



## Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.

March 10, 1935 - February 20, 2022

WELCH, Mr. Robert S. Sr. "Bob" - Age 86, passed away Sunday, February 20, 2022, at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, March 4, 2022, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 711 S. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Father Don Davidson, officiating. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, G-3415 Hill Rd. Grand Blanc, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Friday. Mr. Welch will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Thursday, with family present to receive friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. Mr. Welch was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army. He loved wildlife. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum.

They can be mailed or dropped off to 2142 N. Genesee Rd, Burton, MI 48509. Please include the name of the person you are donating in memory of, Mr. Robert S. Welch Sr. in the memo line. Please be sure to include a return address. Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr., was born March 10, 1935, in Centralia, Illinois to Wilhelmina (Willie Mae) and Harvey Welch. Bob graduated from Centralia High School in 1953 then attended Kaskaskia Junior College. He earned his BA in Education in 1956 from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He also received a Master's in Education from Eastern Michigan University and a Specialist in Education Certificate from Michigan State University. Bob was drafted in the U.S. Army in 1956 and was honorably

discharged in 1960. He then married his wife of 42 years Florene. Of that union Robert Jr and Raynita Shannon were born. After serving in the Army, Bob moved to Flint, Michigan in 1962 to begin his career in Education with the Flint Community Schools as a Science teacher at Pierson Elementary. He was promoted to Assistant Principal at Pierson Elementary and served in that capacity until 1971 when he moved onto Scott Elementary to become Principal. He served as Principal of Scott until his retirement in 1992. In 2008, after being widowed, he married Barbara Hamilton. They shared many years of travel, golf, and devoted companionship. An accomplished athlete, Bob played basketball while in high school and college. He lettered as a varsity player at SIU-Carbondale. He was inducted into Kaskaskia College Sports Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Centralia High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2014. He continued playing sports participating in men's basketball, soft ball, golf, and bowling leagues. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed duck calling, taxidermy and collecting mounted birds. He also enjoyed sketching. He belonged to the Michigan Association of Principals, holding the office of President, and he was an active member of Ducks Unlimited. Bob enjoyed spending time with special friends Jackie Foster, Jacob W. Hale, Murdock Jemerson, Tyree Walker, Frank Bell, Mark Hardwick, Alphonso Collins, Walter Peak and Herbert Hawkins. Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr., leaves to cherish his memory: Loving wife, Barbara Hamilton Welch, Children: Dr. Fred (Helen) Coleman III of Champaign, Illinois, Regina (Donnie) Garris of Charlotte, North Carolina, Robert S. (Dr. Arlesia) Welch, Jr., of Farmington Hills, Raynita S. Welch of Union City, Georgia; Stepchildren, Wanda (Willie) Harden of Grand Blanc, Rita (Clayton) Holloway of Knoxville, Tennessee and Charlene Scott of Flint. Sister-in-laws Patricia Welch of Carbondale, Illinois and Barbara Dexter of Richmond, Virginia; Nephew Keith Brown of Centralia, Illinois; Milton, and Dr. Brenda (Rogers) Grays and family of Grand Blanc and Dr. Letha Hayes of Ridgeland, Mississippi; 20 Grandchildren, 7 Great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins survive. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, wife Florene and his siblings Harold, Otis,

Ora Lee, Otto, Vera Mae, and Harvey. Special thanks to LaTonia Fletcher-Townsend and the staff of Woodland Park, Father Don Davidson and the St. Paul's Church family, Wendell and Dr. Hobart Harris (repast sponsors), M. Lynn Barbee and the staff of the Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

G-3415 E. Hill Rd.  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 3. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
[lemoonfhflint@gmail.com](mailto:lemoonfhflint@gmail.com)  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pauls Episcopal Church  
711 S. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 8502

## Service

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MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pauls Episcopal Church  
711 S. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 8502

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Lisa Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**lisa turner** - March 11, 2022 at 07:08 AM



“ *RENEE ALLEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**RENEE ALLEN** - March 07, 2022 at 11:21 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**JD** - March 06, 2022 at 05:45 PM

EJ

“ Our sincere love and condolences to our cousins with Bob Welch passing. The James Family (The late Reverend Robert and Eula (Scott) James and children send our deepest love and prayers. We loved our cousin very much dearly!!

