



## James C. Welchlen

September 28, 1925 - May 3, 2013

James Charles Welchlen, age 87 of Marine, IL, died Friday, May 03, 2013, at his residence in Marine, IL.

He was born September 28, 1925, in Highland, IL, the son of John - and Martha Emma (nee Landolt) Welchlen.

On June 28, 1947, he married Wilma Theresa Frank who passed away on December 24, 2012.

He was a member of Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church. He was also a member of V.F.W. Post 5694-Highland, IL; former Commander in 1971 and 1972; Knights of Columbus-Highland Council #1580-Highland, IL; Laborer's Local #397-Granite City, IL.

Mr. Welchlen was born on a farm near Highland, IL; he attended Saint Paul Schools in Highland. He served as a Seaman First Class with the U.S. Navy during World War II with duty on a Destroyer in the South Pacific. He had started working as a milk hauler at age 14; he also had worked at the Egg Plant in Highland. After his military service he worked at Highland Supply Corporation in Highland, and did construction work as a Laborer out of Local #397. He worked at Illinois Power (now Ameren) for over 25 years at Granite City as a backhoe operator. He retired in 1987. Mr. Welchlen has always been

active with the local V.F.W. Post. He enjoyed gardening and spending time with his grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Survivors include :

Son - David J. (Debbie) Welchlen, Vandalia, IL  
Son - Michael J. (Sharon) Welchlen, Marine, IL  
Daughter - Catherine A. (Charlie) Stewart, Marine, IL  
Daughter - Mary M. (Keith) Alldredge, Marine, IL  
Grandchild - Gregory C. (Jennifer L.) Stewart, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
Grandchild - James R. (Jennifer D.) Stewart, Highland, IL  
Grandchild - Jason T. Welchlen, Lynchburg, TN  
Grandchild - Tara M. (Trevor) Wright, Beecher City, IL  
Grandchild - Ty M. (Yvette) Welchlen, Marine, IL  
Grandchild - Amber R. (Jeff) Kessler, St. Charles, MO  
Grandchild - Jenna L. (Justin) Lock, El Paso, TX  
Grandchild - Jennifer L. (Richard) Box, Highland, IL  
Grandchild - Kristen E. (Brian) Elder, Marine, IL  
Grandchild - Leah M. Alldredge, Marine, IL  
Great Grandchild - Ashley Stewart  
Great Grandchild - Matthew Stewart  
Great Grandchild - Thomas Stewart  
Great Grandchild - Riley Stewart  
Great Grandchild - Taylor Stewart  
Great Grandchild - Emmalyn Wright  
Great Grandchild - Ethyn Wright  
Great Grandchild - Colton Welchlen  
Great Grandchild - Paige Kessler  
Great Grandchild - Isabella Kessler  
Great Grandchild - Breckin Box  
Great Grandchild - Brinson Box  
Great Grandchild - Braxton Box

He was preceded in death by :

Father - John Welchlen

Mother - Martha E. Welchlen nee Landolt

Wife - Wilma T. Welchlen nee Frank died 12/24/2012

Sister - Jennie J. Goestenkors died 3/19/2000

Sister - Lucille Schwarz died 9/23/2007

Brother - Burnell Welchlen died 7/4/2003

Sister - Loraine E. Schwarz died 12/7/1992

Brother - Lester Welchlen died 7/23/1997

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.