



Darald R. Welch

August 13, 1937 - June 2, 2013

Darald Roy Welch, was born August 13, 1937 in McFarland, California. He passed away peacefully on June 2, 2013 at home in his sleep.

Darald was the first son of James and Lillie Welch. He was raised in the San Joaquin Valley in California. As a farm boy, he was active in 4-H, excelled in FFA by winning tractor driving contests and showing Hereford cows and steers. He lettered in track and football. Darald met the love of his life, Virginia Owensby, at church youth group. They celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on February 2nd of this year.

Darald developed a love for flying as a teenager, owned many different airplanes and flew for over 40 years. He loved any and everything that dealt with airplanes and flying. Over the years, he enjoyed helping friends with airplane projects.

In January of 1965, he and Virginia left California and moved their two small children; Ronald and Brenda, to the Columbia Basin. His first job was with Pure Gro and later became a partner in Moses Lake Air Service. He flew crop dusters and especially loved the fringe benefit of being able to buzz his friends with the airplane. In 1969, he and Virginia had another daughter, Dawna. The next year they bought a farm east of town, and had their last child, Amanda. He continued to live there until his death. He farmed for 28 years until Ronald took over the family farm in 1998. During his farming years, he was a member of the Mosquito Control Board, Grant County Noxious Weed board and earned Moses Lake Conservation District Farmer of the Year in 1975. He also

was the Past Master of the Moses Lake Masonic Lodge 174. He farmed mostly certified seed crops, being one of the first farmers to raise certified alfalfa seed utilizing leafcutter bees. During these years, he enjoyed hunting and being the camp cook on pack trips.

In his retirement years he enjoyed his grandchildren, supporting all their many activities. He also loved woodworking, fixing/building things for family and friends and leaving his mark of his DW brand on everything he made. He and Virginia loved to travel in their 5th wheel, taking numerous trips through the western US, Canada, and Alaska. He also enjoyed fishing with family and friends. His greatest pride was his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia; son, Ronald (Christy) Welch; daughters, Brenda Welch, Dawna (Chuck) Sandmann and Amanda (Paul) Good. Grandchildren; Heidi, Hannah, and Nicholas Welch; Whit (Kiley) Dixon, Trista, Tabitha and Brady Dixon; Taya, Alexya and Farrya "sweetpea" Sandmann; Eleanor and Emily Good. Great-Grandchildren; Paisley and Lane Dixon. His mother, Lillie Welch and only brother, Marvin (Kitty) Welch of California. He was preceded in death by his father, James Roy Welch. He was a great man and will be dearly missed by all. We Love him!

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Service

JUN 7. 10:30 AM.

Welch Family Farm

Tribute Wall



“ We are so sorry to hear about Darald... He and his family are such wonderful people... Our thoughts and prayers are for you all... Please don't hesitate to call on us anytime for anything... Sincerely... Greg, Jim & Bette...
##imported-begin##Jim, Elizabeth & Greg Cochran##imported-end##

August 06, 2013 at 09:15 PM



“ Our sympathy to the Welch Family in the loss of your dad. We send our prayers to you all. Brenda growing up with you, your parents always extended warmth to whomever walked into their home. As a little girl, it left an impression on me. Lots of love!
Jeff & Sharon (Rogers) Zornes
25 Snow Meadow Lane, Stafford, VA 22554##imported-begin##Jeff and Sharon Zornes##imported-end##

July 12, 2013 at 12:02 AM



“ Dear Virginia & Family

Was stunned and saddened to learn yesterday of the passing of cousin Darald. His "California Cousins" all have many memories of our family get-togethers while growing up together in the Valley. My sister and I will certainly miss Darald's annual "Christmas Card Call" (Billie still has his voicemail message from the last call!). Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we will be in touch. Love, Barbara & John

Ps to Amanda: I have lost your address but will get it from your Mom. Thank you for bringing your Grandmother to visit us in Cambria & for the pictures of your beautiful family.##imported-begin##Barbara Welch Gardiner##imported-end##

June 29, 2013 at 12:07 AM



“ Our family would like to thank all of you for "everything" this past week. I am at a loss of words to truly convey the gratitude for the kindness that was shown to our family.

