



## Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.

February 2, 1937 - May 17, 2025

WELCH, Mr. Kermit Alfonso Jr. - Age 88, passed away Saturday, May 17, 2025 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at Saints of God Church, 2200 Forest Hill Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Alfred L. Harris Sr., officiating. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Tuesday. Mr. Welch will repose in the chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunday, with family present to receive friends. Kermit Alfonso Welch, Jr. was born on February 2, 1937 in Sherrill, Arkansas, the second of three children to parents Kermit Sr. and Mary (Stephenson) Welch. He came to know and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized at a young age. As a high school student, he and his family moved from Pine Bluff, Arkansas to Flint, Michigan. Kermit graduated from Flint Northern High School. While there, he was a good student and excelled as a member of the track team. Upon graduation, Kermit worked a few jobs before joining General Motors where he would begin his career. In his early years at General Motors, he enlisted in the United States Army along with his younger brother, Tommy. Kermit trained as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division where he completed numerous successful parachute jumps and received an honorable discharge. He subsequently earned an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree from Flint Junior College (now Mott Community College) and became an Electrician which led to a career at General Motors Corporation Chevrolet Truck and Bus Division that spanned

over 50 years. Kermit met and married Constance (Wynn) Welch and they raised five children together. During his lifetime he served as President of the Flint Black Caucus, Shop Committeeman and Photographer for UAW Local 598. He joined Oman Temple–Flint, was a lifetime member of the NAACP, and was active in political spaces in his community including serving as a successful campaign manager. Kermit was outgoing and enjoyed engaging others in a wide range of conversations from politics to the weather. His dedication and attention to political issues were instilled in his children as well as his commitment to educational excellence. Kermit was always present for graduations and rewarded scholarly achievement. In his spare time, Kermit was an avid speculator who enjoyed visiting casinos and attending horse races. Kermit is survived by the mother of his children, Constance Welch of Baltimore, MD; children, Kathy Roberts of Flint, MI, Angela Staten of Baltimore, MD, Kermit Alfonso (Zerell) Welch III of Leesburg, VA, Katrina Welch-Smith of Columbia, MD, and Karla Lawrence of Mt. Morris, MI; sister-in-law, Martha Mays; grandchildren, Herschel (Taneshia) Roberts of Columbia, SC, Kayla Welch-Lawrence of Detroit, MI, Amanda (Matthew) Kelley of Richmond, VA, Michael Roberts of San Jose, CA, Stephen Staten of San Francisco, CA, Dr. Kristian Welch of Washington, DC, Brandt Welch of Hyattsville, MD, and Noah Staten of San Jose, CA, Sydney Smith and Simone Smith both of Columbia, MD; great grandchildren, Kalen, Makhi, Kaycee all of Detroit, MI, and Riley of Columbia, SC; cousin Annette Brown of Sherrill, AR; nephew, Reginald (Darlene) Woolfolk of Grand Blanc, MI; cousin, Dr. Angela Brown of St. Louis, MO; step-grandson, Dwan (Valerie) Finney of Buckeye, AZ; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Kermit was preceded in death by his parents, Kermit Sr., and Mary Welch; sister, Minnie Marie Welch; brother, Tommy Welch; uncles, Johnny Stevens, Alec Brown, and Willie English Sr.; aunts Georgia Coggeshell, Lillian Brown, and Mazie English; father-in-law, Jerry Wynn Sr.; mother in-law, Dora Alma Wynn; brothers-in-law, Jerry Wynn Jr. and Pastor Louis H. Mays; niece, Yasmin Dicks; sons-in-law, Herschel Roberts and David Smith. Special thank you to Pastor and First

Lady Alfred Harris, Sr., Saints of God Church Family, Eric and Lindsey Ford and staff at Ford Special Care, and Compassus Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Family Present

MAY 25. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Viewing

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MAY 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saints of God Church  
2200 Forest Hill Avenue  
Flint, MI

## Funeral Service

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MAY 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Ruthi Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.*



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**Ruthi Hill** - June 10, 2025 at 09:32 AM

AO

“ *Alice Odneal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.*



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**Alice Odneal** - June 03, 2025 at 10:25 AM

TC

“ *My Sincere Condolences to the entire Welch family.*

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**Teresa Claxton-Frelix** - June 02, 2025 at 12:22 PM

CP

“ *Char Shneise Pippins lit a candle in memory of Kermit Welch*



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**Char Shneise Pippins** - May 28, 2025 at 01:15 PM

GL

“ Gail LaFleur lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.



Gail LaFleur - May 27, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr..



May 27, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr..

