



## Joseph G. Welchlen

March 13, 1956 - October 27, 2023

Joseph G. "Panhead" Welchlen, age 67 of Pierron, IL, died Friday, October 27, 2023, at Saint Louis University Hospital in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born on Tuesday, March 13, 1956, in Highland, IL, the son of Earl and June (nee Kantner) Welchlen.

"Panhead" was born in Highland, IL, he grew up there and graduated from Highland High School in 1974. He worked for Highland Embroidery Works and then moved to Artex International, where he retired from after 25+ years of service as a sewing machine mechanic. Joe rode a '62 Panhead Harley Davidson motorcycle. He loved to fish the area lakes. He collected Indian relics, especially arrowheads was a long-time hobby. He also collected motorcycle replicas. He loved to interact with friends and make them laugh.

Survivors include:

Son - Ben J. (Cayla) Welchlen, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Claire Josephine Welchlen, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Henry Earl Welchlen, Highland, IL

Brother - William E. (Connie) Welchlen, Pocahontas, IL

Life Companion - Marcie L. Rodgers, Breese, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Earl W. "Smokey" Welchlen DOD: 12/12/97

Mother - June Elizabeth Welchlen DOD: 01/18/11

Daughter - Christabell Welchlen DOD: 1989.

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

Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to HACSM (Highland Area Christian Service Ministry) or to the Family.

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ *suzie lancey lit a candle in memory of Joseph Welchlen*



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**suzie lancey** - November 02, 2023 at 06:39 PM

JA

“ *1 file added to the album Family Photo*



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**Jay** - November 02, 2023 at 02:08 PM

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**Jay** - November 02, 2023 at 02:07 PM

GW

“ *Joe was a good person, that would always make you smile. He was like a brother. Enjoy riding my friend... "Get it done!" Gonna miss you brother!*

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**George West** - October 31, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Bill and Connie, so sorry for your loss, you have my sympathy. Jerry and Nancee Knebel*

Nancee Knebel - October 31, 2023 at 09:24 AM

BS

*My condolences goes out to his son Ben that I know he was so proud of he was a hell of a guy*

Barbara Short - October 31, 2023 at 02:09 PM

MA

“ *Marcie lit a candle in memory of Joseph Welchlen*



Marcie - October 31, 2023 at 08:38 AM

BS

“ *Bonnie Schmitt lit a candle in memory of Joseph Welchlen*



Bonnie Schmitt - October 30, 2023 at 07:33 PM

BS

“ *Joe had an artist talent. He was so humble about it. Draw and use the talent in the Devine. Rest in peace and hug Bob for us.*

Bonnie Schmitt - October 30, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *Lori Martin Kissiar lit a candle in memory of Joseph Welch* ”



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**Lori Martin Kissiar** - October 30, 2023 at 05:13 PM