



## Gerald Welch

April 16, 1932 - June 24, 2020

THOMAS GERALD WELCH, AGE 88

And a resident of the Richardson Community passed away peacefully early Wednesday morning June 24, 2020 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital with his family by his side. He was a United States Air Force veteran of the Korean War era that served his country proudly. Gerald was retired as a Safety Inspector after a long career with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. After retirement, he enjoyed working on the farm with his son, gardening and baling hay. He was forever guided in life by his trust and faith in the Lord. Gerald was a longtime deacon, Sunday School teacher, and leader at Bethel Baptist Church and Trinity Baptist Church for many years. He was one who looked for the best in others and always gave the best he had. Gerald was a devoted husband to the love of his life for 67 years as well as a devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Survived by:

Wife: Helen Creel Welch

Son and Daughter in law: Randy and Cindy Welch

Daughter and Son in law: Terri and Billy Brignac

Grandchildren and Spouses: Tracy and Terry Turner,  
Mandy and Wesley Eubanks,  
Kyle Goetting

Great-grandchildren: Hunter Turner,  
Kaylee Turner,  
Will Turner,  
Alana Byrd,  
Sarah Eubanks

Brothers and Sisters in law: Hollis and Barbara Welch,  
Michael and Sue Welch

Brothers in law and Sister in law: Charley and Sharron Creel,  
Fred Hoggatt

Also numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his infant twin sons, parents McCauley Welch and Audie Lee Welch, brother Sidney Ray Welch, sister and brother in law Lanell and Ray Martin, father in law and mother in law Houston and Eula Creel, sister in law Betty Josephine Hoggatt.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Friday June 26th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 1:00 pm Friday with Rev. Frederick Brumfield and Rev. Joe Kelly officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Kyle Goetting, Terry Turner, Hunter Turner, Will Turner, Wesley Eubanks, Mitch Welch, Matthew Welch



# Tribute Wall

EK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for your comfort.

Edna Kennedy - June 27, 2020 at 04:47 PM

RR

“ Sorry I will not be able to come to the service. I would like to send my sincere condolences to the entire family. My prayers are with you.

Dick Richardson

R W Richardson - June 26, 2020 at 10:56 AM

LB

“ Praying for ALL FAMILY 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏  
Mr Gerald was one of the Most Loving, Gentle, Christian Men I have ever known 🙏🙏. I was Blessed to know him personally and he Will be Missed Greatly at Bethel Baptist Church & in Our Community!! 😭😭. I am Praying 🙏 for his Family for their Great Loss of their Christian Husband, Father & Leader. 😭🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏. I will miss your Spiritual Guidance Mr Gerald 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Loretta Bracey - June 26, 2020 at 01:32 AM

RG

“ Gerald was an awesome, God led man. My prayers to Helen and all the family. 🙏❤️

Renee Grow - June 25, 2020 at 03:57 PM

SB

“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Gerald Welch*



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**Susan Barber** - June 25, 2020 at 01:43 PM

BH

“ *Condolences to the Gerald Welch family. He was a true Christian who loved God. Sincerely, Barbara Hunt*

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**Barbara Hunt** - June 25, 2020 at 12:17 PM

DP

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers . David and Deby Pigott*



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**Deby Pigott** - June 25, 2020 at 10:59 AM

RW

*God bless the family, Mr. Gerald was a good man, respectable, and God loving, a good neighbor, he will be missed.*

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**Robert Dale Walters** - June 25, 2020 at 11:13 AM

LD

“ My sympathy to Mrs.Helen, Randy, Terry and the entire family. Besides being my cousin, Mr Gerald was a constant in my life as I grew up in Bethel Baptist Church. He was a good man and his death saddens me. Praying for the family at this time.

*Linda Stringfield Day*

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**Linda Stringfield Day** - June 25, 2020 at 10:52 AM

DW

“ Mrs Helen, Randy and Terry Lynn, I'm so saddened to hear of Mr. Gerald's passing. I remember all our years at Bethel and the Welch family reunions. Mr. Gerald was always so kind and nice. He is having a big Welch reunion in Heaven. My prayers are with you all.  
*Donna Wood Wolff*

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**Donna Wolff** - June 25, 2020 at 08:57 AM

CH

“ Such a great shock to read of Mr Gerald's death tonight. Our loss is his gain. Mrs, Helen, I'll always remember the years we were members at Bethel Baptist Church. You and Mr Gerald and Terry were so faithful in serving the Lord. Every time we ran into each other your smiles made my day. May you find peace in grieving your loss. I love you. *Carolyn Hughes*

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**Carolyn Hughes** - June 25, 2020 at 12:52 AM

LG

“ I am at a loss for words. Mr. Gerald was one of the kindest men I have ever known. He had a loving,caring heart and was good to everyone. He especially loved God and was a great teacher with lots of wisdom. I will miss him very much, but I know he has well earned his mansion in Heaven. Love you Mrs. Helen.

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**Linda Stevens Galloway** - June 24, 2020 at 07:28 PM

PS

“ Mrs. Helen, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the loss of your husband. I enjoyed meeting Mr. Gerald at Tuesday morning Bible Study at Trinity. May the Lord comfort you at this time. Much love -- Peggy Strickland

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**Peggy Strickland** - June 24, 2020 at 06:33 PM

GS

*Prayers and sympathy to Gerald's family. God Bless All of You!!*

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**Gary Stafford** - June 25, 2020 at 08:55 AM

FC

*Dear Helen, thinking of you and saying a little prayer. Gerald was just a good man from good stock. We all go back a long way and have many happy memories. I know it has been a hard couple of months for you so I send my love, care, and prayers.  
Finley*

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**Finley Corkern** - June 25, 2020 at 09:38 AM

GF

*So sorry - he was a great guy*

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**Gerald Foret** - June 26, 2020 at 09:58 AM