



Daniel Welch

December 17, 1946 - December 9, 2021

Daniel F. Welch, age 74, passed away peacefully at his home on December 9, 2021. Dan was born Daniel Fredrick Welch on December 17, 1946 to Raymond and Opal Welch in Toledo, Ohio. Dan attended St. Frances De Sales Elementary School and Central Catholic High School, class of 1964. Dan completed two Master's degrees in Music Education and Automotive Engineering from the University of Toledo, Ohio while teaching and working full-time.

Dan was a professional vocalist and musician for 60 years, having performed with such groups as Dan Welch and the Weekenders, Toledo Symphony Jazz Quartet, the Watermelon Men, the Johnny Knorr Orchestra, Swingmania and the Michael Lorenz Orchestra. Dan's versatility as both a musician and vocalist allowed him to perform with many community organizations, local bands and musicians throughout his career including the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, Toledo Symphony Chorale, Bob Zielinski and the Kingsmen, Hershey Cohen and Company, the Jerry DePrisco Orchestra and the Tony Celeste Orchestra. Some of the more nationally famous names Dan has performed with included world legend and jazz vocalist Jon Hendricks, the late trumpeter Bobby Hackett and singer/actor Gordon McCrae. On the theater stage, Dan performed lead roles with local community and semi-professional groups, including the roles of Curly in Oklahoma, Sky Masterson in Guys and Dolls and Emile De Becque in South Pacific. Dan is a former musical director

for the Toledo Repertoire Theater. Dan also composed several songs on his released CDs.

Dan was an educator his entire life with the Catholic Diocese of Toledo and the Toledo Public Schools. He was a long-time member of Rosary Cathedral, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns and St. Joan of Arc Catholic churches having served in the capacity of choir member.

Surviving is his loving wife of 21 years, Suzanne "Sue" Gorney-Welch, his sister Mary Jane Welch and his children: James (Angela) Welch, Robert (Lorraine) Welch, Diana (David) Nash and Laurie Welch; Grandchildren Steven, Asia-Marie, Lilliana, Jacob, Daniel, Acecia, Aria and Bryhson.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home on Friday, December 17 from 9:30 am until 12 noon. A Scripture Service will precede the procession to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church for the Mass of Christian Burial which will be held at 1 pm. Entombment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given in Dan's memory to St. Joan of Arc Catholic church, Central Catholic High School or the Cherry Street Mission Ministries. Please leave a condolence message for the family at www.CoyleFuneralHome.com <<http://www.CoyleFuneralHome.com>>

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **17**. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

DEC **17**. 1:00 PM.

St. Joan of Arc Church

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I felt compelled to send my condolences, despite the fact that it's been over 3 years since Dan's passing. I've recently been contacted by the CCHS 50 year reunion committee (class of 75) to encourage former Glee Club members to attend our reunion in September. Dan among others came to mind as I was looking over old photos and talking to old classmates. I remember his passion and leadership directing the orchestra during our 1975 Most Happy Fella operetta. Taken way too soon....RIP Dan.....

David J Miehl - May 13, 2025 at 02:15 AM

JW

“ To the Family, I and my music colleagues are deeply saddened to find out tonight (2-19-23) at a Swingmania concert at the Hollywood Casino in Toledo that Dan passed away over a year ago, and we did not know it until now. We used to attend numerous Swingmania concerts over the past 10 years and thanked the group many times for their great music and talents. Dan, Jeff McDaniel, and the keyboardist for many years are our biggest draws to visit Swingmania so many times over the years. This is a big shock to us that Dan is gone. We send our condolences to the Family and the Swingmania team. He will be missed greatly. The great memories of him singing will carry us on though.

Jeff Wetmore - February 20, 2023 at 12:20 AM

KJ

“ *To the Family of Dan Welch:*
I recently returned to the CCHS Alumni Glee Club directed by Dan. He had contacted me several times to join but as a full time Music teacher, I could not commit. This October, I returned to sing and Dan was great and witty and made our efforts so much fun. He was quick to compliment us when we produced beautiful sounds and even not so beautiful sounds.
I looked forward to our performances so he could hear the fruit of his endeavors. I believe he did hear us. But truly this versatile and talented vocalist and musician was gone too soon.
Kathy Jaworski-Belsole '72.