I am very thankful for both my parents and the life that was provided by them. Both my mom and dad set great examples for our family, and I dearly love them both.##imported-begin##Brenda Welch##imported-end##

June 11, 2013 at 02:23 PM



“ *Virgina, Ron, Brenda and the rest of the family. So sorry to hear of Darald's passing. Having lost my dad some 30 years ago, I still recall the pain I felt when it happened. It will pass, never totally die, but be replaced by wonderful memories of a great man who did so much to all of you and his community.*

I still remember him having a bbq in the back yard on Lakeshore Drive and me throwing a rubber washer from the hose into the Charcoal grill. It was one of the few times I ever saw him mad at me and I knew it was time to go home!

Even though it's been long ago since I saw him, I recall his smile, firm hand shake and him being one of those folks you could trust. My dad also very much enjoyed Darald. He indeed will be missed by a lot of folks. Take care and I will let my mom (92) know as well. I know she would also extend condolences.

Take care of each other.##imported-begin##Rich Foeppel##imported-end##

June 10, 2013 at 09:37 PM



“ *To the Welch family: you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know Darald will be greatly missed by so many, but it sounds like you had a wonderful tribute to him today.##imported-begin##Lisa Ruff##imported-end##*

June 07, 2013 at 11:31 PM



“ Like many I heard speak today, I don't know how I knew Darald, I just did. It seemed like many "just knew him and didn't know how". For me, He always greeted me like we were old friends, with hearty enthusiasm, a big grin and a firm handshake.....Oh what a handshake. That grin coupled with the mischievous look in this eyes always made me think he had something funny on his mind that I'd just reminded him of or perhaps a joke he wanted to tell.

He expressed to me once that he "had all anybody could ask for". He truly cherished and appreciated his family, his home and the life he had here.

Darald will be missed.##imported-begin##Alan Heroux##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 09:38 PM



“ Mrs Welch:

I am so sorry for your loss. Your husband was one of the nicest people I ever had the pleasure to meet. I always remember his giagiantic smile when ever he stopped by mey parent's home. You were wwonderful neighbors and my parents spoke very highly of you. Mr Welch will be missed. I'm sure he and my dad Russel Hadley are in heaven at this moment telling stories. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lee##imported-begin##Lee Hadley##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 03:17 PM



“ My sympathy is with you during this difficult time. It was always a pleasure to see Darald come into the USDA office for business. I often times called him into my office for what always turned into a humorous discussion. I teased him for years after breaking through the ice with his plane on Moses Lake. He was a successful and gentleman farmer and it was my pleasure to associate with him. Ben Davis, retired Grant County USDA Director.##imported-begin##Ben Davis##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ We are so very sorry on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in these sad times. Jackie are unable to make the service today. We will never forget the good times we had in our over the hill dance club.##imported-begin##Jim & Jackie Garrison##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 01:26 PM



“ My prayers are with your family.. Love talking and joking with Darald...He would call me Earlimart. He knew that would get me going... We lived in McFarland for 5 yrs... Will miss his smiling face..##imported-begin##Bea Cospet##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 12:15 PM



“ Hi Welch Family,
Just want to let you know how much we love you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, in this tough time. We will always remember Darald with fond memories. He was a positive influence in our lives, as we grew up hanging out with Ron. He and Virginia have always been interested in our lives and the lives of our children. He will be missed! It will be sad to not see his smiling face and big hug. He was a wonderful man , and we are lucky to have had him in our lives.
Laurie and Iver Odegaard and Family###imported-begin##Laurie Odegaard###imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 11:59 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.###imported-begin##Forrest & Joanne Reich###imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 11:57 AM



“ Gary and I want to express our deepest regrets and our prayers to the Welch family. He will be greatly missed by all!
Gary and Patty Wilson###imported-begin##Gary and Patty Wilson###imported-end##

June 06, 2013 at 11:33 PM



“ Just a wonder full person, and good friend. Dave & Donna###imported-begin##David J. Link & Donna Link###imported-end##

June 06, 2013 at 10:15 PM



“ We are just two old farm boys in blue jeans. You were just older than me. In the 40 plus years that I have known you I have always enjoyed You're company. I am sorry that you are gone.##imported-begin##Ron Piercy##imported-end##

June 06, 2013 at 04:47 PM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I will miss the occasional times I was able to visit with him. He was an extremely nice person. I'm sorry I will be unable to attend the services. My best to your family.##imported-begin##Cheryl Elkins##imported-end##

June 06, 2013 at 02:31 PM



“ Darald was not only a friend and neighbor but an example of the kind of person we should all strive to be. We are very sorry for the loss. God Bless.##imported-begin##Brent Bishop##imported-end##

June 06, 2013 at 12:24 PM



“ Dear Virginia and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you Virginia,am so sorry to read about Darold, please know you can call me anytime.I will be thinking about all of you. Love, Jane Griffith##imported-begin##Jane Griffith##imported-end##