Elder Marilyn James - March 04, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ Syreeta Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Syreeta Hampton - March 04, 2022 at 04:23 PM

RH

“ Ruthi Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Ruthi Hill - March 04, 2022 at 10:50 AM

RH

“ Ruthi Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Ruthi Hill - March 04, 2022 at 10:50 AM

SF

“ Sandra Epps And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Sandra Epps and Family - March 04, 2022 at 10:44 AM

OJ

“ I am thankful for the many hunting trips and hours spent in duck blinds with my dear Uncle Robert. I experienced the support of a brother and a true friend during my times of joy and sorrow. Family is one of God's best creations! Our heartfelt prayers and love are extended to the Welch Family and friends now and in the future. Only by His Grace, Ollie and Jean Johnson

Ollie J - March 04, 2022 at 05:55 AM

EP

“ Our condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the Family. We have wonderful memories of Mr. Welch as our Principal, Dear Neighbor, Friend and Fellow Traveler.  
Earnest & Nancy Pouncy & Family



Earnest/Nancy Pouncy - March 03, 2022 at 10:10 PM

LM

“ I remembered a caring man to all of the kids thanks so much for that rest in heaven 🙏🙏



Iagretta Milhouse - March 03, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr..



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March 03, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ Kenneth & Mable Hitts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



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**Kenneth & Mable Hitts** - March 03, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ Our Love And Prayers To The Family



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**Lorene Randall** - March 03, 2022 at 08:06 AM



“ Kenneth Hitts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



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**Kenneth Hitts** - March 02, 2022 at 10:10 PM

KH

“ Kenneth Hitts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Kenneth Hitts - March 02, 2022 at 09:50 PM

KH

“ My Condolence to the family of Robert Welch



Kenneth Hitts - March 02, 2022 at 09:27 PM

DW

“ Debra Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Debra Williams - March 02, 2022 at 12:23 PM

JT

“ Mr. Welch was one of myv1st role models He was my math teacher at Roosevelt elementary school back in the mid to late sixes. I remember him as a educated Black man who carried himself with the upmost confidence as a educator and as a basketball player. I wasn't surprised when he retired as a principle. He showed all of his students at an early age what could be accomplished by being educated.

JUAN TUCKER - March 01, 2022 at 07:32 PM

AC

“ *Annette Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**Annette Carlisle** - March 01, 2022 at 02:17 PM

YC

“ *Mr. Welch was our beloved Scott Elementary School principal - Yvette Tucker Collins*

**Yvette Tucker Collins** - March 01, 2022 at 01:08 PM

TR

“ *Thomas& Renae Rowser lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**Thomas& Renae Rowser** - March 01, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Dorothy Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**Dorothy Harvey** - March 01, 2022 at 06:52 AM

TA

“ Terry Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Terry Arnold - February 28, 2022 at 11:12 PM

RH

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to everyone who was graced with your presence, be it personally or professionally. Mr. Welch was not just our principal at Scott elementary, he was a Pillar in our community... Take flight sir... You will forever be honored..... 🙏🙏🙏

RENEE HILL - February 28, 2022 at 08:36 AM

YF

“ Yvonne Tucker And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Yvonne Tucker and family - February 27, 2022 at 09:27 PM

JF

“ Jackson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Jackson Family - February 26, 2022 at 08:47 PM

TF

“ *The Jackson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**The Jackson Family** - February 26, 2022 at 08:44 PM

MB

“ *Mary Brady And Debra Brady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**Mary Brady and Debra Brady** - February 26, 2022 at 01:08 PM

