



## Dr. Michael W. Welch

July 28, 1945 - March 15, 2022

Dr. Michael W. Welch, 76, Passed away with family by his side on March 15, 2022. Dr. Welch was a native of Zachary, Louisiana and made Baton Rouge his home for over 40 years.

After graduating from Zachary High School in 1963, Dr. Welch pursued his degree in Education receiving a Bachelor of Arts and master's degree from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute (now Louisiana Tech University). He received his Doctorate of Education (Ed.D) from the University of Alabama. All of this would have not been possible, of course, if not for the first-rate proofreading and editing skills provided by his loving wife of 56 years, Joycelyn Marlene Bond which, Dr. Welch would agree, was the best decision made in an otherwise jejune high school experience.

Dr. Welch was a small business owner who, together with his wife, made a career of helping others underserved by society by providing rehabilitation services for the disabled as well as providing work placement opportunities for people suffering from addiction while simultaneously encouraging others to do the same as Adjunct Professor of Vocational assessment at Southern University all while raising two sons and being an incredible father as well.

Dr. Welch is survived by his brother, Dr. Joe Ben Welch (Eva Welch), his wife, the aforementioned Joy Bond Welch and his two sons, Tuck Welch (Susan Welch), a nurse anesthetist, and Zac Welch (Taffie Fredulund-Welch), a special educator and his two grandchildren, Tanner Welch and Camryn Welch. At Dr. Welch's request, no funeral or memorial services will be held. He asked

instead that in conversation with friends and loved ones, tell a fond story of his company while enjoying an excellent meal.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Thaylen Armstead lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael W. Welch*



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**Thaylen Armstead** - April 20, 2025 at 12:41 PM

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“*Uncle Mike was always cracking jokes and making everyone laugh! He once called the house and I picked up the phone. He said he needed to leave a message for MawMaw (his mom). He told me to tell her that Dr. “Abe Domen” called. It wasn’t until later in the day when I passed on the message to her that she laughed out loud and proclaimed “that was Michael Warren!”*

*Uncle Mike was a dear man who helped so many people throughout his life. We will miss him. He was dearly loved.*

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**Sandi Dobbs** - March 20, 2022 at 04:38 PM