



Jimmy Welch

September 25, 1936 - February 19, 2026

Mr. Jimmy Welch passed away on February 19, 2026, at his home in Lakeland, Tennessee, at the age of 89. Born on September 25, 1936, in Ripley, Mississippi, he was the son of Ira Welch and Edith Graves Welch.

Jimmy was a graduate of Palmer High School and went on to further his education at WM R. Moore College of Technology. Even as a young man, he demonstrated a strong work ethic, driving a school bus while still attending high school. He faithfully served his country as a member of the Army National Guard for eight years.

He was united in marriage to Mary Joyce Hughey Welch of Lakeland, TN. Jimmy devoted 48 years of dedicated service as a Residential Engineer with Memphis Light, Gas, and Water. In addition to his long career, he was also a skilled home builder.

Jimmy found great joy in deep-sea fishing. He treasured the time he spent with his grandsons. He will be remembered for his steady presence, strong character, and the love he so generously shared with his family and friends.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents Ira Welch and Edith Graves Welch. His brother Billy Welch, and his two sisters Jamie Rice and Nidle Wiseman.

Jimmy is survived by his wife Mary Joyce Hughey Welch of Lakeland, TN; two daughters, Linda Langford (Marty) of Cordova, TN, and Glinda Sossaman (Dennis) of Memphis, TN; his sister Pat Herrington (Perry) of Ripley, MS; his four grandsons, Bradley Cluett Langford (Liz) of Scottsdale, AZ, Robert Sossaman of Memphis, TN, Andrew Sossaman (fiancé Alex) of Memphis, TN, and James Sossaman of Memphis, TN; and his special friend for 82 years Wayne Booker of Ripley, MS.

Officiated by: Bro. Coty Dunaway

Pallbearers: Bradley Langford, Robert Sossaman, Andrew Sossaman, James Sossaman, Dennis Sossaman, Marty Lane

Cemetery Details

Palmer Baptist Church Cemetery

3671 CR 813
Ripley, MS 38663

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.
206 N. Commerce St
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Service

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Tribute Wall

CV

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, and am sorry to be so late in sending condolences - I just found out. Mr. Jimmy was a wonderful neighbor and a joy to talk to. I always loved talking with him. Prayers for the family.

Charlie Vaught - March 10 at 04:57 PM

TF

“ Tecie Sossaman and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jimmy Welch.



Tecie Sossaman and family - February 24 at 06:34 PM

TF

“ Tecie Sossaman and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Welch.

Tecie Sossaman and family - February 24 at 06:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jimmy Welch.



February 23 at 08:59 AM

WC

“ So sorry for your loss. He went to school with my mom Shirley Beibers Estes and Steadman Estes. We all loved Jimmy and Joyce, great friends of our whole family. They all went on a cruise together and had great fun. I know you all will miss him.

wanda, Cotton Carr - February 23 at 08:55 AM

DW

“ David & leigh Ann walters purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jimmy Welch.



David & leigh Ann walters - February 23 at 08:27 AM

JB

“ John and Hope Beaden purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jimmy Welch.



John and Hope Beaden - February 22 at 12:49 PM

SN

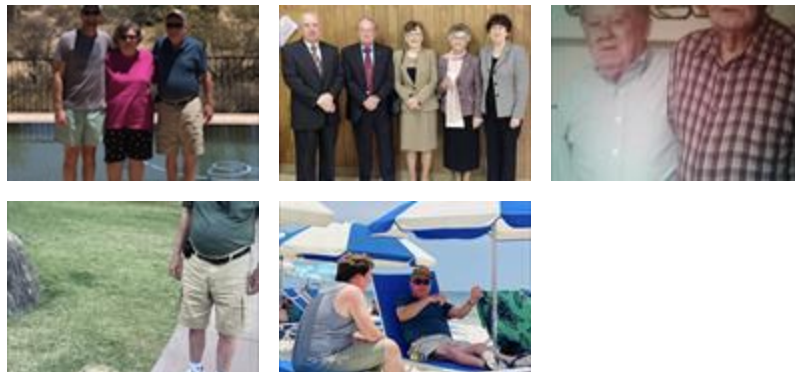
“ Samantha & Michael Neff purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jimmy Welch.



Samantha & Michael Neff - February 22 at 08:44 AM

GS

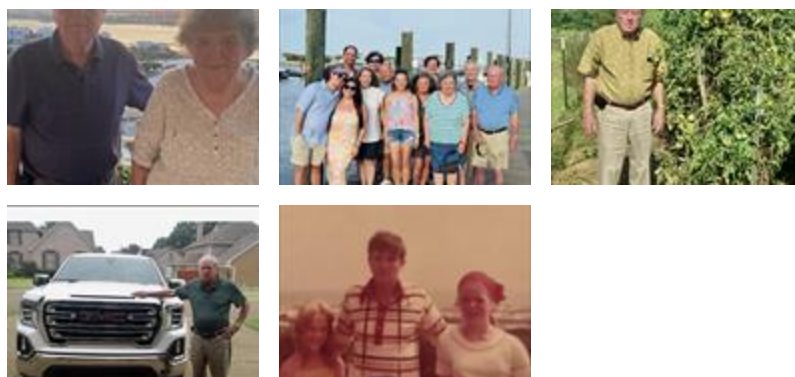
“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



glinda sossaman - February 22 at 08:21 AM

GS

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



glinda sossaman - February 22 at 08:18 AM

MW

“ Mike and June Wiseman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jimmy Welch.



Mike and June Wiseman - February 21 at 06:30 PM

SL

“ *SKF lawfirm. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jimmy Welch.*



SKF lawfirm. - February 21 at 04:13 PM

LM

“ *Larry Mitchell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jimmy Welch.*



Larry Mitchell - February 21 at 01:03 PM

JW

“ *James and Dean Williamson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Welch.*

James and Dean Williamson - February 21 at 01:00 PM

JW

“ *James and Dean Williamson purchased the Gerberas and Palms Spray for the family of Jimmy Welch.*



James and Dean Williamson - February 21 at 01:00 PM

BL

“ *Becky Gravely and Beth Lunsford purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jimmy Welch.*



Becky Gravely and Beth Lunsford - February 21 at 11:29 AM