



John S. Welling

June 6, 1955 - January 14, 2021

John S. Welling, 65, of Rockwell, passed away Thursday, January 14, 2021 after a long and courageous battle with his health.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 305 Elm Street E, Rockwell, IA 50469. A Live Stream of the service can be found on Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapels' Facebook Page.

John will be laid to rest at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Rockwell.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the church.

John Stephen Welling was born June 6, 1955 in Phoenix, AZ the son of William and Dorothy (Gill) Welling. Growing up as one of ten children, John graduated from Central High School in Phoenix. On November 7, 1987 John married the love of his life, Mindy DeVary, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockwell. The couple was blessed with three children, Makenzie, Mika and Benton and the family made their home in Rockwell. John began working for Doors Inc. in the late 1980's where he opened a branch in Swaledale. He took great pride in his work and accomplishments. Though John would have never chosen to step down, in 2015 his health led him to retire from Doors Inc.

John was a generous, kind hearted man who wasn't afraid to speak his mind. He had a gift for reading people and gave opportunities to those who needed them. Children brought John great joy, and becoming a grandfather was one of his greatest accomplishments. Time spent with them, whether it was in person or over facetime, was the highlight of his day. Most of all, John's world was his family: whether it was road trips with his wife, cooking for the family, or time spent on the golf course together.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 33 years, Mindy; his children, Makenzie (Will) Welling of Baxley, GA, Mika (Calvin) Shelangoski of Chanhassen, MN, and Benton (Larissa) Welling of Des Moines; grandchildren, Lawson, Waylon, Iza, Lewis, Brixton and Briley; siblings, Bill, Bob, Ted, Mary, Joe, and Greg; mother-in-law, Dorothy DeVary; brothers-in-law, Mike, Danny and Steve; as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents, William and Dorothy; brothers, Brian, Mike and Mark; father-in-law, Jim DeVary; brother-in-law, Jon Fry; and a nephew Josh Fry.

Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapel. 126 3rd St. NE, Mason City, IA 50401. (641) 423-2372. ColonialChapels.com

Cemetery

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Rockwell, IA,

Events

JAN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church
305 Elm Street, Rockwell, IA, US, 50469

JAN **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Although our paths only crossed for a short while here at Doors, Inc., I absolutely loved the guy. He was so funny. Not that great of a teacher (I was new, he was training me and he would say, "Do this elevation" and then leave me for an hour, lol), but he sure was a lot of fun. Only got to see him one time after our short stint of working together but was very happy I did. One thing I did know about John, even in that little amount of time we worked together, is he loved his grandkids very much. I seen all the pics and heard many stories, you know, during my training. lol He was a great guy in my book!
My deepest condolences to his family and dear friends. Very sad to hear.

Tonya Deal - January 20 at 11:27 AM



“ Joe & Gayle Welling purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of John S. Welling.



Joe & Gayle Welling - January 19 at 06:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John S. Welling.



January 19 at 03:06 PM



“ Lucas & Angela Schall and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John S. Welling.



Lucas & Angela Schall and Family - January 18 at 09:34 PM



“ Thinking of you and your family at this very difficult time. Peace

Kathy Beard - January 18 at 09:07 PM



“ I am inspired reading about the life of my cousin, John. He grew from a handsome young boy into a wonderful and loving man. He leaves this world a better place.

Teresa Sullivan Prevey - January 18 at 03:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John S. Welling.



January 18 at 02:26 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Nibblers and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of John S. Welling.



January 18 at 02:09 PM



“ Sharon and I have fond memories of enjoying John and Mindy's friendship at many Doors, Incorporated functions during the past thirty four years. John was a hard worker for Doors, Inc, and did a great job of getting us established in the Northern Iowa/Southern Minnesota market place. And so many great times on the golf course!! With love from both of us, we will miss you, Marvin and Sharon Jones.

MARVIN JONES - January 18 at 01:57 PM



“ Dearest Mindy and family,

Our deepest condolences for the loss of John. We know how strong your marriage was and the love between the two of you so clear for all to see. We share in your grief and we are sending you our love.

Bill & Carmen Welling

Carmen Welling - January 18 at 01:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John S. Welling.



January 18 at 12:07 PM



“ Doors Inc. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John S. Welling.



Doors Inc. - January 18 at 10:00 AM



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Dear Mindy & Family,

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of John. Our hearts are never prepared for such sorrow. Life will never be the same without John...or because of him. The lives he touched are too many to count. We pray the Lord will hold you close in His comforting arms during this sorrowful time.

Below is a poem shared with us after the death of Carol's mother which we hope provides added comfort. We do celebrate the Victory in Christ, for we know John is walking the streets of gold in his heavenly and eternal home.

Peace & Love,
Jason & Carol Gehrs

Gone From My Sight by Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore.
A ship, at my side, spreads her white sails
to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean.
She is an object of beauty and strength.
I stand and watch her until, at length,
she hangs like a speck of white cloud
just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all.
She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight
to her destined port.
Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says,
"There, she is gone,"
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

Jason Gehrs - January 17 at 04:46 PM



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So beautiful!

Carmen - January 18 at 01:58 PM



“ Mindy and family,
My sincere sympathy to all of you for your loss.
I enjoyed working with John, he at Doors, Inc and me at Curries.
John had a wonderful sense of humor and always brought a smile or giggle to me
whenever I saw or talked to him. Which was not often, but times I will not forget.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and family.
Nancy Paulsen

Nancy Paulsen - January 17 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John S. Welling.



January 17 at 11:54 AM



“ I have such fond memories of John as a kid at the many picnics and gatherings of
the Wellings and Sullivans. He was a bit of tease and always so much fun! My
sympathy and love for the Welling family.

Sheila Sullivan Polk - January 17 at 10:09 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John S. Welling.



January 16 at 11:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John S. Welling.



January 16 at 10:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John S. Welling.



January 16 at 08:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John S. Welling.



January 16 at 08:25 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Sandy & Kenny Nielsen - January 16 at 07:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John S. Welling.



January 16 at 07:17 PM