



Mary Fair Welch

November 8, 1936 - March 21, 2013

Mary Fair Welch of Willcox died March 21, 2013 in Tucson at the age of 76. She was born in Willcox on November 8, 1936 to Noel B. and Carrie Alice Rhyne Whitmire. Mary owned and operated her own day care in Silver City, New Mexico and was retired from the State of Arizona working for DES. On August 27, 1986 in Safford, Arizona she married Norman Welch, Sr. who survives her. Also surviving are daughters Thelma Fawcett of Tucson and Diane King of Spokane, Washington and grandchildren Christa (Bret) Leatherwood, Wesley Fawcett, Julianne (Tom) Watson, Jesse (Suzanne) Steinfort, Josh (Kayleen Smith) King, Marion Jay (Kendra) Fair Lee, John Dwight Fair Lee and Jenni Jo (Tyler) Dixon and 15 great grandchildren. Mary is survived by her step children; Sherry Forester of Jacksonville, Texas, Jeannie (Daniel) VanDerMeulen of Willcox, Norman Welch, Jr. of Tucson and Bill (Glenda) Kraft of Dodge City, KS and step grandchildren Holly (Lester) Alexander, Jennifer (Michael) Ruiz, Lindsey Forester, Stacy Green, Kristy Johnson, Justin Kraft, Melissa Kraft, Jess Kraft and 14 step great grandchildren. Her sister Ruth Lee of Las Cruces, New Mexico and brother James Whitmire of Safford, Arizona also survive her. Preceded her in death was her 1st husband Jay Fair, a son Robert Jay Fair and her brother's Noel Whitmire and Frank Whitmire. A visitation will start at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Westlawn Chapel with funeral services beginning at 11:00 A.M. at Westlawn Chapel. Burial will follow in the Safford Union Cemetery in Safford, Arizona. Contributions may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society. On line condolences may be extended to the family at www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

Cemetery Details

Safford Union Cemetery

574 W. Discovery Park
Safford, AZ 85546

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 9:00 AM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.
105 S Arizona Avenue
Willcox, AZ 85643
(520) 384-2413
westwx@vtc.net
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

Funeral

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Fair Welch*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Fair Welch.*



March 28, 2013 at 05:56 PM

KR

“ *Dear Mary,
you will be missed deeply... you always had a smile and good word for all that you met!... you took in those that were not yours.. no questions asked... you were a true inspiration with your positive attitude about life regardless of what you had to face... I love you and you will be deeply missed!*



Kristi - March 27, 2013 at 09:36 PM

EG

“ *Evelyn And Candi Gebler lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Evelyn and Candi Gebler - March 27, 2013 at 11:14 AM

EG

Dear Aunt Mary, You were always so sweet in life, I know you are carrying that with you in Heaven. Give Bigmomma, Grandpa, Uncle Noel, Uncle Frank, Aunt Lita and all the other from our family a big hello and we miss them. Love you Aunt Mary, May God give you and your family peace.

Evelyn and Candi Gebler - March 27, 2013 at 11:16 AM

DG

“ *Dolores Garcia sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Dolores Garcia - March 27, 2013 at 11:11 AM

Margie Whitmire

“ *Margie Whitmire lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Margie Whitmire - March 27, 2013 at 10:43 AM

BB

“ *Betty Jo Whitmire Bean lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Betty Jo Whitmire Bean - March 27, 2013 at 07:43 AM

BB

Rest in Peace Aunt Mary. You fought a long hard battle. I'm sure you have been welcomed by all our family members. Love you.

Betty Jo Whitmire Bean - March 27, 2013 at 07:48 AM

BA

“ *Betty Allan lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Betty Allan - March 26, 2013 at 08:10 PM

BA

Mary was my best friend my entire life. We went through it all together. I will miss her dearly. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Betty Allan - March 26, 2013 at 08:11 PM



“ *Sympathy Sentiments™ Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Fair Welch.*



March 26, 2013 at 08:03 PM

CD

“ *Cathy Dillman lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Cathy Dillman - March 26, 2013 at 05:21 PM

JV

“ *I only had you in my life for 27 years but you took me in your life as your daughter. You will always be loved and missed, fly with the Angels I know you will always be watching over all of us! love you MOM, Jeannie*



Jeannie Vandermeulen - March 26, 2013 at 10:53 AM

 Ritchie-Mindy Roberts

“ *Ritchie-Mindy Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Ritchie-Mindy Roberts - March 26, 2013 at 10:41 AM

KK

“ *Kittie Preas Koukalik lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Kittie Preas Koukalik - March 26, 2013 at 09:41 AM

DK

“ Diane Knippa lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch



Diane Knippa - March 26, 2013 at 09:28 AM

JV

“ I only had Mary in my life for 27 years she was a beautiful woman with a heart of Gold! Not only did she take me in as her stepdaughter but she took me as her daughter as she did with the grandkids and great grandkids! I love and miss you MOM!! Fly with the angels, I know you will be watching over all of us! You will always live in my heart and soul! Jeannie



Jeannie Vandermeulen - March 26, 2013 at 09:09 AM

JV

“ I only had Mary in my life for 27 years. She was a beautiful woman with a heart of gold!! Mary took me in her life not as a stepdaughter but as her daughter as well as she did the grandkid's and great grandkid's. I love and miss you MOM , You will always live in my heart and soul. Rest in peace and fly with the angels. I know you will always be looking over all of us! Love always and forever your daughter!
Jeannie



Jeannie Vandermeulen - March 26, 2013 at 08:56 AM

PJ

“ Peggy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch



Peggy Johnson - March 26, 2013 at 08:01 AM

PJ

I only had the pleasure of meeting Mary a few times but she was ever gracious and kind and welcoming a very loving person she made you feel good to be around her.

Peggy Johnson - March 26, 2013 at 08:03 AM

JS

“ *Jamie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Jamie Smith - March 25, 2013 at 07:10 PM

JS

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Jamie Smith - March 25, 2013 at 07:10 PM

JL

“ *Jay Lee lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Jay Lee - March 25, 2013 at 10:42 AM

JE

“ *Jenni lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Jenni - March 25, 2013 at 10:19 AM

CN

“ *Cynthia Nunez lit a candle in memory of Mary Fair Welch*



Cynthia Nunez - March 22, 2013 at 08:54 PM