



## Rev. Robert D. Welling

June 23, 1938 - September 15, 2021

Rev. Robert D. Welling, 83, went to heaven on September 15, 2021. He passed away peacefully with his family by his side after unexpected complications from heart surgery. Bob was born June 23, 1938 in Indianapolis to Norma (Kessler) and Don Welling. He was married to his loving wife and best friend Charlotte (Glover) Welling on August 5, 1962. Bob held 3 college degrees including a Master's Degree in Music Education from Butler University and a Master's Degree in Church Music from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He taught Concert Choir at Belzer Junior High School and was the Music Director at Franklin Road Baptist Church for 16 years, before going into the Ministry full time in 1978. During his ministry he held positions of Minister of Music, Minister of Christian Education, and Senior Pastor at several churches around Indiana including Mt. Aerie Baptist (Letts), First Baptist of North Vernon, First Baptist of Bedford, Rio Grande Baptist (Terre Haute), and Tuxedo Park Baptist (Indianapolis). Everyone that knew Bob loved his golden tenor voice and he used it so often to bless people at weddings, Masonic ceremonies, funerals, and various social events. His primary passion was singing for Jesus at church services, church conventions, and revivals. He is most definitely now singing lead in the heavenly choir and enjoying every minute. He loved to travel with Charlotte as they visited all 50 states as well as several foreign countries. Every trip is forever documented by his talent for photography. His love for his family was evident daily and he lived the Christian example for

all to follow. He is survived by his bride of 59 years, Charlotte Welling (Greenwood); a brother, Richard (Linda) Welling (Knightstown); three sons, Eric (Mary) Welling (Bargersville), Glen (Julie) Welling (Greenwood), and Mark (Diana) Welling (Westerville, OH). He is also survived by eight grandchildren, Nicole (Josh) Pirog (Dallas, TX), Brittany Welling (Dallas, TX), Drake Decatur (Indianapolis), Andrew Welling (Indianapolis), Kalie (Josh) Woodall (Indianapolis), Luke Welling (Westerville), Henry Welling (Westerville) and Caroline Charlotte Welling (Westerville); one great-granddaughter, Eleanor (Ellie) Pirog (Dallas); and soon to arrive great-grandson, Elijah Estrada (Dallas).

The funeral service will be Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of Greenwood at 1:00 p.m. Friends and family may call from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Greenwood  
99 West Main Street  
Greenwood, IN 46142

## Funeral Service

SEP **18**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Greenwood  
99 West Main Street  
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# Tribute Wall

RL

“ Oh, so sorry to hear of the passing of Bob. He was a good American Baptist Friend - one of those smiling faces you look for, when you go to a gathering, in the State or at Green Lake.

*You are in our prayers.*

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**Rev. Ruth Lawson** - September 24, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ My sincerest sympathy to Charlotte and the family. Bob was as close a friend as one could have. We spent days and hours together as we commuted to and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary back in the 1970's. In 1984, he assisted with the wedding of my daughter as we returned from my first duties as a Navy Chaplain at London. As fellow pastors, we shared many memories and assisted each other. God was so good to give us a Bob Welling. I look forward to seeing him in heaven!

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**Robert Edwards** - September 18, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Robert D. Welling.



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September 17, 2021 at 02:40 PM

BF

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Bob’s passing. I have special memories of Bob as a good student and gifted member of the Warren Central HS Choir and Madrigal Singers when I was a young teacher there in the early 50s. He was trustworthy, dependable and kind. My sincere sympathy to his wife Charlotte and family.  
Betty Fowler

Betty Fowler - September 17, 2021 at 02:39 PM

JY

“ Jeff, Tina and Evalyn Yeary purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Robert D. Welling.



Jeff, Tina and Evalyn Yeary - September 17, 2021 at 01:37 PM

LW

“ Linda W. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rev. Robert D. Welling.



Linda W. - September 17, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Robert D. Welling.



September 17, 2021 at 11:47 AM

BP

“ *What a joy to serve with Bob and Charlotte at First Baptist Church of Bedford, Indiana. Their friendship was dear; their friendliness took us in. We appreciated and enjoyed Bob's singing, his music leadership, and participating in the living Christmas trees he planned and directed. I look forward to singing with him in heaven.*

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**Brenda Poinsett** - September 17, 2021 at 06:43 AM

MG

“ *Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Calvin and I loved the Welling family. Such sweetness and love just poured from your family. May your memories make his absence easier. Love to all of you. Calvin and Marilyn Goodpaster*

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**Marilyn & Calvin Goodpaster** - September 16, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Robert D. Welling.*



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September 16, 2021 at 07:38 PM

JS

“ *Sosorry to hear of this great man's passing To all the family my sympathy & love I happen to be chairman of the music commetty when Bob wa our director and he was always doing his job so well and so loved Made several trips to Bedford after the family moved there He sang for my wifes funeral and Will never forget his kindness A great loss for us but Heavens gain*

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**Jerry D Sharp** - September 16, 2021 at 07:00 PM

BF

“ Charlotte we are so sorry for your loss. We know it is Heavens gain but our loss sure hurts. We can't be at the service. Bob lost a sister and her service is Saturday. You are in our prayers and thoughts.

Bob and Grace Flynn - September 16, 2021 at 05:30 PM

JH

“ Bob was one of my best cousins. We played together as children and he sang at our wedding, a most beautiful Lord's Prayer. He was a wonderful man. Our love goes out to Charlotte and family.

JoAn Hoppes - September 16, 2021 at 05:19 PM

GK

Charlotte, we are sending much Love to you all the family at this difficult time.

Greg Kessler - September 16, 2021 at 06:56 PM

RH

“ The Family of First Baptist Church of Greenwood, Indiana sends their most heartfelt condolences to Charlotte and the family. We are truly sorry for the loss and will greatly miss Bob.

Rev. Dr. Sean D. Holloway, Sr. Pastor, FBC Greenwood

Rev. Dr. Sean D. Holloway - September 16, 2021 at 04:12 PM