-law, Jo Welch of Dallas, TX.

Leonard served in the United States Air Force for 8 years. Leonard was employed by New York State Department of Corrections for 35 years where he retired as Lieutenant. He worked at several prisons including Sing Sing, Great Meadow (Comstock), Clinton, he opened Altona and Lyon Mountain then transferred to Gouverneur and retired from Franklin. He was well known in the department as the "Blue Eyed Devil". He was president of the Supervisors Union Council 82 for a few years.

He was a member of the Northern Adirondack Central School Board from July 1985 to June 2005 where he served as Vice President from July 1990 to June 2003 and President from July 2003 to June 2005. He was an active member of the Lyon Mountain American Legion Post 1623 where he served as Commander from 1983 to 1989. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was on the board of the Mountain Top Senior Housing in Lyon Mountain when it first opened.

Leonard loved the Boston Red Sox and loved watching baseball and college basketball. However nothing beat watching his son Zachary play baseball. Leonard never missed a college baseball game of Zack's. Leonard made several trips to Texas with his wife and little buddy Keith Wilson to watch Zachary play professional baseball for 4 years.

He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He also enjoyed spending time with his two Great Dane dogs, Bailey and Zoey.

Calling hours will be held at St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain on Thursday, Sept. 10 from 3 to 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11 in

St. Bernard's Church.

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Len's family during this difficult time. I always had great conversations with Len and considered him a friend. May he rest in peace.*

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**Jan Gosselin** - August 09, 2016 at 10:49 AM

DV

“ *So sorry for the passing of Leonard. My condolences to all his family. Delores*

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**delores varin** - August 09, 2016 at 10:49 AM

SF

“ *To the Welch Family. You have our deepest condolences. Leonard was truly loved by us and we will truly miss him , may he rest in peace. Love and condolences to you all.*

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**Samuel & Lucy Godfrey Family** - August 09, 2016 at 10:49 AM

MB

“ *Julie and family  
We were sad to hear of Leonard's passing. We really enjoyed the times we got together to watch Zach play ball. Leonard was a great person and he will be missed. Our love is with you!  
Mike, Kelly, Aimee, Jessica & Dylan Bourey*

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**Mike Bourey** - August 09, 2016 at 10:49 AM

RM

“ Dear Welch Family, Deepest Sympathies, Leonard was a wonderful fella who always loved his officers, he encouraged us thru our career and wrapped his big paws around our shoulders when we were hurting, he kicked us in the butt when we needed it but never ever did he discourage or hurt us , he was a true gentleman in the book of us officers who had the pleasure of working for him. Most of all he was a very dear friend, I did not any of his family personally but thru the visits I knew you all as a family that he loved dearly. May the memories of that Big Gruff Man be comforting you all when the pain of not being able to see him softens. May you be able to look up in time and see those Big Blue Mischievous Eyes smiling back at you and be comforted knowing you are loved.

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**Randy A. McAdam** - August 09, 2016 at 10:49 AM

RB

“ Many sport memories of Len from games in the annex when he brought Lyon mt. Inmates in to our K of C team trying to win over inmates, sheriffs dept and Dannemora fire depot. Some great memories and lasting friendships. And what a player Zac was. Dad will still look over you and you can never take away the memories.

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**Rusty bigelow** - August 09, 2016 at 10:49 AM

JB

“ Julie and family  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May your happy memories live on forever. Rest in peace Leonard.  
Judy Bradley and Lynn Caska

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**Judy Bradley** - August 09, 2016 at 10:49 AM

DE

“ *To Julie and the whole Welch family,  
You have our deepest sympathy for the loss of Leonard, though he  
is still watching over you. Leonard was one-of-a-kind that will never  
be matched. I loved his love of family and his jovial spirit through  
everything. He will be forever loved and missed. Tom & Donna  
Engel*

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**Donna Engel** - August 09, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ *Always enjoyed visiting with Leonard and talking sports  
whenever our paths crossed at games I officiated.  
Rest in peace, Leonard. Al Rose*

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September 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Margo, Ed and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and  
your family. If there is anything we can do for you please let us know  
, love Mike & Debbie*

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**Michael and Debra Kenny** - March 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM