



Alfred P Welker Jr

November 11, 1932 - January 12, 2018

Alfred P. Welker Jr, age 85 of Harbor Beach, passed away Friday, January 12th at Lakeview Extended Care and Rehab Center of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital.

He was born on November 11, 1932 in Hamtramck, MI, son of the late Alfred P. and Margaret (Karpowich) Welker, Sr. and is a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean War. Alfred is a retiree of General Motors and enjoyed playing cards. He is a member of the American Legion Post 197 of Harbor Beach, member of the UAW Local 909 of Detroit and he is a life member of the Harbor Beach Conservation Club. Alfred married Beth Ann Schmalz on December 30, 1992 in Ohio.

Alfred is survived by his wife, Beth Ann Welker of Harbor Beach and his children, Linda Falzetta, Alexis Boucher, Ann Howell and her husband Jack and Todd Welker and his wife Annette. He is also survived by his sisters, Donelda Claerhout, Myrna Keck and Linda Pouliot, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Alfred is preceded in death by his son-in-law, Frank and brother-in-law, Henry.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City, MI. Per his request, a celebration of life will be held in the spring. Arrangements are being handled by Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Tribute Wall



“ Ramsey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alfred P Welker Jr



Ramsey Funeral Home - January 15, 2018 at 03:43 PM



“ Alfred P Welker Jr

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ Please accept my thoughts of sympathy, Beth. Sincerely, Gail Maurer

Bruce Maurer - February 01, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



ken keck - January 28, 2018 at 09:34 PM

AB

“ *Big Al was a man's man. Not just in the sense that he was an outdoorsy, hunter, fisherman, veteran kind of guy, although he was all of that. No, Al was a man strong enough to be loving, caring and compassionate and wasn't afraid to show it. He was a sweet soul. Al was a good union brother. Over the years that we worked together at GM, he and I would sit in the QWL office and talk about politics, life and love. I watched him deal with people that came in with issues and problems and he treated them all with respect and integrity. Guys would stop by and swap hunting and fishing stories and Al had a million of them. And he was funny!! Everyone loved Al. He was like everyone's favorite uncle, as some the above posts will attest to.*

One last thing, I remember when he first hooked up with Beth. He could not contain the joy and love he felt. He told me he had met his soul mate and she made him happy. Whenever he talked about her, he had a smile a mile wide. He was in love.

I loved, respected and admired this bear of a man. Rest in peace, my friend!

Al Benchich

Al Benchich - January 21, 2018 at 08:36 AM

Beth
Cole

“ *Beth Cole lit a candle in memory of Alfred P Welker Jr*



Beth Cole - January 20, 2018 at 11:02 PM



“ I will miss Al, such a kind and sweet soul!!! We always had fun when we would get together for our poker games, so many laughs!!! I'll never forget the few times that I got to take him out to the deer blind with me and the stories he shared. Prayers to Beth Ann and everyone else who will miss Al!!!

Sue Ahrens

Sue Campanelli-Ahrens - January 16, 2018 at 07:15 AM



“ A man of great character and a dear friend. Al was authentic. When I went through the Apprentice program at General Motors, Al was always a source of encouragement. As the 2nd black to have served as a Diemaker apprentice at Chevrolet Warren (Hydramatic) I was often shun by many Journeyman that would not teach me their skills or work with me. Not Al, he never went along to get along. He never compromised his integrity. Later, when I ran for Local 909 Union offices, Al would help me in distributing my literature, even though many of his co - workers viewed it negatively. He was uncompromising in our friendship. This world would be a better place if there were more men like Al. I am thankful to God that he placed Al in my life. May he rest in eternal peace.

Von D. White



Von White - January 15, 2018 at 10:33 PM

FF

*Von,
Thank you for sharing your story. As Al's grandson and an engineer at GM it makes me very proud.*

Frank Falzetta - January 16, 2018 at 08:32 PM

SL

“ *Susan Lloyd sent a virtual gift in memory of Alfred P Welker Jr*



Susan Lloyd - January 15, 2018 at 07:20 PM

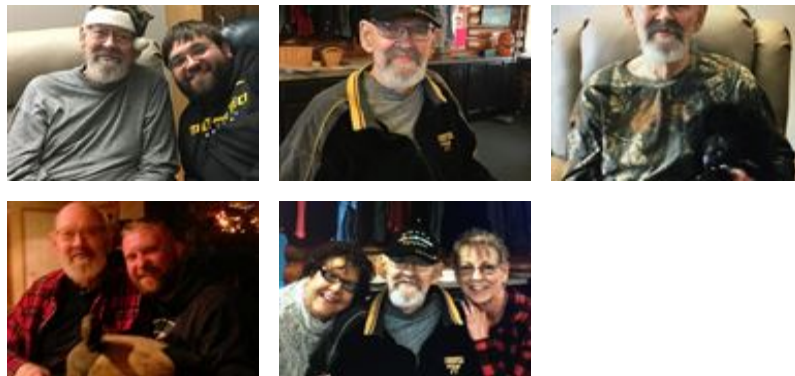
KY

“ *Dear Beth and Family, Thinking of u with our deepest sympathy.*

Kay and Tom Youatt - January 15, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ *36 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Ramsey Funeral Home - January 15, 2018 at 02:33 PM

LS

“ I am very sorry to hear this sad news. My prayers and condolences go out to Al's family and especially to Beth. Love to you!

