



Thomas Roland Welch

August 24, 1962 - September 5, 2021

Thomas Roland Welch, 59, of Fond du Lac, WI, passed away at home on September 5, 2021, after a short battle with lung cancer.

Tom was born on August 24, 1962, to Roland and Barbara Welch of Arenzville, IL. He was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church on September 9, 1962, and later confirmed in the Lutheran faith in May of 1976. He attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary and went on to graduate from Flushing High School in 1980. He attended Delta College from 1980 to 1981 and then attended Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, where he would meet his wife, Pam, and many lifelong friends. He graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1985 with his bachelor's degree in Education. He earned his first master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in Curriculum and Education with electives in counseling, which ignited his passion of counseling and mentoring students. He continued to pursue this passion by obtaining another master's degree from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh in Counseling.

Tom and Pam wed on December 28, 1984, and were married for 36 years. They would go on to have three children: Mandi M. Welch of Fond du Lac, WI, Kayla E. Smith (husband Jimmy Smith) of Appleton, WI, Tommy W. Welch (wife Grace Welch) of Lowell, WI. Tom also had 9 grandchildren: Daniel Gamez (12), Braelynn Smith (12), Landon Gamez (10), Keaton Smith (9), Finley Smith (6), Roland Welch (3), Linus Welch (2), Hank Smith (3 months) and was proudly awaiting his 9th grandchild, expected in the coming weeks.

After graduating from Dr. Martin Luther College, he received his first divine call and would serve at St. Paul in Livonia, MI, from 1986 - 1996. In 1996, Tom then accepted another call and he and his family relocated to Appleton, WI, where he served as a teacher and the Guidance Counselor at Fox Valley Lutheran High School until 2012. In 2012, with Tom's children grown and beginning to set roots of their own, Tom accepted his third call to Doral, FL, where he and Pam spent the next 8 years at Divine Savior Academy. He served here from 2012 – 2020. Finally, last year, Tom accepted a call back to Wisconsin to serve at Winnebago Lutheran Academy of Fond du Lac, WI. He was thrilled to be able to

continue his ministry while being closer to his children and grandchildren.

Tom was an active guy who loved fishing, hunting and being outdoors, often finding himself in comical, unfortunate events that only he could retell with a humorous spin. If you were fortunate enough to know Tom, you likely heard many of those stories and laughed alongside of him. He enjoyed taking his grandkids fishing and loved them dearly. He lived for telling jokes and making others laugh, but above all else, he loved his Savior. Tom was proud to share his faith with others, every single day of his life and incorporated that love for Jesus in everything he did from his teaching, to his marriage, to his parenting and grand-parenting. He loved his wife and family immensely.

Tom is preceded in death by his father, Roland Welch, brother-in-law, David Latty, nephew, Marty Rase, niece, Lydia Welch and niece, Emily Welch. He is survived by his wife and children, mother, Barbara Welch, brothers Marty (Sandy) Welch, Rick (Joyce) Welch, Bill (Amy) Welch, Mick (Becky) Welch, sisters Mary (Bill) Hildebrand, Leanne (Randy) Rase and Jenny (Carl) Heinz, in-laws, many nieces and nephews, and friends that he loved like family.

VISITATION: Friends may call from 3:00 – 7:00 PM, on Friday, September 10, 2021, and from 9:00 – 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, 1600 South Main Street, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM, on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, with Rev. James Borgwardt officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

As a final act of service to his Savior, Tom requested that Memorials would be gifted to Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church
1600 S. Main Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Visitation

SEP **11.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP **11.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Im glad I was able to wish Mr. Welch a happy birthday, and also tell him, on Facebook, Just how much he actually ment to me during our times at St. Paul's. As I look back, I can see how he chose a path of being a guidance counselor, because that clearly was a passion of his, and he was already guiding, and counseling way back then. I still to this day remember a ton of memories and stories involving Mr. Welch. May God bless all of the Welch family.*

Jack Gundersen - September 13, 2021 at 12:33 PM

SP

“ *We extend our love and sympathy to the family. We know that God's word will be a great comfort to you.
We will remember the special days at St. Paul's when Tom was there.
We are thankful for Tom's dedication to Christian education.
May God bless each of you.
from
Sam and Sharon Pelligrino and Family*

Sam Pelligrino - September 11, 2021 at 12:19 PM

SP

“ *I have fond memories of Tom through our grade school years at Mt. Olive in Bay City, Michigan. God is with you now as you grieve and celebrate Tom's life. My thoughts and prayers continue for your family. God's promise of grace and heaven continue to be your guiding light.*

Sue Steeby Pfeiff - September 11, 2021 at 09:20 AM

BM

“ *Thinking of the family as you say your goodbyes today and tomorrow. While we are not able to be there in person, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. Welch was a special man and he left a huge impact on Mick growing up and even into adulthood he continues to use the lessons he learned from him. Our family will be forever grateful.*

*Sincerest condolences,
Mick & Brenda Mohacsi*

Brenda Mohacsi - September 10, 2021 at 05:14 PM

JW

Our deepest sympathy to the Welch family. Although unable to attend you all will be in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Tom may you rest in peace. God bless you all.

Rich and Jackie Webster

Jackie Webster - September 11, 2021 at 05:04 AM

CA

“ We have such fond and funny memories of Tom during his time in Michigan. He was one of the big hitters on the St. Paul Softball team. He was a wonderful witness for his faith. Our hearts are sad for Pam and the children and we will pray for your comfort at this very difficult time. Sending Love from Michigan. Wayne and Catherine Beerbower.

Catherine - September 10, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Roland Welch.



September 09, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Roland Welch.



September 08, 2021 at 10:10 AM

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“ My thoughts to the entire family. I had Mr. Welch as my guidance counselor during high school and was close friends with Mandi. Gods blessings and comfort to you all. - Tanya Homan (Niemuth)

Tanya Homan - September 07, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Thomas Roland Welch.*



September 07, 2021 at 03:10 PM

AM

“ *Tom was a guidance counselor in so many ways. He offered Christian guidance to many people, young and old alike. He and Pam’s generosity and support to others was evident in their Miami home. The way they opened their home to their friends as a place of relaxation and encouragement exemplified both Tom and Pam’s Christian example. Tom would always have a fishing pole in hand and joke ready to go. He loved seeing the excitement when guests would catch a big one, and he knew right where to tell them to cast because he knew close to every square inch of his lake from snorkeling and spear fishing. Tom was a true friend who loved his Savior, his family his students, and his friends with his whole heart. His love of life and fun was clear to everyone, even when battling his heart problems. He still enjoyed being able to catch a bass, drop it in his swimming pool, and laugh as the children screamed. I miss my friend, but I know Tom’s enjoying the rest and comfort of his home in heaven at his Savior’s side.*

Al Meihak - September 07, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Roland Welch.*



September 07, 2021 at 02:53 PM