



Mark Alexander Welch

June 18, 1986 - January 14, 2018

Mark Alexander Welch, 31, of Rockford died on January 14, 2018 in his home. Born on June 18, 1986 in Barrington, son of John and Bonnie (Sutherland) Welch. Mark attended St. Rita Catholic School and graduated from Boylan High School class of 2004, attended University of Wyoming on an academic scholarship. Mark was employed at Walmart. He loved animals, especially his Pit Bull, Mackey. From an early age, he marched to the beat of his own drum. He was never one to care what others thought of his decisions, and was incredibly worldly and street smart. He was a meticulous woodworker, paying attention to every little detail and creating beautiful pieces. Mark always had a Mt. Dew at the ready, tucked into his cargo pants, or jacket pocket. Mark loved spending time outdoors; he also had a special relationship with his grandparents. He was a treasured and much loved child of his parents, John and Bonnie and loved greatly by his brother, Matthew (Hayley) Welch; nephews, Lucas and Noah Welch; numerous Aunts, Uncles, Great-Aunts, Great-Uncles; cousins; special cousin, Jase Turvold; cousins and special people in his life, Michelle and Brittany Brummett and Tiffany Malcomson. Preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Bob and Roseann Welch and maternal grandparents, Elmer and Frances Sutherland. Please honor Mark's memory by dressing in his favorite attire, jeans and a t-shirt at his celebration of life service. Visitation on Friday, January 19, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Heartland Community Church, 1280 S. Alpine Rd. Celebration of Life at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Josh Peigh will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials in

Mark's memory may be made either to Hope Over Addiction, 4615 E. State Street; Suite 15; Rockford, IL 61108 or Shatter Our Silence (S.O.S.), c/o KP Counseling, 6392 Linden Rd. Rockford, IL 61109 Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Heartland Community Church
1280 South Alpine Road
Rockford, IL

Celebration of Life

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Alexander Welch



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - January 18, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ John and Bonnie, I know it's been a while since Mark crossed over but words are still inadequate for such an enormous loss. Lots of love, Tammy

Tammy Wardemann - October 06, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ Tammy Wardemann lit a candle in memory of Mark Alexander Welch



Tammy Wardemann - October 06, 2019 at 05:54 PM

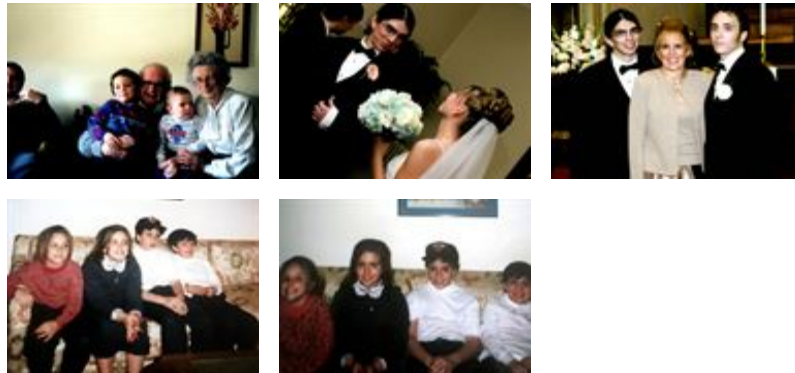


“ We are so sorry for your loss. There are no words. We know Jase loved him very much
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Larry and Jean perrett

Larry and Jean perrett - January 18, 2018 at 07:32 PM



“ 200 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - January 18, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mark Alexander Welch.



January 18, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *My thoughts are with you. Take care.*

Darlene Woelffer - January 17, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ *Rest In Peace Mark. Bonnie and John I'm So sorry to hear the news. My prayers are with you god bless*



Andre - January 16, 2018 at 11:21 PM

CH

“ Bonnie and John you are in my thoughts and prayers. So very sorry to hear about Mark. It seems just like yesterday that my Andria and Mark were at Boylan together.

Cyndi (Vincent) Haffenden

Cyndi Haffenden - January 16, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Alexander Welch.



January 16, 2018 at 01:30 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss John and Bonnie. You and your family are in my prayers. Joe Stellern.

joe stellern - January 16, 2018 at 08:33 AM

Jamie
Aileen

“ Mark was my buddy cousin. I remember waiting for him to be done reading with Grandpa after school so we could play. It always took FOREVER in my mind. He was the first person I looked for at family dinners. There was always so much laughter amongst the entire family. We told the same stories so much that Mark would forget that they didn't happen to him and that's how he became the memory thief 😭 There are so many other memories like when we were bored on Thanksgiving and decided we were going to start a band, pretty sure the "we" was mainly me but he was a good sport and joined me anyway, laughing the entire time. There aren't enough words in the universe to explain the grief and heartbreak that my aunt, uncle, and cousin are going through but there are plenty of words to share a way Mark brought joy to our lives. Please share a good memory to bring a smile through the tears.

Jamie Aileen - January 15, 2018 at 07:14 PM

DB

“ In lieu of flowers, I am making a donation to Hope Over Addiction in Mark's memory, so his loss may help lift others!



Dave Barber - January 15, 2018 at 06:08 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Alexander Welch.



January 15, 2018 at 01:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Alexander Welch.*



January 15, 2018 at 01:06 PM