



## Barry Keith Welch

November 29, 1964 - July 31, 2015

Barry Keith Welch, age 50, passed away on Friday, July 31, 2015. Barry was born on November 29, 1964 in Chanute, KS the son of Warren Welch II and Mary Ellen Smedley.

Barry attended Erie grade school and then went on to graduate from Thayer High School. As a senior, he was the leading scorer as the team won the Class 1A State Basketball Championship in 1983. After high school, Barry played football for Pittsburg State University as a punter. While at Pitt State, they won the NAIA Conference in 1988.

Barry married Kim Kavocic, whom he later divorced, and together they had a daughter, Ashley Scott. He then married Dianna Smith and together they had Calub and Erin Welch. They later divorced.

Barry worked in the construction industry as a heavy equipment operator and drove a semi for many years. Barry enjoyed watching sports and attending events with his children. He loved to spend time with his family and friends. His smile and love for others was always evident. He had a love for God that he shared with his family daily. Barry will be greatly missed.

Barry was preceded in death by his father Warren, maternal and paternal grandparents and several cousins.

He is survived by his children: Ashley Scott of Pittsburg, KS, Calub Welch and Erin Welch of Thayer, KS, his mother, Mary Ellen Smedley of Thayer, KS, a brother, Jess Welch and wife Brenda of Erie, KS, two sisters: Tina Byers and husband Mike of Humboldt, KS and Shelly Barnow and husband Rob of Chanute, KS, several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, August 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Thayer Christian Church in Thayer, KS. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 6, 2015 from 5-7 p.m. at the Thayer Christian Church. Interment will be at Thayer Cemetery in Thayer.

Family requests memorials to Educational Fund for Calub and Erin Welch and may be given to or mailed to the Countryside Funeral Home at 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS.

Countryside Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. On-line condolences may be left at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Thayer Cemetery

Thayer, KS 66776

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Thayer Christian Church  
8495 Dorn Rd  
Thayer, KS 66776

## Service

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Thayer, KS 66776

# Tribute Wall

BK

“*Mary Ellen, you and all your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. It's been quite awhile since we've seen your family, but I remember Barry at family gatherings, as this cute little guy with a great big smile! May his soul rest in peace and you all be comforted. God Bless.*

*Barb (Boaz) & Tony Kline*

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**Barbara Kline** - August 07, 2015 at 01:53 AM

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**Barbara Kline** - August 07, 2015 at 01:38 AM

TW

“*Sorry to hear the sad news, great memories of Barry and the entire Welch family.*

*Todd Waggoner*

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**Todd Waggoner** - August 06, 2015 at 08:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Keith Welch.*



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August 06, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ *Cathy Gobe Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Barry Keith Welch*



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**Cathy Gobe Ramirez** - August 06, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *Sherri Cole lit a candle in memory of Barry Keith Welch*



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**Sherri Cole** - August 06, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ *I was very young the last time I saw Barry but I remember Shelly from school at Erie. My heart goes out to the family. you did not have enough time with him. I pray the God helps heal your wounds.*

*Shannon Sawyer*

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**Shannon Sawyer Hollenbeck** - August 06, 2015 at 09:22 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of Barry. He and his whole family have been friends of my family (Charles & Rosie Olson) for many years. May God give you all the Blessings and love to carry through your times of sorrow. God Bless. NancyOlson



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**Nancy Olson** - August 06, 2015 at 09:07 AM

LW

“ Lois West sent a virtual gift in memory of Barry Keith Welch



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**Lois West** - August 05, 2015 at 10:48 PM

PB

“ Mary Ellen, Tina, Jess, Shelly and all of the Welch family - Our hearts are with you in this time of sorrow. Its been a long time, but I have some good memories of Barry from when we were kids at family gatherings, and I know he was a good man. God bless - You are all in our thoughts and prayers.


