



Ava M Welch

May 12, 1937 - September 2, 2021

Ava M. Welch, 84, a resident of Joplin, Missouri went to her eternal home Thursday, September 2, 2021. Ava was born on May 12, 1937 to Jesse and Margaret Welsh of Aldrich, Missouri. Ava grew up on the family farm with her sister Betty and Brother Lee. She graduated from Marion C. Early High School in 1955 and went on to college eventually graduating with a degree in education. She taught at various schools in Missouri before becoming a Business Education teacher at NEO A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma where she retired in 1995. She married her sweetheart Paul (Gene) Welch August 2, 1994 in Joplin, Missouri where they attended Villa Heights Christian Church. Ava loved to learn, play the piano, read, crochet and spend time with her family.

She is survived by her loving family: her husband Paul of the home, one daughter Anita Highley and her husband James of Grove, Oklahoma his step daughter Paula Vornauff of Galena, Kansas, step son Rob Welch and his wife Leni of Webb City, nine grandchildren, one brother Jesse Lee Welsh of Ash Grove, Missouri and one sister Betty Melton of Dadeville, Missouri two nieces and two nephews, cousins and many friends.

Services for Mrs. Welch are graveside Friday, September 10, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Villa Heights Christian Church. Those donations can be made in care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service at 5 B Street NW, Miami, OK 74354

The family would like to thank their friends and family for the many thoughts and prayers over the last few years.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mrs. Welch's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ava was a great friend. I enjoyed going to Bronough MO with her on her first teaching interview. We had tunafish sandwiches going and coming. She took me for a ride in her first car a litthe green Ford Falcon. Not a fancy car, but a lifetime(literally) of good cookies and memories. My heart breaks at this news and for her family, which seemed always my family 🙏 Jim Lowery

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