



William Edward "Billy" Welch

June 28, 1947 - January 4, 2022

William Edward "Billy" Welch, 74, of Greenwood, peacefully passed away in his sleep on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. He was born and raised in Indianapolis to the late William C. and Marietta (Robinson) Welch. Billy was a kind, loving and caring father and grandfather. His survivors include his sister, Vicky Lynn Welch-Jefferson; son, Brent Alan Welch; daughter, Jennifer Lynn Welch-Stone; granddaughter, Kyleigh E. Welch; grandsons, Zachary A. Welch, Matthew C. Welch, and Peyton W. Bryson. His high school sweetheart and former wife, Diane Welch-Ridinger; and his housekeeper, Dorothy Daniels, also survive as his "loved ones".

Billy was appointed to the Indianapolis Fire Department on January 7, 1970. He spent his first day in suppression assigned to Engine 24 B shift on February 15, 1970. Billy was regularly assigned to Snorkel 13 B shift on January 1, 1973. He then transferred to Engine 31 B shift on August 4, 1973, Engine 03 B shift on March 4, 1977, Engine 30 B shift on February 9, 1978, back to Engine 03 B shift on April 4, 1978, then off to Engine 11 B shift on May 5, 1980. Billy had obtained the rank of Corporal and moved to Engine 24 A shift on November 21, 1983, Engine 15 B shift on April 29, 1987, Engine 12 B shift on December 11, 1989, and returned to Engine 15 B shift on September 19, 1980. Sometime after that, he started driving daily at Engine 15 B, Engine 03 B shift on June 24, 2002, and transferred to Engine 05 B shift to finish out his career there on July 2, 2006. Everyone that knew Billy always realized

they were in for some pranks and laughs with him around. He was nicknamed “The 300-pound Wayne Newton” and his hair was always meticulously pristine, and gold chain with pendant displayed around his neck. Billy for countless years and events provided EMS coverage around Indianapolis conventions and sporting events.

Shirley Brothers will perform the cremation and calling will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with a Celebration of Life service starting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
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Indianapolis, IN 46229
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



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Your Friends at GFD - January 21, 2022 at 09:11 AM



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January 20, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Edward "Billy" Welch.*



January 16, 2022 at 07:46 AM

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“ To me, Billy was my brother, my Bubbie. He was nine (9) years older than I. As children, he would tell me stories, we would get up early on Saturday / Sunday mornings & watch *The Three Stooges*. He would fix hard boiled eggs for us for breakfast. When he got his first job, he would bring me a candy bar each day. One (1) day, he forgot the candy bar & he stopped somewhere & bought me a transistor radio. To me, he was bigger than life.

When he got married & had his first child (Brent), I was too young to go to the hospital. When he & Diane brought their son home, he walked right in & placed Brent in my arms. His daughter, Jennifer, has my middle name.

Billy ALWAYS had 2 – 3 jobs. Even at 74 years old, he was still working & providing first aid coverage at the many IU Health venues, i.e., Lucas Oil Stadium, the Convention Center, Victory Field. A normal event at Lucas Oil Stadium meant he was still working 10 – 12-hour days. He was bigger than life.

Billy – tell Mom & Dad I love them & miss them. Until we're all together again - in the arms of the angels, may you rest in paradise & sleep in heavenly peace.

Your sister,
Victoria Lynn Welch Jefferson

Victoria Welch Jefferson - January 13, 2022 at 07:34 PM