



## Joseph William Welsh

September 19, 1948 - November 25, 2018

Joseph “Joe” William Welsh, age 70, of Lovilia, passed away on Sunday, November 25, 2018, at the Monroe County Hospital, under the care of EveryStep Hospice, surrounded by his loving family.

Joe was born on September 19, 1948, to Edward and Wilfreda (Durbala) Welsh in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He grew up and attended Albia High School graduating with the Class of 1966. On April 6, 1968, he was united in marriage to Beatrice Kathleen “Kathy” Bregar at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Lovilia, Iowa. To this union three children were born, Michelle, Mindy, and Mark. Joe and Kathy shared 50 years of marriage prior to Joe’s passing.

Joe served his country in the United States Army with the 1st Calvary during Vietnam. He obtained his Associate of Arts Degree from Drake University in Des Moines and later attended computer programming school where he graduated at the top of his class. Joe worked for many companies doing IT work, most recently working as the Director of IT for IDEX out of Chicago, where he worked on implementing computer systems all over the United States and overseas prior to his retirement. He was an active member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church where he served on the Parish Council and the Finance Committee. He was generous with his time, serving on the Helping Hands Board and the Schools Citizens Advisory Board. He was also a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He was very proud of his Irish heritage, even traveling to Ireland where he was able to find the family farm and then bring some of them here to visit. Joe loved to travel with his wife, Kathy, and they spent the last 8 winters in South Texas and Arizona. Above all, Joe loved to spend time with his grandchildren, doing things such as teaching them to garden, gun safety, and to drive ATVs, as well as attending the many activities and events they were involved in.

Joe is survived by his wife, Kathy Welsh; his children, Michelle (Kelly) Kuhlmann, Mindy (Brad) Stalzer, and Mark Welsh; 5 grandchildren, Hannah and Kyle Kuhlmann and Savannah, Logan, and Ethan Stalzer; a brother, Richard (Kathy) Welsh; and a sister, Mary

(Denny) Dunker. Joe is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He was preceded in death his parents, Ed and Freda Welsh and a brother, Anthony, in infancy.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Joe's family present to greet family and friends. A rosary will be led at 6:00 p.m., provided by the Knights of Columbus Council #4167 and will be followed by a Christian Wake Service.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lovilia, with Father Mark Yates officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia and Melrose will follow services at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Lovilia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to JD RF and the Welcome Home Soldier Monument.

# Cemetery

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**St. Peter's Catholic Cemeteey**

Lovilia, IA,

# Events

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**NOV 27 Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM**  
Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave., West Albia, IA, US, 52531

**NOV 27 Rosary 06:00PM**  
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**NOV 27 Christian Wake Service 06:30PM**  
Tharp Funeral Home  
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**NOV 28 Mass of Christian Burial 10:30AM**  
St. Peter's Catholic Church  
603 West 6th Street, Lovilia, IA, US

# Comments

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“ Kathy, I was so sorry to hear of Joe's death. Prayers for comfort and peace at this time and the day's going forward for you and your family. Fran and Bill Magie

**Fran Magie** - November 27, 2018 at 05:34 PM

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“ Joe Welch was my friend. I am so blessed to have walked beside such a great man. In war and in peace we remain friends for over 50 years. If there is joy in heaven when one sinner comes to the knowledge of Jesus Christ how much more joy was there when.. Joe Welsh walk through the Pearly Gates Rest in peace my friend!

**Raul Hernandez** - November 27, 2018 at 04:33 PM

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“ Kathy and Family,

My condolences to all of you on the death of a good man and longtime friend. My memories with Joe go back a long time. In grade school, I stayed overnight with him several times and was amazed at the milking machines his parents had. When he stayed in Lovilia, he was always impressed that he could be in walking distance of so many classmates.

After Joe went in the service, we lost touch for awhile. But we reconnected after he moved back to Lovilia. Many good memories of just sitting around talking with Joe and Kathy--and he could mix a mean whiskey. I particularly remember the night with the Fridlingtons at Joe's house. Enough about that.

I'll miss Joe and the chats we shared. Rest in peace, my friend.

Ron Plum

**Ron Plum** - November 25, 2018 at 11:08 PM

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“ Kathy,  
Joe was a wonderful classmate and friend. His obituary really focused on many positive attributes. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I trust that you have a strong faith and support group to help you get through this. I certainly believe that we are with the lord when we live and when we die...so the lord is with us always.

Sincerely,  
Lloyd Bettis,

Lloyd Bettis - November 25, 2018 at 07:06 PM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joseph William Welsh.



November 25, 2018 at 03:48 PM

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“ Thinking of all of you and keeping you all in my prayers!!! Such a nice guy and I always enjoyed talking with Joe!!!

Valerie Small - November 25, 2018 at 01:59 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Joe



Kelly Kuhlmann - November 25, 2018 at 01:48 PM