Laurie Kirsch Sprecher - January 15, 2018 at 09:07 AM

RT

“ Our deepest sympathies to the whole family. Al was a wonderful and kind person, we loved him like a brother. He had a contagious smile and always wanted to lend a helping hand. We were so blessed that we had him as part of our lives. Love, prayers and hugs, Tim, Renee and family

Renee and Tim Terwillegar - January 14, 2018 at 05:02 PM

J(

“ Uncle Al you smile was contageious, you were a blessing to us all, the stories you told, the way you were always there to lend a hand, the hunting and fishing with the boys, and always willing to help Uncle Hank and my Dad throw us in the canal at Aunt Donnie and Uncle Hanks house so many good times and memories you will be greatly missed

Love you xo
Joannie Bliss (Vance)

joan bliss (vance) - January 14, 2018 at 04:45 PM

JS

“ Uncle Al was a kind, gentle, loving soul who always had a warm hug, a kind word, and a great story!! Love and prayers to all!

Jennifer (Vance) Strong - January 14, 2018 at 04:42 PM

JS

“ Jennifer (Vance) Strong sent a virtual gift in memory of Alfred P Welker Jr



Jennifer (Vance) Strong - January 14, 2018 at 04:39 PM

JV

“ I will always remember the time we sat at my Kitchen table in New Baltimore talking and playing cards and Al telling stories of swimming in the flats and across to Strawberry Island.

All my Love,
Joyce Lindquist

jeanne vance - January 14, 2018 at 10:40 AM

JV

“ Al we will always remember the hunting trips and story telling. One such memory was when he came to our house in Algonac to cut down a huge tree for us and we ended up with a family party the tree did get cut down eventually. You will always be in our hearts.



Love Always,
John and Joanne Vance and Family

jeanne vance - January 14, 2018 at 10:31 AM

PC

“ Uncle Al was My favotate Uncle, every time mom and dad told me he was coming over I would drop what was doing to visit with him and hear the stories. Between uncle Al and my dad they taught me everything I know about hunting, fishing, outdoors, work and life....I will truly miss you Uncle Al ...I know you, grandpa and my dad are telling stories right now ...I am proud to say I have the Welker/Claerhout blood running through my veins.....Paul Claerhout

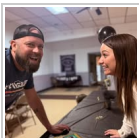
Paul Claerhout - January 13, 2018 at 11:07 PM

KK

“ Al was my mother's brother. Uncle Al.!. Growing up I was around Al quite a bit. My father loved the guy (as did everyone that new him) and they hunted and fished together all the time. When I was old enough my father started bringing me along. My Grandfather lived on the lake and I remember all the great times when the family would get together and the men would end up on the boat fishing for perch. And when Al was there it was always more fun.. Good times. He always made me smile with that quick wit and great story telling. The guy could have written several books with all the adventures he's been thru. I will miss you Uncle Al.

Ken

ken keck - January 13, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ Al was one of my favorite people ever, I'm going to miss that big smile and listening to him talk. I could talk woods and hunting with him for hours. I loved going to hunting camp at Beth and Al's. Shot both of my first bucks there, Al, Paul, my dad, and uncle rich taught me how to clean it and process it myself, something I still do and will always do. The handshakes that lasted 5 minutes Haha! Gonna miss ya sir!

Garrett Kessler - January 13, 2018 at 07:38 PM

MH

“ *Al was one of the sweetest guys I have ever known. He really loved my boys and he took great delight in sharing so much knowledge and kindness. He was so genuine in every greeting. Like he was really happy to see you and give you a hug. His eyes would smile and show his delight in seeing you again. I know we will all miss this sweet man. And we will celebrate him and toast his legacy this spring when we light that first (and many more) pit fire. Our love and prayers are with Beth Ann and all his grieving family.* 🙏💜

Mary Jo Howard - January 13, 2018 at 07:18 PM

PS

“ *I cant say how much I will miss my BRO Al. So many good times hunting and fishing. Al taught me many things about hunting. I told him just before he passed I promised to pass all his knowledge on to the next generation. Great stories from the past and so many great recipes he shared with me and family. He was always like a second father to me! I will keep the pit fires burning my MOUNTAIN MAN BROTHER!*



Paul Schmalz - January 13, 2018 at 06:44 PM