



Jerry Dale Welch

November 28, 1947 - May 12, 2020

Jerry Dale Welch, age 72 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 3:00 AM, Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

A private family burial will take place in Dodge Grove Cemetery. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Jerry was born on November 28, 1947, in Mattoon, IL the son of the late John W. and Dorothy B. (Hardin) Welch. He is survived by his brother, Robert W. Welch and wife Eunice of Mattoon, IL; one sister, Lucinda S. Willison of Mattoon, IL; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a Mattoon High School graduate and received his Bachelor and Master of Science in education from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL. Jerry was a teacher and assistant wrestling coach Bement School District, and served as President of the Bement Education Association. Later, he became an instructor and supervisor for Eastern Illinois Education Center and a life member of the National Education Association.

Jerry was one the founders and executive directors of the Mattoon Girls Softball Association (MGSA), served on the Board of Directors and coached the Ponytail League and Jaycee League boy's baseball. He was a proud member of the MGSA Hall of Fame and received an award from the Coles County Historical Association for a remarkable museum display and knowledge of history for the Ponytail Baseball and MGSA.

Jerry was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mattoon, IL and

owner of Welch Insurance. He served numerous years in elected office positions, such as the Democratic Precinct Committee, Assessor of Paradise Township, Supervisor of Paradise Township, and Coles County Board. He will be remembered for his thoughtfulness and kindness to others. Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Dale Welch*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *I was sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. We were cousins but also friends. I enjoyed talking with him about education and politics as well as many other topics. I have many good memories of growing up with him and I will miss him.*

Jim Conyers - July 08, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ *Cheryl Childress lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Welch*



Cheryl Childress - June 16, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *I was saddened by the news. My deepest condolences to the family.*

Al Keith

Al Keith - May 18, 2020 at 07:38 AM



“ Cheryl C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Jerry Dale Welch.



Cheryl C. - May 15, 2020 at 04:35 PM