



## David Welch

December 9, 2023

David Welch passed away early December 9, 2023, from an acute illness. While David has seen many health issues over the past year, this was a sudden development unrelated to his long challenge as a dialysis patient. We were fortunate to have him with us as long as we did. He struggled with his health issues for many years, always presenting the best person he could muster. He was well known among the health care community for his positive attitude and willingness to encourage other patients during their trying times. Those that know him would say that would be exactly how he tried to be for everyone.

David spent his career as an educator, receiving his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Ball State with advanced certifications from Purdue. His teaching career began in 1972, in Brookeville, Indiana. He then taught in the Noblesville school system at Stony Creek, North, Hinkle Creek, and Noble Crossing. He spent his later years with the Gifted program, a role he relished and in which he excelled. Many have described David as "their favorite teacher," a well deserved and most cherished title.

He loved to help people outside of work. He spoke often of his time working on the Suicide Prevention Lifeline on one extreme and counseling Miss America candidates on their interview questions on the other.

He was also an avid collector of pottery, art, music and books. His appreciation and recollection of the expression and investment each item represented was remarkable.

Sadly, David didn't get to enjoy the Christmas season this year. To say he loved the holiday would be a massive understatement.

We'll miss him always. Let's remember him with a smile.

David was the son of John and Myrtle Welch of Anderson, Indiana. He is survived by his brother and sister in law, Randy and Donna Welch of Loveland, Ohio.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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# Tribute Wall

AK

“ My most favorite teacher ever and one of the most exceptional humans I’ve known has passed. David Welch was wickedly funny, brilliantly talented and beautifully creative. He was an inspiration to the countless number of students whose lives he touched through his teaching years. He has continued to inspire us all, as we’ve watched him face the overwhelmingly unfair number of health challenges placed in his path, with faith, grace and positivity. (And often even humor!) His passion for teaching, serving others and spreading joy will forever be unmatched. His impact on my 5th grade self led me to choose teaching as a profession and I strived to create the same learning environment for my students as he did for me. My heart is broken, but I am so very thankful to know he is hurting no more. Rest easy, Mr. Welch. 🙏❤️

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**Angela Koven** - December 18, 2023 at 09:48 AM

IS

“ Some teachers you just never forget. Rest in peace, Mr. Welch

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**isabelle** - December 14, 2023 at 10:45 PM

JB

“ During our "city" in 4th grade, I was the radio DJ and was allowed to make mixed tapes of my favorite music during school to share with our class. The next year, I was so excited to be a banker because I got to write checks and manage everyone's money. I also remember when Mr. Welch let me celebrate my 10th birthday with our class. I planned it all out: baked brownies, bought fruit roll-ups, made goodie bags, and watched *The Princess Bride*. It was epic! I have so many fond memories of my time in his classes. He made learning so fun and the joy he radiated had a massive impact on the lives of so many kids. I feel so lucky to have known him. Rest in peace, Mr. Welch.

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**Jamie Bottila** - December 14, 2023 at 12:46 AM

MG

“ One of my best childhood memories is being blessed to have Mr Welch as my teacher TWICE in elementary school! That, and being selected as the "Mayor" of Creekwood Falls, our history/social studies/life skills city in 5th grade. He made learning FUN!

*His smile was ever present~ regardless of his personal struggles.  
His light will be tremendously missed!*

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**Molly Guyer Goudy** - December 13, 2023 at 03:42 PM

AF

“ A wonderful friend & teacher!

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**Amy Foss** - December 13, 2023 at 02:20 PM

TM

“ Over 40 years ago, David Welch was my 3rd grade math teacher at Stony Creek Elementary. One of my formative memories is getting in trouble in his class, which was absolutely devastating to me (even though I totally deserved it). The thing that has stayed with me to this day is how kind, patient, and fair he was even in that moment. You were a good man and a good teacher, Mr. Welch.

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**Tonya Miles** - December 13, 2023 at 02:02 PM