Kathy Ann Jaworski-Belsole - January 13, 2022 at 01:32 AM

CF

“ *Sue,*

Kathi and I want to offer our condolences to you and your family. We were surprised to hear of Dan's death. I have known Dan since our Central Catholic High School days. He was always fun to be with and enjoyed having a good time! He has had many accomplishments and music was his favorite. He had a full music career.

He will be missed, may he rest in peace.

Cliff and Kathi Frankowski

Cliff Frankowski - December 21, 2021 at 10:34 PM

FL

“ It is with a heavy heart that we are unable to attend the funeral services for Dan. Our condolences to Sue and her family, you are remembered in our hearts and our prayers. We always enjoyed going out to listen to Dan play at many events and listen to you both singing in the choir at St.Pats. He was the best and will be missed.

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Frank and Toni Lashley - December 17, 2021 at 04:01 PM

DH

“ Besides working with Dan on the Local 15-286 Executive Board, I was privileged to perform with him on a few occasions and thus experience first hand his terrific work both as a vocalist and a reed player. He was a fine musician and union brother. My deepest condolences.

Dan Harris

Dan Harris - December 17, 2021 at 12:44 PM

PS

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Dan Welsh family. May he rest in peace and live on forever in our happy memories of days gone by.

*Sincerely,
Pete Schnapp*

pete schnapp - December 16, 2021 at 10:15 PM

PZ

“ Sue, Our condolences to you. Tim and I are so glad we had a nice dinner with you and Dan at Sebastiano's. So sorry for your loss.
Tim, Patty and Bryan



Patty Ziegler - December 16, 2021 at 08:17 PM

CG

“ Dan will be sorely missed. He was a great brother-in-law, and an amazing musical talent, with a gifted voice as well. In his memory, I will be listening to his CDs this Christmas Holiday, as well as thinking of him every time I see a Christmas Village. I know none will ever compare to his! My condolences to Suzanne, and to his children and grand children. Thank you Dan, for the great memories. I wish you could have stayed a little longer. Love, Carol

Carol Gorney - December 16, 2021 at 07:09 PM

JC

“ Sue,

We spoke on the phone regarding Danny's passing but Janet and I still wanted to also send you and your family our condolences through the Coyle website. Danny will definitely be missed!

Danny was a great guy and good friend. I truly enjoyed playing in bands with Danny and we always had a good time on gigs. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers and we will always be here for you if you need anything.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Joe and Janet Cavallaro

Joe Cavallaro - December 16, 2021 at 06:56 PM

MT

“ My deepest sympathy to Dan's family. He was a great teacher. I was in the orchestra, class of '74. He had a great personality and he will be missed.

With much love,
Mary (Smigielski) Toth



Mary Tij< - December 16, 2021 at 04:26 PM

BA

“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of Daniel. It sounds as if he lived an extremely meaningful life, committed to betterment of others. He is now in a glorious place where others awaited his presence and lessons. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grieving.

BN10 ARCG A3 - December 16, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Welch.



December 16, 2021 at 12:57 PM

SO

“ Sue,

Being a Centralite I have kept track of people who made a difference at CCHS. David did just that!. He made a tremendous difference there. I am truly sorry for this loss of him and I know you will miss him. Such love is never lost. He has joined a much larger journey of Love in the afterlife which God has promised to us. Be aware of his presence when he chooses to manifest himself in extraordinary ways.

*With Prayers,
Sr. Rosine OSF*

Sr/ Rosine Sobczak OSF - December 16, 2021 at 12:04 PM

JR

“ Joe, Anne, Beth, Sarah, and Rebecca purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Daniel Welch.



