



Ms. Kay F. Welch

October 27, 1953 - October 27, 2021

Kay Frances Welch, age 68, of Peoria, IL passed away on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at her home.

Kay was born October 27, 1953 in Peoria, to Leonard Lee and Eva Shortridge. Kay is survived by son, Arthur (Jodi) Welch III of Bloomington, IL; one grandson, AJ Welch IV of Bloomington; one granddaughter, Nicole Richmond of Springfield, IL; one great granddaughter; four brothers, Terry Shortridge, Kenny (Tracey) Shortridge, Greg (Mauri) Johnson, and Glen Shortridge; special family friend, Fan Crooks; many cousins, nieces, nephews and family and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother & two sisters, Linda Shortridge and Joyce Shortridge.

Kay worked several years at the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office, she later worked at the information desk at OSF St Francis Medical Center for 15 years before retiring.

Kay was a breast cancer survivor and an active member of the community, volunteering with many charities and civic groups including Susan G Komen Foundation, Carver Center and The Tri-County Urban League. Kay was the former chairperson of the Tri-County Urban League Guild's Annual Jazz Brunch. She was also involved with the Annual Soup for the Soul fundraiser. She was a longtime member of New Morning Star M.B. Church where she was a member of the choir. Kay loved to bake and sent her cookies, cakes and other treats to friends and family all across the country.

A Funeral Services will be held at 10 am, Saturday, Nov 6, 2021 at New

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, with a visitation one hour before the service beginning at 9 am. She will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Carver Center and The Tri-County Urban League

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements. Online condolences can be made at [simonsmortuary.com](https://www.simonsmortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing is encouraged

To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Kay F. Welch*



Simons Mortuary - November 05, 2021 at 06:45 PM

DB

Kay Trained me at Information Desk.. I enjoyed our friendship we build. I loved that beautiful Smile. Get your rest in heaven

Dessie Ann Bond - November 07, 2021 at 11:55 PM



“ *Ms. Kay F. Welch*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Kay F. Welch*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Gregg Randle lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay F. Welch*



Gregg Randle - November 06, 2021 at 12:43 AM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Simons Mortuary - November 05, 2021 at 06:36 PM

CW

“ To the lovely family of Kay Welch. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with all of you. We all grew up together and have seen many changes throughout the years but your family remains an example to us all! God Be with you all. The Walton family.

Carla Warr - November 04, 2021 at 07:33 PM

BT

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the family of my dear Sis Kay!!! She encouraged me to attend the health classes with her and we had so much fun! She was a beautiful person with a contagious smile.... She was a faithful member at New Morning Star. Rest in Heaven my Sis!!!!

Beverly Johnson Thomas - November 04, 2021 at 11:43 AM

JH

“ *What a sweet, sweet lady. My prayers go out to her and her family.*



John Hinz - November 04, 2021 at 09:39 AM

JB

“ *My Thoughts And Prayers To The Family Of Ms. Kay F. Welch . She Was A Beautiful Kind Woman That Will Be Missed By Many. RIH GBNF* 🙏🕊️❤️🌹

Joanie Brown - November 04, 2021 at 02:23 AM

DJ

“ *Condolences to Kay's family. Kay was such a beautiful soul. She will be missed. God Bless your and keep you.*



Debbie Johnson - November 03, 2021 at 12:03 PM

RP

“ *To the Welch and Shortridge Families sorry for your loss and May God's Angel's Wings spread around you all and bring you all comfort during this time of sorrow !! R.I.P. Kay !!*



Renee Linwood Peoria,IL. - November 03, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ To the Welch and Shortridge Families sorry for loss and May God's Angel's Wings spread around you all and bring you all comfort during this time of sorrow!! R.I.P. Kay!!



Renee Linwood - November 03, 2021 at 11:25 AM

GL

Sister Kay will sorely be missed, she was truly a beautiful person inside and out, we both had breast cancer and we talked and shared a lot of back and forth which we helped hold each other up! RIP you beautiful soul, rest in the arms of God!

Georgia Little - November 04, 2021 at 11:14 PM

SB

“ I have so many fun memories of spending time with Ms. Kay and my grandmother Hattie. Ms. Kay is such a sweet and loving person and will be greatly missed. Praying for the Shortridge/Welch Family.
- Shalandra Burch

Shalandra Burch - November 03, 2021 at 09:57 AM

CW

“ Sending deep condolences to the family of Kay! She was a dear schoolmate, always so kind. I had recently talked with her during the time of the class reunion, & the loss of her Precious Mom also.. I will miss them both! May God give you peace & strength to endure! 💕💕💕💕💕🕊



Catherine Randle Watson - November 03, 2021 at 01:25 AM

PF

“ *Light a candle for Kay Welch*



Pamela Farmer - November 02, 2021 at 08:54 PM

RW

“ *Beautiful spirit with a smile for any dark day. Take your wings my friend.*

R. Norris Watson - November 02, 2021 at 08:22 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay F. Welch*



Mattie Risby - November 02, 2021 at 07:16 PM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay F. Welch*



Brenda D Cayson - November 02, 2021 at 05:33 PM