



Bro. Bill K. Welker

November 18, 1938 - July 22, 2024

Bro. Bill K. Welker, 85, of Jamestown, passed away peacefully Monday, July 22nd, at Jean Waddle Care Center, Somerset, KY.

Bill was born in Louisville, KY on November 18, 1938, a son of the late Clara Lucille (Edlin) and William Robert Welker.

Bro. Bill got to serve the Lord in so many ways, he designed, directed, and managed church camps in different states, Police officer and chaplain for Jefferson County and Virginia Beach. Lead and worked on mission trips to Jamaica and St. Vincent. Preached and served churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and Ohio.

Bro. Bill was a Kentucky Colonel given by Governor Louie B, Nunn in March of 1978.

A few things he enjoyed doing in his spare time were buying antiques, and junk as well as being outdoors fishing and hunting.

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Bro. Bill is survived by

wife Bonnie (Thomas) Welker, of Jamestown, KY.

a daughter, Christine Welker, of Jamestown and Louisville, KY.

three sons Gary Welker (Cammie), of Russell Springs, KY; James Welker, of

Freeman, VA; Jerry Welker, of Emporia, VA.

two sisters, Elizabeth Montgomery, of Louisville, KY. Carolyn Short, of Cincinnati, OH.

He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 27th at Jamestown Christian Church in Jamestown, KY with Bro. Jason Walters, Bro. Carroll Egnew, Bro. Tim Dennis, and Bro. Tony Stephens, Bro. Larry Johnson and Bro. Fella Wilson officiating.

Friends may visit 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, July 26th at Jamestown Christian Church in Jamestown, KY. 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 27th at Jamestown Christian Church in Jamestown, KY.

Burial is private.

Pallbearers; Elders and Deacons of the Jamestown Christian Church.

Family request memorial donations to White Mills Church Camp

154 Old Kentucky 84

White Mills, KY 42788

Donations can also be given at the church.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jamestown Christian Church
Jefferson St. and Hwy 619
Jamestown, KY 42629

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JUL 27. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MF

“*Mary & Wendell Fant purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bro. Bill K. Welker.*”



Mary & Wendell Fant - July 25, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“*Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bro. Bill K. Welker.*”



July 24, 2024 at 07:49 PM

RG

“*Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*”

Roger and Virginia Garner - July 23, 2024 at 08:35 PM

JL

Bill was a wonderful man enjoyed his stories. He told you help me do a preaching job one time that I'll never forget and he was always a very encourager and a man who encouraged so many of us at Men For Christ to keep on keeping on you. You're gonna be missed Bill.

Joe Lamkin - July 28, 2024 at 08:30 AM

DC

“ Brother Bill, baptized my entire family into Christ at Aragona Church of Christ in Virginia Beach in the early 1970s, changing our family forever. I was asked by Mr. Walker, as I called him, to serve as a “Junior Counselor” at Camp Rudolph, which he helped organize and served as Camp Manager for several years. There he demonstrated his genuine love for others, including those less fortunate or facing a physical challenge. He was a good man, who has now finished the race and I’m sure is now cheering on!

Doug Carter - July 23, 2024 at 06:51 PM

CL

My best buddy at Camp Rudolph in .Yale ,VA. I was also asked to be a counselor for Camp Rudolph .Bill and I helped those special campers who needed special care.I served for 25 yrs with many other counelors while at Camp Rudolph. I kept. in touch with him over the years.He was one of a kind,teasing,loving and caring about campers and counselors alike.I will really miss my buddy.Bonnie ,I am sorry,but he is with my mother and Jesus and they are all watching us on this earth.Bill I loved you then and will always remember the good times at Camp Rudolph. Well done and good and faithful servant. Keep looking up,my friend.

Carol Lewis - May 28, 2025 at 01:11 AM

KS

“ Ken Graham Sr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bro. Bill K. Welker.

Ken Graham Sr - July 23, 2024 at 09:14 AM

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“ Ken Graham Sr purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bro. Bill K. Welker.



Ken Graham Sr - July 23, 2024 at 09:14 AM

CB

“ I’m sorry to hear of Bill’s passing. I had many great memories during a difficult time in my life as I worked for Bill as the maintenance man for 2 summers when I was 16. Bill and Bonnie were the camp managers at Camp Rudolf which we spent many hours building and once open, maintaining. I spent a lot of time with them along with Gary and Jimmy. Many weekends instead of going home, I stayed at the camp and went to the small church he preached at in Emporia. I could share many stories of good times we all had. Prayers of comfort to his family. His memory will live on in the lives of the people he touched.

Charles Brockley

Charles Brockley - July 23, 2024 at 12:08 AM

DA

Bro. Bill ,was one of a kind. He was loved by everyone. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was always kind and loving to everyone. He was a very special person to Rastie and me. We loved him so much. Rest in peace. I know you are having a great time in Heaven. Until we meet again. Love and prayers for the family

Diana Andrew - July 23, 2024 at 01:38 PM

DF

“ Our family has so many fond memories of Bro. Bill. Just a few is the -creekwalks, ghosts at White Mills Camp, silly songs, VBS, and of course our church meals. Your sermons could make you laugh one minute and cry the next, but the Lord definitely used you to preach. You will be missed. Our love to Bonnie and the children.

Daryl and Donna Flatt - July 22, 2024 at 09:28 PM

NA

“ We will always remember the fun times in our Sunday night youth group. Bro. Bill taught us many things but we still remember the Coke song. Noah and Alex

Noah and Alex - July 22, 2024 at 09:14 PM