



Junior Welch

August 14, 1945 - April 29, 2023

Nathan Junior Welch, “JR” 77 of Chanute passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on April 29, 2023. Jr was born August 14, 1945 in Chanute, Kansas, to Nathaniel Harrison and Lena Alta Williams Welch.

When Jr was 17 years old, he met the love of his life, a 14-year-old Janice Callarman. He told his brother “I’m going to marry that girl one day” and three years later, he did just that. They were married on November 20, 1965, a marriage that lasted 57 years.

Jr was a hard-working man. He got his start delivering papers, he then moved to working as a farm hand for Harold Whittaker. He worked a few other jobs such as Ash Grove, the wax plant, and the railroad; before finding his true passion as a welder at Chanute Manufacturing. Jr worked there for 32 years until his retirement; he moonlighted several years building trailers for Jerry Stirewalt.

Jr was an outdoorsman at heart. He loved camping, fishing, and hunting. His most favorite thing to do was to take his wife, kids, and grandkids fishing. He loved taking family vacations down to the Gulf of Mexico, especially Corpus Christi and Galveston, to fish and play on the beach.

Jr loved spending his time taking weekend road trips to eat at Golden Corral and visit flea markets. He also loved going to yard sales, auctions, and of course the casinos. His most favorite pastime was spending time with his family, whether it was on the pond dam, river bank, sporting events his

grandkids played in, camping, or just cooking out at home with his family singing karaoke. He lived every minute of his life.

Jr was well-known for his welding hats his wife made for him. Whether bright colored patterns, just black, or with polka dots, he always got compliments.

Jr fostered many children over 43 years, who all looked up to him as not only father figure, but also as a grandfather.

Jr is survived by his wife Janice, of the home, daughters Gail (Neil) Haynes, Lisa Daniels of Chanute, Heidi (Jared) Ranz of Altoona, and Jennifer Gates of Wichita, his sons Clay (Lauren) Welch, Randy (Christy) Stout, of Chanute, and Bryon Russell (Audrey Smith) of Portland, Texas, sisters Joanna Welch, Patricia Glasgow, and Barbara Fulton all of Chanute, grandchildren Whitney, Zach, Ryan, Ashlynn, Lance, Maycie, Connor, Talan, Hudson, Calliope, Maralin, and Cecilia, and several great-grandchildren.

Jr was preceded in death by his parents Nathan and Lena Welch, siblings Rosemary Valliere, Richard Welch, Acey Welch, Lola Stoll, Kay Dennis, infant brother Stoney Welch, and infant sister Norma Jean.

Jr will be greatly missed by those who knew him, but his humor, kindness, and smile will live on in our hearts.

As Jr once said, "I'm a big deal."

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Countryside Funeral Home. Services will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at the First Baptist Church-Good News Center in Chanute at 10:30 am with burial to immediately follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute.

Memorials have been suggested to Harry Hynes Hospice and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N.

Highland, Chanute, Kansas, 66720.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **3**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
101 N. Highland
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-1220

Burial

MAY **4** (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery
E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Service

MAY **4**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Good News Center
118 N. Forest Ave.
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Junior was a nice man and patient as well.
He allowed my entire team to romp around his home on a few occasions, he definitely was a good sport!
I'd often see him standing around at Walmart, I'd say waiting on the wife?
He'd say yup! Always!
And we would both chuckle 😄
I'm glad I got the opportunity to know this kind and loving gentleman.

Janice Brunner - May 05, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Junior Welch.



May 04, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Junior Welch.



May 03, 2023 at 03:51 AM

GH

“ *My sweet daddy. He touched so many lives. He will be missed dearly*

Gail Haynes - May 03, 2023 at 02:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Junior Welch.*



May 02, 2023 at 10:19 PM

MW

“ *Junior you will be greatly missed. I was one of your foster kids at one point and you loved me like I was your own. I've always looked up to you as a bonus grandfather. You had the biggest heart and care for everyone around you. I'll always think about you and the memories we have shared together. I love you junior may you rest peacefully* ❤️

Monica Whistler - May 02, 2023 at 07:35 PM

GV

We shared many great memories; I'll see you there and rehash the past.

Gene VanWinkle - May 03, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Junior Welch.*



May 02, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Junior Welch.*



May 02, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Teresa Frydendall - May 02, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss of Jr. my thoughts and prayers are with you Janice as well as all of his family. I'll miss seeing Jr. with Janice at garage sales and at Restaurants with his family too. Jr. always had something to say that would put a smile on my face. I pray that God gives all of you the strength to make it through this difficult time of your journey of this life. Rest In Peace Jr.*

Janice Haynes Jones - May 01, 2023 at 11:17 PM

LM

“ *Rest Easy Jr.*



leslie Moya-Diaz - May 01, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Junior Welch.*



May 01, 2023 at 06:03 PM