



Martha Rose Welch

May 8, 1928 - August 22, 2025

Martha Rose Welch, age 97 of Chanute, Kansas passed away on Friday, August 22, 2025 at Oak Pointe Assisted Living in Neosho, Missouri.

Martha was born on May 8, 1928 in Chanute, KS to Gordan J. Willis and Ruth Hall Willis. Martha grew up in Chanute and during her sophomore and junior years of high school, she went to the Assemblies of God High School in Waxahachie, Texas and then returned home for her final school year in Chanute.

She married Larry T. Welch in 1950 and they then moved to Winfield, Kansas and raised their 3 children until 1972 and then moved back to Chanute.

Martha worked at the Bank of Commerce until she retired at the age of 62. She then went to work at Penwell Gabel/Countryside Funeral Home for 28 years.

Martha loved her church. In fact, it was her life. She loved the whole church family. She played the piano for 50 years, then the flute in the church services. She loved the flowers and spent many hours taking care of her beautiful yard. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Larry, daughter, LeAnn Welch, brothers, Robert Willis, William Willis, Marion Willis, and sisters, Evelyn Mayfield, and Helen Layton.

She is survived by her 2 children, Michael T. Welch and wife, Terry of Sarasota, FL, James R. Welch and wife, Sherry of Neosho, MO, 4 grandchildren, Chris, Hillary, Alaina, and Austin, 4 great grandchildren, Gabriel, Trinity, Dean, and Joseph, 3 great-great grandchildren, Ozzie,

Rocket, and Bowie. Martha loved her family dinners, and always loved having Thanksgiving at home.

A Celebration of Martha's life will be held at Living Word Assembly on Friday, September 12, 2025 at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial can be made in Martha's name to the Chanute Christian Academy and can be left with Countryside Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

SEP **12.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Living Word Assembly
1000 W. 14th
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

SH

“ I only met and visited with Martha a few times while visiting a friend at Oak Pointe, what a nice, friendly lady.

sharon - September 28, 2025 at 08:40 PM

CW

“ I'm sorry for the loss of your loved one, Martha. She lived a long and beautiful life. I know you'll miss her but the memories will remain. God bless you.

Carlene (Phillips) Whitney
Winfield, Kansas

Carlene Whitney - September 01, 2025 at 05:47 PM

TC

“ Troy Combs lit a candle in memory of Martha Welch



Troy Combs - August 29, 2025 at 01:07 PM

LR

“ Lynn Rollow lit a candle in memory of Martha Welch



Lynn Rollow - August 28, 2025 at 09:13 AM

AR

“ Martha was the most beautiful person on the inside and out!!!what a legacy of love she is leaving on this earth!! I Am positive that when she entered Heaven our Father said, well done thou good and faithful servant!!!!

Alta Richardson - August 27, 2025 at 10:12 AM

MN

“ I am so sad to hear of Martha's passing. She and I were first cousins and she had the name Martha first, after our Grandma Martha Arthur Willis, so I became Martha Jane Guild, now Neukomm. She was a beautiful cousin and I am so sorry that I have not been to Kansas for years to see her. I used to stay with her parents when I was little and she and all her siblings were wonderful to me. She was one of Gordon's girls as my mother her Aunt Lucille, referred to them

Martha Jane Guild Neukomm - August 26, 2025 at 08:27 PM

VE

“ I am so so sorry to hear of Martha's passing. She was such a Grand Lady. I enjoyed all her Hugs when I would see her. Such a Beautiful Person. She will be missed by many. Thoughts and Prayer for her Family.

val engstrom - August 26, 2025 at 01:01 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Martha's passing. Such a very special persons to our family. Will be Praying for all of your Family. God Bless All.
David Baum Mountain, Ar.

David Baum - August 25, 2025 at 07:27 PM