CS

“ *Carolyn Darcyl Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**Carolyn Darcyl Stewart** - February 26, 2022 at 12:00 PM

JF

“ *Janice Womack & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**Janice Womack & Family** - February 25, 2022 at 11:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr..*



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February 25, 2022 at 09:42 PM



“ *Earlene Hildreth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**Earlene Hildreth** - February 25, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Our Condolences to Aunt Barb, Spud & the Family. RIH Uncle Bob a great man of God, with the patience of Job. He will be missed.*



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**Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Children** - February 25, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ *Melissa Waller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**Melissa Waller** - February 25, 2022 at 04:18 PM

SF

“ *Sandra Epps And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



Sandra Epps and Family - February 25, 2022 at 10:19 AM

TL

“ *Terry Love lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



Terry love - February 25, 2022 at 08:19 AM

DR

“ *To the Welch Family;  
Mr. Welch was one of Flint Community  
Schools  
"Great Educators"  
RIP  
The Roberts Family*



Dr. Nadine Roberts - February 25, 2022 at 06:18 AM

RS

“ *My condolence to the Welch family, he was a great mentor to my Children growing up at Scott School.*



ROGER C SOLOMON - February 24, 2022 at 09:11 PM

CM

“ *Casie Mathews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**Casie Mathews** - February 24, 2022 at 03:35 PM

TB

“ *Tracie Brady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**Tracie Brady** - February 24, 2022 at 02:44 PM

JR

“ *Mr. Welch is THE principal whom I remember from my childhood at Scott School. He kept such a watchful eye on students that he noticed I along with my little group of friends were leaving campus every day at lunchtime. Mr. Welch called my parents and baby...I got in TROUBLE! I NEVER left campus again without the permission of my parents and wish we had more principals like Mr. Welch today.*

*Mr. Welch was a gentle leader who led multiple generations. He will be dearly missed.*

*Johnnetta Ricks  
Evergreen Block Watchers, President*

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**Johnnetta Ricks** - February 24, 2022 at 02:10 PM

SW

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Robert Sandy Welch from Moses & Sadie Williams Family.



Sadie Williams - February 24, 2022 at 01:04 PM

GB

“ My condolences to you and family.



Gwendolyn Bronson - February 24, 2022 at 11:48 AM

LK

“ Larry Kemp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Larry Kemp - February 24, 2022 at 08:42 AM

RM

“ Rev.Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Rev.Phyllis McCree - February 24, 2022 at 08:39 AM

GB

“ To Mrs Bob Welch and Family,  
What a wonderful Principal, Role Model and Loving Person, he was,  
during my time working under him at Scott School! The last time I  
saw him, he was waiting for Mrs Welch’s nail appt to be completed.  
My husband and I were walking the mall. He saw us, stepped out to  
hug us and to see how we were doing. His usual gruff voice,  
accompanied by his beautiful smile was always a welcome sight. It  
seems, I’ve known and loved him forever. That will never change.  
May God grant grace, peace, patience and understanding to his  
adorable wife and family. We will miss you, Mr Welch. Rest Well, as  
your job here was Well Done.  
With Love Forever..... Gwen and Eddie

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**Gwen Barney** - February 23, 2022 at 10:15 PM

CW

“ I extend my sincere condolences and prayers  
of comfort to the entire Welch family, St.  
Paul's Episcopal Church family and friends.  
May you find peace, comfort, and all the love  
you need in the days to come. For our earthly  
house has dissolved, but we have a building of God. A house not  
made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. Rest on in Jesus'  
arms Mr. Welch



*Mr. Curtis & Valerie Williams*

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**Curtis & Valerie Williams** - February 23, 2022 at 09:07 PM

CJ

“ Claude Williams Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Claude Williams Jr - February 23, 2022 at 06:26 PM

EK

“ Eric & Victoria Kilgore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Eric & Victoria Kilgore - February 23, 2022 at 05:46 PM

AS

“ Deepest condolences to Welch Family, Mr Welch was my principal in elementary school always a great person 💔



Alesia Summers - February 23, 2022 at 05:41 PM

RR

“ Finding out today that Mr. Welch has made his transition breaks my heart. My condolences to the Welch family. He was a wonderful Principle, I enjoyed working under his supervision.

