



Nancy Howe Welch

August 20, 1928 - February 27, 2024

Devoted wife, mother, and businesswoman Nancy Howe Welch of Fullerton, California slipped

peacefully into eternity on Tuesday morning, February 27th, 2024. She was 95. Mrs. Welch

leaves behind a legacy of grace, determination, and service, always ready to lend a hand to

help those around her.

Mrs. Welch was born on August 20th, 1928, in Detroit, Michigan to Lillian Augusta Howe and

Austin Alonzo Howe. Mrs. Welch graduated from Southeastern High School in Detroit in 1946,

and from Wayne State University in 1951 with a degree in business. She began her career

working in personnel for the Jam Handy Organization, which specialized in creating industrial

filmstrips and audio-visual aids. During those early years, she often took her mother to New

York to see the latest Broadway musicals.

In November of 1954, Mrs. Welch caught the eye of Lester L. Welch; they were married six

months later on May 7, 1955. The couple celebrated 62 years of marriage in 2017, before Mr.

Welch passed away at age 96.

During the 1960s, Mrs. Welch invested herself fully in raising their three children. She led by example in her commitment to faith, education, and service, including volunteer work for the PTA, Ebell Club, and the Girl Scouts. She was a member of Morningside Presbyterian Church of Fullerton, California, and later the Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton, California.

She resumed her career when Mr. Welch opened his CPA practice in the late 70s, serving as his office manager. Mrs. Welch later joined the Financial Valuation Group in Los Angeles, commuting and working there until she turned 80.

Mrs. Welch is survived by her daughter Wendy Gordon and husband David of Rockport, Maine;

her son David Welch of Fullerton, California; her daughter Susan Slanina and husband John of

Trophy Club, Texas. She is also survived by her grandchildren Cameron Slanina and wife

Brittney of Keller, Texas; Corynn Slanina, of Dallas, Texas; Megan Merrifield and husband

Eben of Hope, Maine; Dylan Gordon of Rockport, Maine; and her great-grandchildren Oliver

Slanina and Finn Slanina of Keller, Texas. Mrs. Welch is predeceased by her husband, Lester

L. Welch, and her brother, William A. Howe.

The celebration of her life will be held Saturday, March 16th, 2:00 p.m., at the Memory Garden

Chapel; 455 W Central Avenue in Brea, California. In remembrance of Mrs. Welch, any

charitable donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

Mrs. Welch enjoyed so much in life: her family and friends, helping others, her roses, sailing,

traveling, sewing, card games, musicals, and making music. She was greatly loved and will

continue to live on in the hearts of the many whose lives she touched.

Cemetery Details

Riverside National Cemetery

22495 Van Buren Blvd.
Riverside, CA 92518

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park
455 West Central Avenue
Brea, CA 92821
<http://www.memorygarden.com>

Tribute Wall

FF

“ From the Kings and Jacobson families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Howe Welch.

From the Kings and Jacobson families - March 15, 2024 at 04:31 PM

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“ From the Kings and Jacobson families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy Howe Welch.



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“ The Johnson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Howe Welch.

The Johnson Family - March 13, 2024 at 06:30 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nancy Howe Welch.



March 13, 2024 at 06:30 PM

JB

“ Jon, Kathy, Brandon and Sarah Brooks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Howe Welch.

Jon, Kathy, Brandon and Sarah Brooks - March 12, 2024 at 09:24 AM

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“ Jon, Kathy, Brandon and Sarah Brooks purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Nancy Howe Welch.



Jon, Kathy, Brandon and Sarah Brooks - March 12, 2024 at 09:24 AM

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“ Cameron, Brittney, Ollie, and Finn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Howe Welch.

Cameron, Brittney, Ollie, and Finn - March 11, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy Howe Welch.



March 11, 2024 at 10:03 PM

MS

“ *Margie and Glen Singleton purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Nancy Howe Welch.*



Margie and Glen Singleton - March 07, 2024 at 05:16 PM