



Darvin Okland Welch

January 27, 1946 - September 16, 2016

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Darvin, age 70, went to his Heavenly home on Friday, September 16, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. He was a resident of Ponchatoula. Darwin was the store owner of B&D Salvage Grocery in Kentwood and enjoyed running all aspects of his business. His family, children, and grandchildren were the light of his life and he loved spending time with them. He also loved to fish. Darwin was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend to all and will be deeply missed.

Darvin is survived by his wife of 45 years, Vickie Shaffer Welch; daughters, Marianne Lee and husband Jack, Carrie Tassin and husband George, and Amy Vicknair and husband Frank; son, Brian Welch and wife Sharon; sisters, Francis Pratt, Laverne Eldridge and husband Charles, and Lois Mitchell and husband James; brothers, Jim Welch and wife Patsy, and Mike Welch; grandchildren, Bryce, Lindsey, Emily, Kayla, Jayden, Tyler, Jaspen, Brianna, Trenton, Kaitlynn, and Ashlynn; and one great grandchild, Khloe.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Doyce Okland and Annie Mae Ferguson Welch; sister, Sibyle Stacy; and brothers, John, Bobby, and Gerald Welch.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Dr. David Cranford and Rev. Chris Chavers will officiate the service and interment will follow in Wetmore Cemetery.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Wetmore Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 370-9296

Funeral Service

SEP 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ *Martha Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Darvin Okland Welch*



Martha Thompson - September 21, 2016 at 12:45 PM

JR

“ *We will always remember the kindness and helpfulness Darvin showed us, Jerome & Marjorie.*

Jerome Rosenblatt - September 20, 2016 at 08:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darvin Okland Welch.*



September 19, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darvin Okland Welch.*



September 19, 2016 at 02:03 PM

RS

“ *Ricky & Julie Walmsley & Saff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Darvin Okland Welch.*



Ricky & Julie Walmsley & Saff - September 19, 2016 at 12:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darvin Okland Welch.*



September 19, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Darvin Okland Welch.*



September 19, 2016 at 09:16 AM

BW

“ *Brian & Sharon Welch purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Darvin Okland Welch.*



Brian & Sharon Welch - September 18, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darvin Okland Welch.*



September 18, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ *Darvin & I grew up together, worked together , fought together, he has been a life long friend, will miss him dearly, prayer's for his family*

william moudy - September 18, 2016 at 08:29 AM



“ *We were Darvin's and Vickie's neighbor years ago in Indianola Ms. Darvin and i got to be good friends and felt comfortable talking to each other about life's little problems. So one day i told Darvin that my wife was trying to talk me into having a vasectomy .Darvin said it was nothing to it that he was about to have one and i could check him out when he got his and returned home. A day or so later Darvin told me he was headed to get it done and would come home and get a little rest and would come over that afternoon. Well three day's later he still hadn't come out side so i went over there to check on him. I knocked and he didn't come to the door and yelled for me to come in. As soon as i went in he was rared back in his recliner with a ice pack . Before i could say anything he screamed at me don't you have this done. After i saw him i said don't you worry. So long story short i went home and told Judy you can forget this go have your tubes tied. A day never went by that we weren't joking and laughing about something . This is just one of my favorite memories about Darvin. I know he has every one laughing in heaven.*

Doty - September 17, 2016 at 11:24 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss Lois. I will remember your family in my prayers. Barbara Watson

Barbara Watson - September 17, 2016 at 10:26 PM

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“ Mr. Darwin was always full of smiles and surprises. He would drop treats (candy, cookies, etc) off to our office for the staff to share. He always teased and joked on facebook with us.

Just a sincere, sweet, friendly man. He will be so missed.

I'm so sorry to the Welch family.

Teresa D. Theard

Teresa Theard - September 17, 2016 at 07:57 PM