



Diane Marie Welch

September 17, 1957 - March 30, 2019

Diane Marie Welch was born on September 19th, 1957 in Utica, New York to the late Robert Patrick Bristol and Betty Jane Bristol. She was called to eternal rest on March 30th, 2019.

As a young woman, she graduated from Chadwicks High School in 1976, and thereafter enlisted in the United States Air Force. During high school, Diane played the flute, worked at a diner, was the captain of the varsity cheerleading team, played soccer and volleyball, as well as participated in student government. While serving in the military, she attended the University of Maryland University College Europe, and studied at Central Carolina Technical College. On a tour to Torrejon AFB, in Madrid, Spain, she met her husband, Frederick Welch, who was also serving in the Air Force, and they married in 1980. They went on to have two daughters, Keesha Welch and Cherita Welch [Hardy].

After serving 22 years in the Air Force, she retired and began a career in Civil Service, as well as volunteering with many organizations, including United Ministries, Relay for Life, The American Cancer Society, and the First United Pentecostal Church Care Group. She was a member of the First United Pentecostal Church and previously attended the St. Mark 4 Bridges Baptist Church, Dalzell.

Diane's favorite color was green; her favorite foods were coconut cake, crab legs, and her daughter's sugar cookies. She was known as a prayer warrior, a strong and passionate woman, and above all – someone who loved her

family. She was a wonderful mother and an even better grandmother. She was selfless, caring, and believed in her faith more than anything. She was known as someone who touched lives everywhere she went and truly made an impact on everyone.

She is remembered by her husband of 39 years, Frederick Welch, her daughters Keesha Welch and Cherita Welch [Hardy]; grandchildren, Ariana Welch, Neveah Hardy, Niyelle Hardy, Nyzaiah Hardy, and Kenidee Welch. She is also survived by her siblings, Bonnie Jo and Gary Zittel, Robert and Lori Bristol, Stephen and Sharon Bristol, Donald and Sue Shephard, David Shephard, William and Linda Shephard; a son-in-law, Nathaniel Hardy, her mother-in-law Barbara Welch; sisters-in-law, Melrose Brownlee and Bonnie Graham, Missy and Jeff Hart, Michael and Sue Shephard, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **13**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

First United Pentecostal Church
14 Plowden Mill Rd.
Sumter , SC 29153

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Marie Welch*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Diane at United Ministries. She was such an inspiration--full of God's love, A true and compassionate giver. May God place his healing hands upon the hearts of those who loved her and give them peace. Love in Christ.*
Kathy Guilds

kathy guilds - April 13, 2019 at 12:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Welch.*



April 13, 2019 at 06:10 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Welch.*



April 12, 2019 at 08:48 AM

BJ

“ My precious Sister Muffy, you didn't want to go and we didn't want you to leave us but GOD needed You more. You were so brave and courageous for so long. Our hearts are sad and I miss you so very much. You served your country most honorable, you served your family with love in your heart, and you worshiped GOD and spread His word for all too hear. I am so thankful that GOD gave me You for a Sister, you taught me to trust GOD with all things that matter...Children especially Grandchildren they are gifts to us. Our lives are forever changed and You are Singing and Praising GOD with a Joyful heart and that gives me comfort within my soul. See you when I see you love you forever, Bonnie Jo xo

Bonnie Jo - April 11, 2019 at 04:58 PM

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“ Diane, my sister in Christ was one of those that sometimes left you scratching your head. Every time I talked, e-mailed or visited her, she had a way of turning around the visit. My intent was to encourage her, but she would always end up encouraging me. The annointed smile, the prophetic word, and her love for God and family was always first and foremost. The messages she DAILY sent me were so inspiring and timely. I can hear God saying, "make way for my daughter, Mrs Diane, my good and faithful servant". I pray for her family to carry on the boldness, courage and faith that exemplified this awesome Woman of God, my friend Diane Welch, ❤️!

Davin Watson - April 09, 2019 at 01:04 AM