May 27, 2025 at 08:16 PM

BH

“ My Condolences to the Family R.I.P in peace



Betty Hobson-Rosborough - May 27, 2025 at 07:37 PM

AP

“ My sincere condolences to my classmates and friends Kathy, Angela & Kermit. And to Karla & Katrina who I met later ... praying for you all. 🙏



Arnenia Peoples-Odum - May 27, 2025 at 11:52 AM

LW

“ Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Kathy Roberts and family during this difficult time. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.


LaShaunda and Mary Warren - May 26, 2025 at 10:48 PM

DH

“ Dorothy Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.



Dorothy Harvey - May 26, 2025 at 05:05 PM

 Aretha Ponder-Bradley

“ Aretha Ponder-Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.



Aretha Ponder-Bradley - May 26, 2025 at 12:10 PM

KP

“ *Kendra Peacock purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr..*



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**Kendra Peacock** - May 25, 2025 at 11:43 PM

SO

“ *Sharon O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr..*

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**Sharon O.** - May 25, 2025 at 10:45 PM

FM

“ *Farrow Malone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.*



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**Farrow Malone** - May 25, 2025 at 09:52 PM

JM

“ *Jerdine Malone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.*



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**Jerdine Malone** - May 25, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr..*



May 25, 2025 at 07:51 PM



“ *Dr. Natoya D. Coleman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr..*



**Dr. Natoya D. Coleman** - May 25, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ *Eric Oneal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.*



**Eric Oneal** - May 25, 2025 at 06:28 PM



“ *Our Love and Prayers are with Kathy and family. God bless you all.*



**Freda, Gene Leverette** - May 25, 2025 at 12:11 AM

PF

“ Pam Buck & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr..

Pam Buck & Family - May 24, 2025 at 03:48 PM

PF

“ Pam Buck & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr..



Pam Buck & Family - May 24, 2025 at 03:48 PM

AF

“ Our deepest condolences to the Welch Family during this time of sadness and loss.

Herman and Stephanie Anthony (Robb)

Anthony Family - May 23, 2025 at 06:15 PM

HA

“ Herman And Stephanie (Robb) Anthony lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.



Herman and Stephanie (Robb) Anthony - May 23, 2025 at 05:58 PM

CJ

“ Cynthia Y. Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.



Cynthia Y. Jones - May 23, 2025 at 12:54 PM

TF

“ The Roberts family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr..



The Roberts family - May 23, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ George Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.



George Washington - May 23, 2025 at 02:57 AM

RA

“ ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Kermit Welch



ReGina Adams - May 22, 2025 at 10:25 AM

RU

“ Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We extend our deepest condolences and are holding your family close in our hearts. Barakas and Kim Rushing.



Rushing - May 21, 2025 at 09:41 PM

FM

“ I fondly remember Mr Welch coming into my office and he would share stories of his life and talk about his children. He was a nice and kind man. He had a sense of humor as well where he often would have the staff laughing. My prayers are with his family!

Felicia Martin - May 21, 2025 at 06:33 PM

VB

“ Vickie Broome lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.



Vickie Broome - May 21, 2025 at 02:11 PM

KJ

“ My deepest condolences to the Welch family in the loss of your husband and father. 🙏  
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Khris Johnson - May 21, 2025 at 12:48 PM

SB

“ My condolences to the family of Kermit, friend, a co- worker. My prayers are with you and sorry for your loss. A nice person.



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**Shirley Blassingame** - May 21, 2025 at 11:41 AM

CD

“ Sorry for your loss he will true be missed rode on the bus with him praying for that family



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**Cindy Duncan** - May 21, 2025 at 08:37 AM

KN

“ Kenneth Nesbitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.



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**Kenneth Nesbitt** - May 20, 2025 at 08:47 PM

AD

“ My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during their time of bereavement!



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**AC Dumas** - May 20, 2025 at 11:18 AM

IJ

“ Dear Welch Family -- Please accept my sincerest condolences. --  
Irene (Evans) Johnson

Irene L Johnson - May 20, 2025 at 09:52 AM

CH

“ Carolyn Hendrix lit a candle in memory of  
Kermit Welch



Carolyn Hendrix - May 20, 2025 at 09:36 AM

JF

“ Jody & Terry Franklin sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Mr. Kermit Alfonso Welch Jr.



Jody & Terry Franklin - May 19, 2025 at 03:01 PM

J(

“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a  
candle in memory of Kermit Welch



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - May 19, 2025 at 01:31 PM

DW

My Condolences to the the Welch family. 🙏❤️

Doris Wyatt - June 03, 2025 at 06:50 PM