Rosie Ray-Henderson - February 23, 2022 at 05:05 PM

IG

“ *Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**Ira Gilbert** - February 23, 2022 at 03:32 PM

RK

“ *Russell & Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**Russell & Diane Kirksey** - February 23, 2022 at 02:47 PM

DK

“ *I really enjoyed working at Scott School during the time Mr. Welch was there. He was such a kind and wonderful principal.*



**Diane Kirksey** - February 23, 2022 at 02:44 PM

JF

“ *James & Jeanine Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**James & Jeanine Franklin** - February 23, 2022 at 02:34 PM

CS

“ Cathryn Williams Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Cathryn Williams Sanders - February 23, 2022 at 11:05 AM

PC

“ Good Roosevelt teacher



pierre copeland - February 23, 2022 at 10:56 AM

AW

“ Arlene W lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Arlene W - February 23, 2022 at 10:46 AM

BT

“ Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Betty Tipper - February 23, 2022 at 10:34 AM

JH

“ James & Sharon Hurd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



James & Sharon Hurd - February 23, 2022 at 10:24 AM

VB

“ My sincerest condolences and prayers to the Welch family. May God continue to give you comfort and strength.



Vickie Broome - February 23, 2022 at 10:14 AM

AR

“ Anita Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



Anita Riley - February 23, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr..



February 23, 2022 at 09:32 AM

LR

“ I known Mr Welch for a long time, he was a principal at Scott school and my neighbor. He was a great person who I knew and I am going to miss him so much. Rest in peace Mr. Welch. From The Ricks Family

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**Loudean Ricks** - February 23, 2022 at 02:10 AM

PL

“ Mr. Welch was my Teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School back in the 60's. He was such a good Math Teacher. To his family you have my prayers and deepest sympathy.



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**Phyllis Brown Leslie** - February 22, 2022 at 11:25 PM

BW

“ Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.



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**Barbara Morris Wright** - February 22, 2022 at 10:07 PM

JR

“ Mr. Welch was a great teacher that I had the pleasure of having at Roosevelt Elementary School. He was the first black male teacher I knew. He worked hard to help us learn and succeed.

*Joanna (Williams) Ross*

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**Joanna Ross** - February 22, 2022 at 07:28 PM

MA

“ *Melinda Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**Melinda Anderson** - February 22, 2022 at 06:03 PM

SP

“ *Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**Sheila Phillips** - February 22, 2022 at 04:15 PM

RS

“ *Rosalind Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**Rosalind Smith** - February 22, 2022 at 03:42 PM

LR

“ *LaShawn Richard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



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**LaShawn Richard** - February 22, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *My condolences to the the Welch family.Mr. Welch was my first principal at Scott School. He will be truly missed.*

*Gregory and Michelle Brock*



Michelle Bowie Brock - February 22, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ *Yvonne Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



Yvonne Williams - February 22, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *Jerry and Rosalee Minor lit a candle in the memory of Mr. Robert S. Welch Sr*



Jerry Minor - February 22, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



Lynn Barbee - February 22, 2022 at 02:17 PM

RS

“ *Mr. Welch was a wonderful teacher at Roosevelt School. He was my favorite.*

**Rene Simmons** - February 22, 2022 at 02:12 PM

RS

“ *Rene Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**Rene Simmons** - February 22, 2022 at 02:08 PM

LH

“ *Lee/Mary Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**Lee/Mary Hampton** - February 22, 2022 at 01:54 PM

MP

“ *Mrs. Carmen Patterson. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr.*



**Mrs. Carmen Patterson.** - February 22, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Sandy "Bob" Welch Sr..*



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February 22, 2022 at 01:19 PM