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**Pat & Trudi Boaz** - August 05, 2015 at 10:46 PM

LW

“ Mary Ellen.....Shelly.....I love you girls. I am blessed to have had the pleasure of knowing you and your family. To share a funny memory: Mary Ellen, do you remember when I came over to your house and asked you to ask Barry to go to the prom with me? I was so scared and so bashful.....but I sure had a crush on him. Now I look back and can't believe I would ask a Mom to ask her son to go to prom. Duh. Loved Barry...and love your family. Hugs, Lois Christmas West

Lois West - August 05, 2015 at 10:45 PM

 Laura Hoppas

“ My Deepest sympathy, to Mary Ellen, Tina, and Jess and Barry's family and friends. I saw him about a year ago and he had the brightest smile I remember from our school days.... May GOD keep you all in his embrace through this and beyond the next few days. Please know that Barry had friends all over and he was always a bright smile and a kind word.. PEACE be with you and May GOD wrap you in his loving arms...

Wade and Laura Hoppas

Laura Hoppas - August 05, 2015 at 10:19 PM

CM

“ Cindy Zaragosa Martinez lit a candle in memory of Barry Keith Welch



Cindy Zaragosa Martinez - August 05, 2015 at 09:35 PM

CM

*I can picture that One of a kind Smile 😊 and hear his contagious Laugh! His Memory will be Forever in my Heart! ❤️ Love You and God Bless You!*

**Cindy Zaragosa Martinez** - August 06, 2015 at 10:03 AM

AT

*“ I was so saddened to learn that our family lost Barry and that he was taken too soon in his life. He was a kind hearted, fun loving, caring person and his smile brightened a day! My condolences to MaryEllen and his children and brother and sisters as well. I still can't believe this has happened.. But will keep him in memory and in our heart...with Love*

**Alice Tobin** - August 05, 2015 at 09:34 PM

AT

*“ Share a memory of Barry Keith Welch or send condolences to the family.*

**Alice Tobin** - August 05, 2015 at 09:22 PM

JR

*“ So very sorry for your loss, Judith Hartong Raynor.*

**Judith Hartong Raynor** - August 05, 2015 at 05:42 PM

BG

*“ So sorry for you, Mary Ellen and family, you have my condolences and prayers at the unexpected passing of Barry. Although this is a sorrowful time for you and family, I know that God has his arms of grace and mercy wrapped around all of you. You have the peace of knowing that he is in God's arms now and you will be with him someday. God Bless.*

**Beverly Gordon** - August 05, 2015 at 04:57 PM

MM

“ *Martha Miller lit a candle in memory of Barry Keith Welch*



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**Martha Miller** - August 05, 2015 at 04:57 PM

MM

“ *Your loss is unfathomable, and we offer our sympathy's and condolences to you all for your deep sorrow and loss. We are praying for peace, comfort, and strength in this difficult time for all of you and your families. - Dennis and Martha (Morales) from Topeka, KS.*

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**Martha Miller** - August 05, 2015 at 04:56 PM

VM

“ *We send our condolences to Mary Ellen and family, all of you are in our prayers.*

*Vince and Evie Morales (Chanute, Ks.)*

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**Vince Morales** - August 05, 2015 at 02:27 PM

RR

“ *Our deepest sympathies to all the Welch families, so very sorry for your loss. Prayers and love to you all. God Bless. Ron and Marsha Ritz*

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**Ron and Marsha Ritz** - August 05, 2015 at 10:04 AM

RS

“ Dear Family - Aunt Mary Ellen, Tina, Jess, Shelly, Ashley, Calub, and Erin,

*I just can't even find the words to express how I feel; this is still so hard for me to believe -heaven has definitely gained an exceptional new angel. Even though it's not for us to question, it seems so unfair that we never got that chance to say goodbye and tell Barry how much he was loved. If only we knew what the future holds for us we would do so many things differently.*

*I hope that you can all find peace at some point in this journey. It's not a short journey for those of us who love and feel the pain of grief so deeply, and we may never understand why he had to go. What we do know and will eventually come to accept is that God had a higher purpose for Barry and said, "it's time to come home." I know he loved you all, and I know you will miss him greatly...we all will. I pray for God to give you strength and that he heal your pain with the passage of time. Though our loved ones are gone, they never truly leave us. You will carry him in your hearts everyday and continue to celebrate the life he lived while on this earth. His spirit will live on in all of you and in the legacy of his children. He touched so many lives, and we are all the better for that. Bless you all and God grant you peace.*

*Love,*

*Rose Gobeia-Shelton*

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**Rose Shelton** - August 04, 2015 at 04:34 PM