June 06, 2013 at 12:18 AM



“ Virgina &Family we are very sorry for your loss. We will also miss are good friend Darald.##imported-begin##Gary & Diana Castle##imported-end##

June 05, 2013 at 09:48 PM



“ Thinking of you all and sending our deepest sympathy. Darald and dad can now sit together swapping stories with mom listening in.##imported-begin##Marci St Germain##imported-end##

June 05, 2013 at 07:32 PM



“ Dear Virginia and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. We miss Darald so much. Angel considered him his best friend. He will miss going fishing with his "buddy".
You are in our thoughts and prayers. And we thank you for your friendship and all the good times.
Lots of Love,
Angel and Grace##imported-begin##Grace Betes##imported-end##

June 05, 2013 at 05:58 PM



“ So happy to have known Darald and witness his deep love for his family. Our hearts are sorrowing for the loss of this dear man and we know his passing will leave a hole in the heart of many. Our prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Bonnie and Bob Dirks##imported-end##

June 05, 2013 at 10:55 AM



“ We are saddened by the passing of Darald. We will miss him. Our prayers go to Virginia and his family.##imported-begin##Judy and Bruce Donner##imported-end##

June 05, 2013 at 09:07 AM



“ *My heart grieves for you in your great loss. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. With love, Kristin* *##imported-begin##Kristin Novasky Reichner##imported-end##*

June 05, 2013 at 12:31 AM



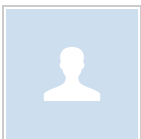
“ *Virginia and Family,*
We are so very sorry for your loss, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. *##imported-begin##Elvis & June Swisher##imported-end##*

June 04, 2013 at 10:45 PM



“ *Virginia, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Darald was a fantastic man and always wonderful whenever our paths crossed whether it was back when I was with Columbia Basin Seed or when you and Darald took swing dance lessons the same time my wife and I did. Most memorable was the day I was returning from Seattle after my wife passed away and was trying to locate cemetary plots close to her parents. When I found out you guys had the plots right next to them and you were willing to sell. My heart smiled. You and Darald are the greatest and no words can express my gratitude. All I know is the world was a much better place with Darald and now heaven has got to be a much better place. May God give you and your family the strength to get through this time of grief. May God Bless and keep you near.* *##imported-begin##Jess Kilpatrick##imported-end##*

June 04, 2013 at 09:37 PM



“ *Feeling so saddend by the news. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.* *##imported-begin##Chera & Craig Anderson##imported-end##*

June 04, 2013 at 02:37 PM



“ To the Welch family; we are so sad to learn that Darald passed away. His zest for life was truly contagious. He made everyone with whom he came in contact with, feel special. What was so unique about him, was that he truly valued the simple things in life, never taking a single moment for granted, always fortunate and thankful for the many blessings he received. The most important things in Darald's life, was his family. What a privilege it was to know him, during his life on earth. How do you say "Goodbye" to a man who led his family with grace, dignity & humor, for so many years. It is impossible! To his family, his words of wisdom & quick wit, will live on through all of you. So it will never be goodbye, simply, see you soon! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cathy & Paul###imported-begin##Cathy and Paul Kersey###imported-end##

June 04, 2013 at 01:58 PM



“ So sorry about the passing of your father. We always enjoyed his stopping and talking to us in his little red car.###imported-begin##Jeff & Linda Dowland###imported-end##

June 04, 2013 at 12:48 PM



“ Darald was such a good friend to so many and strong suport to our community. He has left us with so many good memories. Our prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin##Dick and Nancy Philen###imported-end##

June 04, 2013 at 11:52 AM



“ Virginia Dee and Family:

We are so sorry to hear the news. Darald was a fine man and a pleasure to be around. We share in your loss.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Sincerely,

*Dick and Shirley##imported-begin##Dick and Shirley
Owensby##imported-end##*

June 04, 2013 at 10:46 AM



“ *Darald has set such a good and solid example through the years. It really is folks like him that contribute to the strength and stability of a community. I have always admired the honesty and kindness Darald shared with me. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Ron Tebow##imported-end##*

June 04, 2013 at 09:19 AM



“ *Thinking of you and your family. Sorry for your loss. Bill Dress##imported-begin##Bill Dress##imported-end##*

June 04, 2013 at 12:03 AM



“ *To the Welch Family.*

Darald was a very special person and will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##John and Nancee Woodard##imported-end##

June 03, 2013 at 11:09 PM