



## Sonja Ann (Hubbard) Welch

November 17, 1938 - October 20, 2020

Sonja Ann (Hubbard) Welch, beloved mother, wife and homemaker, departed this life on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. She was 81. Mrs. Welch, formerly of Nebo, Illinois, was living in LaPlace, Louisiana for the last 35 years, with her husband, Kenneth.

Mrs. Welch was born on November 17, 1938 to Frank and Norma Hubbard of Grimes Hill in Nebo. Sonja attended Nebo School. She was formerly the wife of Dale Goewey, and together they had six children— Julie, Jill, Kevin, Lisa, Penny and Michael. She later married Kenneth Welch and together had two more children, Elizabeth and Kenneth II. Sonja was grandmother (“frandma”) to 23 grandchildren, great-grandmother to 44, and great-great grandmother to 10.

Mrs. Welch enjoyed caring for others in her earlier years. She was a bus driver to many school children, an in-home caregiver for the elderly and special-needs children, and a mother figure to many of her children’s friends. She enjoyed camping trips with her Boy Scouts and spending hours in Walmart, shopping and chatting with her local friends. She was known for her goofy jokes and giving personality, and always had a meal to share with someone who needed it. She especially loved getting back “home” to Pike County, Illinois, and having a houseful of company. Sonja had always trusted in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and is now at peace in His loving arms. Sonja is survived by her husband of 47 years, Kenneth; her daughters, Julie (Frank) Kremer, Jill Makepeace, Lisa (Alex) Makepeace, Penny Roig, and

Elizabeth Welch; and her sons, Kevin (Mary) Goewey, Michael (Amanda) Goewey and Kenneth (Karla) Welch II. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Norma Hubbard; two brothers, Kenneth and Victor Hubbard; her ex-husband, Dale Goewey; and a son-in-law, Barry Roig. There will be a visitation for family at Lummis Funeral Home in Pleasant Hill, Illinois on Wednesday, October, 28, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Face coverings will be required to attend. A public graveside memorial service will take place at 1:00 p.m. at Crescent Heights Cemetery, also in Pleasant Hill. Arrangements for transport to her final resting place were made by L.A. Muhleisen & Son, in Kenner, Louisiana. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Autism Speaks or any veterans organizations. To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation for Family

OCT 28. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM.

Lummis Funeral Home  
Pleasant Hill, IL

## Graveside Service

OCT 28. 1:00 PM.

Crescent Heights Cemetery  
Pleasant Hill, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sonja Ann (Hubbard) Welch*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Although life led us down different paths, we were the grandchildren of Charles Hubbard....our fathers, Paul and Frank, and youngest brother Russ, and only sister, Ruth....kept us a close family during childhood years. Every Sunday saw us together, eating, singing, children playing together. Those memories are very clear to me, and kept my cousins in my heart and mind all these years. May God hold you in the Palm of His Hand, until “we gather at the river”, A song we sang together as a family. May your family keep your memory alive and warm in their hearts....for no one who is still alive in memory is truly gone. Your Hubbard cousin, Gail Hubbard Froelich*




Gail Froelich - October 29, 2020 at 06:58 AM



“ *Thank you for being such a caring and loving friend Sonja. I will miss you dearly. Until we meet again my shopping pal.  
Love, Lydia H. Evans*



Maria Revere - October 27, 2020 at 06:12 PM

 Ronnie  
Rose

“ *Ms. Sonja was a one of a kind person with a huge heart. She would give the shirt off her back but would bust you when needed. I can't pull just one memory from the many I have . She will be missed, not many people touch so many lives as she did.*

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**Ronnie Rose** - October 24, 2020 at 03:42 PM



*I couldn't have said it better than that, Ronnie Rose! She was my PCA for the first time 26yrs ago. She was an amazing woman, a joy to be around, and we'll all be lost without her. Gone but never forgotten, Mrs. Sonja, RIP, til we meet again someday!! I wuv wu!!*

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**Mandy Vicknair** - November 03, 2020 at 07:24 PM

WL

“ *Ms Sonja was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. She was always so genuinely happy and nice to me and that I will never forget. I know she will be missed by family and friends and heart and prayers go out to everyone. Rest In Peace 🙏*

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**Willie LaBorde** - October 24, 2020 at 01:47 AM

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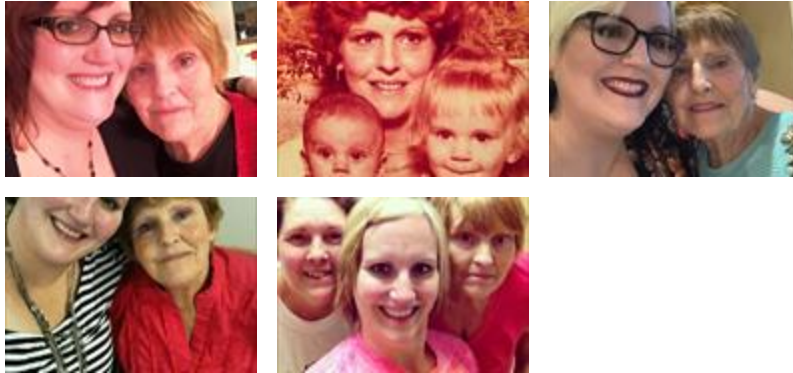
“ *Mi madre mi amiga mi consejera abuela te llaman mis hijos , fuistes la primer persona en este pais en tratarme como a tu semejante no con orgullo ni arogancia si no mas bien con dulce amor y bondad mis hijos te llaman abuela y siempre te recordaremos a si hermosa no solo por fuera si no mas por dentro te amaremos y te llevaremos en nuestros corazones Sonja Welch que Dios te tenga en su regazo ya no sentiras mas dolor si no solo gozo .*

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**Ana Matute** - October 24, 2020 at 12:07 AM

EW

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Elizabeth Welch - October 23, 2020 at 10:21 PM

CW

“ The last time I saw her a few years ago was at Walmart and she was so friendly and talkative! I had no idea she was blessed with so many grandchildren! She led a very loved life! May she RIP. ❤️

Chateryl Washington - October 23, 2020 at 09:28 PM

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“ I will always remember your beautiful smile and your infectious laughter. You were always warm and loving towards me and I thank God for allowing me to know you!!! You will be missed. Love you Ms. Sonja ❤️

Charleetha Narcisse Lewis - October 23, 2020 at 04:51 PM