



## Joan D Welch

July 10, 1936 - April 23, 2025

Joan D. Welch, 88, of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at Miller Health Care Center in Kankakee.

Joan was born on July 10, 1936, in Pontiac, IL., the daughter of Jess and Kathryn (Collins) Ross. She married Harold H. Welch on June 21, 1954, in Pontiac, IL., at the First Presbyterian Church. In her early years, Joan worked at Pontiac Bank, and Kankakee Ropers for 10 years before becoming a homemaker. She was a member of the DAR, loved reading, putting puzzles together, sewing, birdwatching, and spending the winters in Texas.

Joan is survived by her 3 sons, Eric (Kelly) Welch, Scott (Jacque) Welch, Mark (Jennifer) Welch; 8 grandchildren, Stephanie Bertrand of Limestone, Erica(Ryan) Billingsley of Bourbonnais, Eli Welch of Kankakee, Kelsey (Frank) Shipley of Bourbonnais, Zachary and Taylor Welch of Nevada, Michael Waller and Samantha Welch of California; 6 great grandchildren, Ginger and Lola Bertrand of Limestone, Josie and Presley Billingsley of Bourbonnais, Colson and Crue Shipley of Bourbonnais.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband; parents; 2 sisters and 2 brothers-in-law, Wynonna and Ray Clark, Fay and Eugene Cook.

An interment for Joan will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

with her husband, Harold H. Welch, on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 10:30 am.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to the Dementia Society of America.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 west Hoff Rd  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Burial

MAY **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery  
20953 west Hoff Rd  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Tribute Wall



“ Jennifer Eskew lit a candle in memory of Joan D Welch



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**Jennifer Eskew** - May 16, 2025 at 10:01 PM

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“ I was so touched when Harold & Joan made it to my mother's funeral, coming from Tx to NM. That was some 25 yrs, ago or so. I remember Harold sitting on my folks couch in Philly when I was maybe 10 yrs. old. He was either still in the military or just out and brought my sister and I gifts! Such a handsome guy and Joan was such a beautiful woman!, I didn't meet her till we went to Pontiac to visit grams Flossie. They came to Abq. to visit us after we moved here and I met my 3 cousins. I have had them in my thoughts and heart for all this time!

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**Patty Welch Smith** - May 06, 2025 at 08:42 PM

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“ Hugs and prayers for the family at this sad time. May God's comfort and your loving memories fill you and may those memories bring smiles through the tears.

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**Mary Quiroz Thomson** - May 03, 2025 at 12:55 PM

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“ *Rest in peace Joan. We had a lot of fun with you & Harold at our Friday morning breakfasts. Always loved your purple hair streak! Prayers for your family at this difficult time.*



*Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema*

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**Catherine Miedema** - May 02, 2025 at 06:21 PM