



## Bro. Frank Welch

January 9, 1954 - October 3, 2025

Bro. Thomas Franklin “Frank” Welch, 71, of Bowling Green, went to join Jesus in his heavenly home on Friday, October 3, 2025, at his home in rural Bowling Green.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with Bro. David Land and Bro. Jim Miller officiating. Burial will be in Millcreek Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, October 10, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Frank was born January 9, 1954, to Joseph Thomas and Betty Lee (Colbert) Welch in Louisiana, Missouri. He was united in marriage to Rebecca Louise Bontz on September 15, 1972, in the Clarksville Christian Church. Rebecca survives.

Also surviving are children, Andrea Elizabeth Welch of St. Peters, Missouri, Thomas Francis Welch (Amanda) of Curryville, Missouri, and Timothy Matthew Welch of Bowling Green, Missouri; grandchildren: Emma Nicole Langston, Reilly Oneal Langston, Abigail Lovelace, Cody Thomas Welch, Destinee Breann Welch, Hunter Levi Welch, Theodore Riley Welch, and Abigail Jean Lovelace; great-grandchild, Ezekiel Thomas Welch; siblings: Brenda Lee Martin (Kenny Pickard), Margaret Joann Stonebraker (Allen),

Kevin Dwayne Welch (Shirley), and Betsy Jean La Rue (Forrest); sister-in-law, Debbie Irene Welch; special friends, David, Rose, and Amy Land, and the parishioners of Peno Baptist Church; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Allen Welch; nephews, Joseph Welch and Joshua Stonebraker, and great-granddaughter, Macy Welch.

Frank grew up around the Clarksville, Missouri area and attended Clopton schools, graduating in 1972. Following graduation, Frank worked at Morton's Buildings and AP Green in Mexico, Missouri, and also operated a tree cutting service. He also operated Welch Brother's Construction and Lumber with his brother, Allen Welch.

Frank obtained Biblical Studies from Liberty University. In 1998 Frank was ordained at Peno Baptist Church. At that time, he and his family also relocated to rural Bowling Green. He began as Pastor of Peno Baptist Church and soon after, the Salt River Baptist Association, as Director of Missions; both of which he held until his passing. Frank established the Pike County Christian School in 2006 and was currently serving as the Superintendent and Principal. He also served as an executive board member on the Missouri Baptist Convention, 2009-2012. He led a multitude of Christian leadership trainings. In 2005, Frank attended a mission trip to the Philippines where over 3,600 people were saved. He also attended many state-side missions. Frank was once honored by the St. Louis Rams for all his humanitarian works. He was a true "Faith Hero" and will be dearly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Serving as pallbearers will be Aaron Welch, Ashley Welch, Christopher Martin, Austin Welch, Nick Welch, Joseph La Rue, Zach La Rue, and Blake La Rue.

Memorials may be made to the Pike County Christian School.

# Cemetery Details

## Millcreek Cemetery

Silex, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
606 West Main Street  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
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## Funeral Service

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## Burial

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OCT 11 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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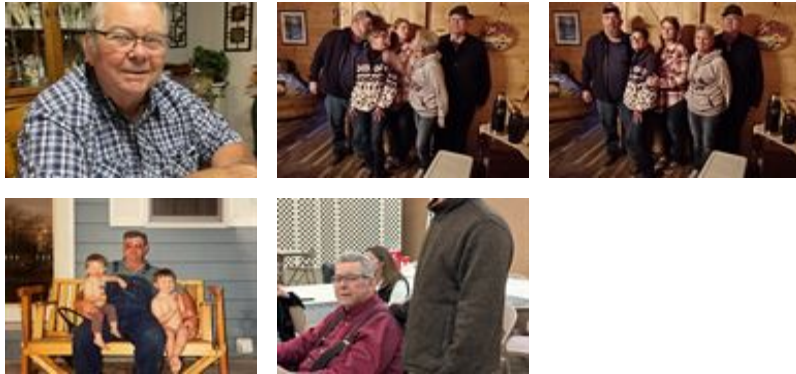
“ *Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of Bro. Frank Welch*



Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - October 17, 2025 at 09:47 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - October 10, 2025 at 10:14 AM

MM

“ *Bro. Frank will be so missed because he was one who gave 100% effort for the cause of Christ and anyone in need.*

Martin Miller - October 10, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Bro. Frank Welch.*



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October 10, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ *Very sorry for the family's loss.*



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**Renee Sevier** - October 09, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bro. Frank Welch.*



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October 07, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bro. Frank Welch.*



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October 07, 2025 at 02:07 PM

BK

“ I have known Bro. Frank for many years. He a man after Gods own heart always sharing the love of Jesus, showing kindness, joy, and showing friend ship to all. Was good friend to me. My prayers go out to the family.

Bob Knight - October 07, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Bro. Frank Welch.



October 06, 2025 at 09:55 PM

MB

“ Mr Austin & Mrs Darlene Bontz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bro. Frank Welch.



Mr Austin & Mrs Darlene Bontz - October 06, 2025 at 09:42 PM

BD

“ Betty Davis lit a candle in memory of Bro. Frank Welch



Betty Davis - October 06, 2025 at 07:21 PM

JP

*Prayers for the family while Frank rest in the arms of our beloved Lord. I pray you find peace with your loss. Frank was well thought of by Bill and me.*

**Julie Picton** - October 06, 2025 at 08:24 PM

TK

“*Frank never knew a stranger and always wanting to help others and serve the Lord. He will be greatly missed by all.*  
*Tim and Michelle Kurz and Family*



**Tim and Michelle Kurz** - October 06, 2025 at 07:12 PM

JN

“*Bro. Frank's commitment to Christ was at another level. What a LOSS to Pike county and surrounding area. What a VICTORY in heaven!*

*Jerry & Flora Mae Northcutt*

**Jerry R. Northcutt/Flora Mae Northcutt** - October 06, 2025 at 05:50 PM

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“*Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of Bro. Frank Welch*



**Elenora (Traynor)Lobb** - October 06, 2025 at 04:04 PM

BL

“ My brother was a pillar & patriarch of our family for many years. He will be missed terribly. As I was going through my voicemails One of the last voicemails Frank said I’ll talk to you later....and that is true, I will talk to him later in Heaven. I miss & love you Bub

Betsy LaRue - October 06, 2025 at 02:30 PM

LT

Praying for you and and all Frank’s family, Betsy!

Linda Teague - October 06, 2025 at 02:40 PM

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He was a wonderful preacher and will be greatly missed, he preached my brother Mike Traynor,s funeral in May,he is such a wonderful person

Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - October 06, 2025 at 04:06 PM

BD

Frank was a WONDERFUL MAN! He did a lot of good in this World while he was alive! He brought a lot of people to Jesus. Bless his Soul! He will be greatly missed by the Community!

Betty Davis - October 06, 2025 at 07:19 PM



LOVE AND PRAYERS FOR BECKY AND THE FAMILY

Larry-Nancy Nation - October 08, 2025 at 11:14 PM

GW

My mother and stepfather, Sidney and Chip Traynor highly respected Brother Frank for his love of Jesus and his work at the Pike County Christian School. I am sad to learn of his passing but know he has gone to be with our Lord. Prayers for his family at this time of tremendous loss. -Glenda Woolley

Glenda Woolley - October 10, 2025 at 08:01 PM