



Joe Alson Welch

April 8, 1943 - September 17, 2013

Joe Alson Welch, 70, of Laurel, died at his residence as a result of a farming accident on Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at Old Antioch Missionary Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2013, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Rev. Robbie White will officiate. The body will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. Friday.

Mr. Welch was a farmer and a broiler producer for 33 years. He was a member of Old Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and a veteran of the National Guard. His life was centered on his family, who he treasured and loved unconditionally.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alson and Eretta Hilbun Welch and one brother, William S. "Bill" Welch.

Survivors include his loving wife, Nina Welch of Laurel; one son, Ken Welch and wife, Sharon of Laurel; two daughters, Kim Freeman and husband, Craig of Richton and Kayla Andrews and husband, Donnie of Jacksonville, AL; grandchildren, Bradley and Amanda Welch, Jordan, Josh and Jacob Thurman, and Zachary and Will Andrews; step-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Freeman Cooley and Connor Freeman; two sisters, Carolyn Sullivan and husband Robert of Laurel and Janet McNair and husband Ronnie of Brandon; sister-in-law, Martile Welch of Southaven; and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Steven Welch, Bob Sullivan, Miles McNair, Clifton Brashier, Charles Holifield, Ned Hinton, Daryl Martin and Jonathan Lockhart. Honorary

pallbearers will be Bud Dungan, Roy Fortenberry, Dennis Manley, Jessie Hinton, Timmy Hill, Jimmy Dale Taylor, and the men and deacons of Old Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in the memory of Joe Alson Welch to Old Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1717 Hwy 28 West, Soso, MS 39480.

Visitation will be from 5 until 7 p.m. Thursday, September 19, 2013, at Memory Chapel which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ *What a tragedy, what a loss for this small community of caring people. My elderly Brother in law can hardly speak plainly or keep back the tears when he talks of the loss of his lifetime friend. May God bless and comfort the family friends and church community of this precious one. Barbara Powell (widow of Sidney Powell)*

Barbara Powell - September 22, 2013 at 03:29 PM

AS

“ *Nina Rhea, Ken, Kim, Kayla and Mrs Ondean: there are no words to express my sorrow for your loss. It's a loss to all who knew him. Joe has been in my life since about 1960 when I rode to school with him. He was like the big brother I never had. We have remained dear friends ever since and the one thing I admired most about Joe was how much he loved Nina Rhea and his kids. He loved being a brother to Bill, Sally and Janet. He spoke to me often about the grand kids and he just swelled with pride about them. I can honestly say I have never heard anyone say anything bad about Joe or Nina Rhea. They were truly the model couple. Nina Rhea and I were in each others weddings, had babies the same years and enjoyed Soso Elementary School days with Len, Kim and Stephen. Joe was always there to cheer on our Soso Girls Basketball Team when we were in high school. Guys, I will never forget the great friend that Joe was to my family and I will always love all of you as if you were mine. See y'all soon. Ann*

Ann Wigington Scarbrougj - September 22, 2013 at 01:00 PM

KH

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your precious loved one. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May God bring you peace and comfort.
Kathy and Butch Hinshaw

Kathy and Donald Hinshaw - September 20, 2013 at 05:58 PM

TW

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Tara Welborn and Rob Parker

Tara Welborn - September 20, 2013 at 10:18 AM

NJ

“ *Nina, we regret we were unable to attend Joe's wake. Linda and my prayers are with you and your family. Joe was a good man. He will be missed.*

Nonnie and Linda Jefcoat - September 20, 2013 at 08:58 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss, it is a shock and my prayers remember you all. May the Lord Jesus Christ be your strength and order your steps in the days ahead.*

Jacquelyn Coats Stennett - September 20, 2013 at 08:08 AM

SB

“ I grew up down the road from Joe and Nina Rhea and the kids. Kim and I were in the same grade and I spent a lot of time at their home. The one thing I'll never forget about Joe was his laugh. He laughed a lot and it was LOUD. You could hear it anywhere in the house. I think the world of the whole family and I want you guys to know that I'll be praying for you all. May God wrap his loving arms around each of you and give you strength and comfort in the days to come.
Steve

Steve Bryan - September 19, 2013 at 10:38 PM

AB

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this tragic time. May you find peace and comfort in the days to come. Sincerely, Keith, Ashley, Annalea and Hayden Bryant

Ashley Bryant - September 19, 2013 at 10:32 PM

WM

“ Nina and Family, Just wanted you to know that you have been in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. May you find comfort in knowing that you have Christian friends who are praying for you and your family. May the Lord bless and comfort you. May He give you an extra portion of strength and love during these days.
Love, Wayne, Marsha and Billy

Wayne, Marsha & Billy Meeks - September 19, 2013 at 08:34 PM

ST

“ We are so sorry for your tragic loss. May you remember the promise of God's presence even in the midst of your greatest pain, question, fear and aloneness. To not "feel" his presence does not mean he is not with you. It is his promise, without feelings, that you know to be true that will give you strength. Love, Marion

Steve and Marion Tillman - September 19, 2013 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ *Nina and family, We want to express our sympathy for your loss. We love your family and wish you strength and peace during this sad time. We won't be able to be with you but we'll have you in our prayers. May the Lord bless and comfort you. Love, James and Edie*

James and Edith Shoemake - September 19, 2013 at 07:30 PM

A3

“ *Mr Joe will be missed by family, friends, and all who the opportunity to meet and know him*

Andy Johnson (VP Local 3200) - September 19, 2013 at 06:18 PM

DH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of great loss. May the sweet memories be of comfort to you. Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

Denson Hilbun - September 19, 2013 at 05:32 PM

RW

“ My family and I are extremely sad to hear about Mr. Joe’s passing. My mom (Florence Henry) took it very hard because she took care of him when he was a young boy. Mr. Joe came over many times to sit and talk with mom and dad (Birthola Henry) and would often bring them a mess of fish. My sister Sandra Henry Sanders said she use to baby sit his son and prior to the death of my youngest brother (Sam), Mr. Joe would get him to help him work. Mr. Joe was a good man and will be sadly missed. Remember that God will always be by your side and will help you through Mr. Joe’s home going. If our family can help you in any way please do not hesitate to give us a call. The family of Birthola and Florence Henry of Soso, MS

Regina Henry Ward - September 19, 2013 at 05:25 PM

MM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Joe's accidental death. God always knows what is best, and we are not to question His work. However, that does not ease the pain that you suffer when you lose a loved one. May God's richest blessings be with you during this difficult time.

Martile V. Moss - September 19, 2013 at 12:01 PM

HR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Joe always had a smile & a wave when we passed by and if we stopped a kind word to say. His presence will be missed here in the community. May The Holy Spirit give you comfort and peace in the coming months ahead. God Bless

Harold & Dawn Russell - September 19, 2013 at 10:44 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Cheryl Walker Grant Schoolmate

Cheryl Walker Grant - September 18, 2013 at 05:44 PM