

Calvin Ward Welch

December 29, 1959 ~ August 19, 2024

Calvin Ward Welch was born December 29, 1959 to Delmo Gene Welch and Carma May Ward Welch. After several years of various health complications, he returned home to his father in Heaven, whom he loved so dearly, on August 19, 2024, at the young age of 64.

At the age of 16, he met the love of his life, Karla Mae Rostrom, while working at Kmart. They were married on June 24, 1978, later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple in 1992. Together they brought four beautiful children into the world.

After years of working as a plumber by trade, in 1992 he began his career as a boiler operator with the Department of Corrections, later retiring after 27 years. He was always such a hard worker, whether at work or at home in his garage.

Cal was an avid outdoorsman. No matter if it were camping, boating, hunting, fishing, or snowmobiling, he took joy in spending time with his family enjoying the beauty of the outdoors. One of Calvin's most cherished memories of course involves hunting. He was sitting in his favorite spot, on top of a rock cliff that overlooked a large valley below. He got all set up in the area in hopes that a huge bull would walk out in front of him. Moments later, that exact hope came true. Out of the trees walked a trophy 6-point bull, crossing right in front of him. He was able to get a great shot, and the bull went down. This prize bull currently hangs in his family room along with several other memories of successful hunting trips.

Cal treasured his grandchildren so very much. It did not matter what they were doing, he was always there to support and cheer them on, giving his grandpa advice along the way. We know that he will continue to be with them supporting their various activities. Grandpa created many memories that will always be cherished.

Cal's favorite show was The Price is Right. He looked forward to watching it every morning, many times missing the showcase showdown, the part he looked forward to most, because he had fallen asleep in his favorite chair. But don't worry, he always said he would stay awake to see it tomorrow.

Cal developed the love of traveling, always wanting to go everywhere and see everything. He was able to visit many places. Alaska, Paris, England, New York, several cruises to Mexico and the Caribbean to name a few. Earlier this year he wanted to take the whole family, 25 of us, on a Carribean cruise. A final trip full of memories that we will all treasure in our hearts forever.

He is survived by Karla, his loving wife of 46 years; four beautiful children, Brooke, Shane, Shyann (Cody Nowling), Shilo (Aaron Smith); 18 amazing grandchildren; and thoughtful older brother Leon Welch (Connie). Preceded in death by his parents, Delmo and Carma Welch; Brothers Arlen and Melvin Welch; Daughter-in-Law Natalee Milliner-Welch; and Father-in-Law David Rostrom.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at the Larkin Mortuary in Riverton, 3688 West 12600 South, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, followed by graveside services at the Herriman City Cemetery, 12465 South Pioneer Street beginning at 12:30 PM.

We would like to thank all our family members and friends who have shown their love and support during this difficult time.

To watch the previously held services, please click the "Watch Services" link above.