



Freda Sylvest Welch

May 23, 1938 - October 15, 2023

FREDA SYLVEST WELCH, AGE 85

And a resident of Franklinton passed away Sunday afternoon October 15, 2023 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home. She was a longtime active member of Bethel Baptist Church, where she loved serving as a children's Sunday School leader for years and enjoyed singing in the church choir. Freda worked as the secretary at Franklinton Junior High School for many years and later was the secretary at Hillcrest Baptist Church for a short while. It was around this time that she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, which led to her retiring, and later prevented her from being as active in the community as she wanted. Freda thoroughly enjoyed serving in the Sylvest Cabin at Mile Branch Settlement every October at the Washington Parish Free Fair. This was her family's history and she loved to share that with the thousands of visitors she met over the years. She was even recognized as the Mile Branch Settlement Catalog Honoree in 2012, something she was always very proud of.

Survived by:

Daughter and Son in law: Lynn and Brad Morgan of Denham Springs

Son and Daughter in law: Stephen and Christina Welch of the Stony Point Community

5 Grandchildren and Spouses: Jason and Stacy Morgan,
Brian and Rachel Morgan,
Aaron Morgan,
Victoria Hunt,
Hunter Welch

7 Great-grandchildren: Braiden Morgan, Cole Morgan, Taylor Morgan, Kathryn Morgan, Lily Morgan, Bryce Morgan, Gabriel Hunt

3 Sisters in law: Nell Sylvest,
Jeanette Sylvest,
Marilyn Sylvest

Also numerous nieces, nephews and other family members

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years M. Enoch Welch, parents Cluster Sylvest and Lucille Snyder Sylvest, brothers Lawrence Sylvest, Billy Sylvest, Sammie Sylvest, Joe Floyd Sylvest, father in law and mother in law Milo and Ruth Welch, brother in law and sister in law Bruce and Genevieve Welch.

Visitation will be at Bethel Baptist Church (42592 Bethel Road, Franklinton) Tuesday October 17th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the church at 1:00 pm Tuesday with Rev. Rick Cook and grandson Rev. Brian Morgan officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers: Jason Morgan, Aaron Morgan, Hunter Welch, Braiden Morgan, Cole Morgan, Bryce Morgan

Tribute Wall

BB

“ I went to school many years ago with Freda, and Enoch was a cousin of mine. She was always the sweetest friend. So very sorry for her family and friends, and prayers for all of them.

Barbara Lang Breland - October 17, 2023 at 06:02 PM

JM

“ To her children, Lynn and Steve ... I don't know when your mom and dad married, but it wasn't long after, I think, when they were members of our little Second Baptist Church located near the baseball fields. Your dad led singing and I think Freda played the piano? Not sure! I was ten or eleven. All we kids just adored your mom and dad...they were the nicest, sweetest young couple! And this memory pops up... I think your mom was the first lady I ever remember seeing pregnant in maternity clothes! Yep! Thy were special!! I shall assume, rightfully so, that they remained that nice, sweet couple throughout their lives. May both Freda and Enoch rest in the sweet peace of Christ Jesus! Prayers for all of your family. May God bless each of you.



Judy McCasland Micelle - October 17, 2023 at 04:44 PM

JL

“ Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Freda Sylvest Welch



Juanita Luper - October 17, 2023 at 02:33 PM

SB

“ Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Freda Sylvest Welch



Susan Barber - October 17, 2023 at 11:14 AM

ME

“ Lynn, Steve and families,
It saddened me to get the news of Freda's death. But at the same time made me happy for her! She is with Enoch and Jesus! Her two most favorites!
I write from Italy. Hard to leave the aspens we all love, but it is lovely here, too! But even more beautiful in Heaven!
Sweet cousins, you know you have my love and prayers. I'll be in touch when I return in a couple of weeks.
Martha

Martha Elliott - October 17, 2023 at 08:55 AM

AJ

Orayers and thoughts are with the family. She was in Darryl's class. Always enjoyed visiting with her at class reunions. 💕

annwood Jenkins - October 17, 2023 at 09:53 AM

BG

“ I remember Ms Freda being the secretary when I was in Jr High. Always so friendly and helpful to all the students.



Bridgett Gill - October 17, 2023 at 08:52 AM

DJ

“ I transferred to the Franklinton Post Office in 1986. The junior high school was my regular stop delivering their mail. After awhile, Mrs. Freida, told me that we were cousins. She was so sweet! Prayers for the family.

Douglas Sylvest, Jr - October 17, 2023 at 02:03 AM

JN

“ Joy Nielson lit a candle in memory of Freda Sylvest Welch



Joy Nielson - October 16, 2023 at 09:12 PM

KS

“ Unable to attend high school my senior year, I spent school days with Aunt Freda. I had the blessing of getting to know her on a more adult level, although we loved having as much fun as two kids. Once we tried making divinity which ended in a ruined pot with the spoon stuck in the “cement.” We laughed so much about that disaster over the years.

Always loving to take short road trips, she liked to stop and explore old schools and churches and reading historical markers. No matter what direction she chose to start, we somehow always managed to find an ice cream cone on our way home.

Whatever we did, we laughed a lot. I probably laughed more that year than I had in the years prior.

But we almost got in trouble in funeral homes more than anywhere else. It seemed no matter the relationship to the deceased, if we sat together before services started, we always found ourselves laughing. Then we would laugh because we were laughing when we shouldn't! Never wanting to be disrespectful or discourteous, we decided it was probably best if we didn't sit near each other. But we always said we hoped we could laugh over a special memory at each other's funerals, even though one would be laughing from heaven.

Although it was a very difficult year for me physically, God knew I needed to spend that time with my dear Aunt Freda who loved Him and who knew how to love living and laughing. Thank you Father for the gift of Freda Sylvest Welch.

Kathy Sylvest - October 16, 2023 at 09:07 PM

DP

“ Steve, we are so sorry to hear about Ms. Freda passing. Sending our thoughts and prayers .



David and Debra Pigott - October 16, 2023 at 07:56 PM

CH

“ I’m so sorry for the loss of such a dear lady. Mrs Freda was the kindest, most humble person, with a great sense of humor. Knowing her truly was a blessing.

Charlotte Hornsby - October 16, 2023 at 05:11 PM

LR

“ Ms Freda was always so kind and friendly. How she put up with Dad all those years I will never know. She will truly be missed. God bless each of you during this time. Prayers for allop you

Lyne Logan Robbins - October 16, 2023 at 02:55 PM

SO

“ I FIRST MET AUNT FRDA WHEN I WAS 9 YEARS OLD, I REMEMBER —SHE WAS SO KIND, FUNNY, & MADE SURE WE ALL FELT WELCOMED, SHE WAS A JOY TO BE AROUND

Shelly Owensby - October 16, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Freda Sylvest Welch.



October 16, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Freda Sylvest Welch.

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PS

“ *She was a wonderful person. Prayers for the family.*

Peggy Strickland - October 16, 2023 at 01:19 PM

SL

Ms Freda I will always remember you and your craving for sweets. It was a pleasure working at Heritage Manor with you here. God bless your soul.

Shirell Lenoir - October 16, 2023 at 03:25 PM

GS

Very sorry to hear about Freda. My Prayers and sympathy for all of her family. Freda was a very nice person. God Bless all of you.

Gary Stafford - October 17, 2023 at 07:05 AM

LF

Lynn, I was so sorry to hear that your mom had passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Larry Fussell

Larry Fussell - October 17, 2023 at 09:48 AM



She was so sweet to me in school

Brandi Wallace - October 17, 2023 at 06:02 PM