Joe, Anne, Beth, Sarah, and Rebecca - December 16, 2021 at 10:49 AM

CK

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. It was a joy for me when I visited Toledo a few years ago and stopped by one of his gigs. We had a great time reminiscing. I was looking forward to visiting Toledo again, and planning my travel dates so that I could see him at another gig. Dan was our band director at St. John's Jesuit in the late 1970's, and he taught me so much about music. Rest in peace, Dan. There will never be another like you in the world.

Cliff Kurt, '79
Ruskin, FL

Cliff Kurt - December 16, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel Welch.



December 15, 2021 at 03:41 PM

BK

“ I'm sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I learned more about him after my high school days, and am amazed of all of his talents! He was an excellent Assistant Band Director at CCHS and had much patience with us students. May God bless and help Dan's family. Sincerely,
Bob

Bob Kurczewski - December 15, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Daniel Welch.*



December 15, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *My condolences to Sue and the family. May you be comforted by God's loving hands.*

Pascha Jackson - December 15, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Dan and I played music together occasionally since the 1970's. He possessed truly great and versatile musical talent, also being a fine educator. His absence will be felt in the Toledo musical community. Condolences for his family.*

JAMES HATFIELD - December 15, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Welch.*



December 15, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *We are sad to hear of Dan's passing. He was a friend and fellow musician who I admired.*

Dave McDonagh - December 15, 2021 at 09:16 AM



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



December 14, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *We will always cherish the wonderful leadership Dan showed directing our CCHS Alumni and Friends Glee Club. He brought out the best in us. He will be truly missed. Love and peace, Mary Pat Perlinski*

Mary Pat Perlinski - December 14, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Diana - offering peace and love to you and your family during this difficult time. Praying for the comfort of the lords hands to wrap around you and lift you up. xoxo*

Christine Beres - December 14, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Memories Album*



David Fournier - December 14, 2021 at 02:27 PM

CB

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Christine Beres - December 14, 2021 at 03:45 PM

LI

So sorry for your loss. Sending love and peace to your family.

-Libby Snuggs

Libby - December 15, 2021 at 09:30 AM

SK

*“ It’s been a joy to know Dan! He shared his musical talent very generously. Thank you, Dan, & may you rest in heavenly peace.
Sister Kathleen Knueven, SND*

Sister Kathleen Knueven - December 14, 2021 at 01:36 PM

SD

“ Sue- so sorry for your loss- I’m sure he is leading the choir in a better place. Sue and Walter Duff

Susan Duff - December 14, 2021 at 01:25 PM

DD

*“ Rest In Peace my Old Friend!
I enjoyed the many times you and I performed together!
Don DeCamp*

Don DeCamp - December 14, 2021 at 12:11 PM

ME

“ Love and sincere sympathy to Sue and to all of Dan's family as he ascends to an everlasting gig with the angels.

Michaelene, Ed & Ellery - December 14, 2021 at 11:54 AM

BN

“ *Brandi Neal lit a candle in memory of Daniel Welch*



Brandi Neal - December 14, 2021 at 11:10 AM

BN

“ *My heart is broken for the Welch family. Dan, who Laurie's friends lovingly called Mr. Laurie, was a father and friend anyone would be lucky to have. You're in my thoughts Laureen, James, Diana, Robert and Sue. Love, Brandi*

Brandi Neal - December 14, 2021 at 11:10 AM

LP

So sorry to hear of your loss.

Linda Edelman Pezzino - December 14, 2021 at 11:21 AM

KW

A great friend and a gifted musician, Dan was an inspiration to so many with his ability to communicate with all people. Condolences to the family and may he rest in peace with the Lord.

Ken Warner - December 14, 2021 at 11:42 AM

JS

Shocking news. Enjoyed communicating with Dan on facebook. I remember him singing "Danny Boy" at an event with the alumni glee club that brought tears to my eyes. Looking forward to singing with Dan in the heavenly choir. Condolences to the family for your loss. John Szychowski

John Szychowski - December 14, 2021 at 06:48 PM

SA

Sorry for your loss Sue. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Sarah - December 15, 2021 at 09:17 AM