



## Dolores "Dee" Welch

February 14, 1933 - March 27, 2015

Welch, Dolores "Dee", age 82, of Royal Oak, passed away March 27, 2015. She was born February 14, 1933 in Detroit. Beloved wife of William; loving mother of William (Melodi) Welch, Kim (Zip) Harlan and Kelly (Tim) Blett; and proud grandmother of Alexandra, Sydney and Olivia. She will also be missed by her special kitty, Jasper. Visitation Sunday 2-9 p.m. and service Monday 10:30 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Burial at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Memorials to the Royal Oak Animal Shelter are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **29**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
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## Funeral Services

MAR **30**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MO

“ *Dear Kimmy and Family,*

*We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I know that she had not been doing well, but I suppose we all hoped she would turn the corner.*

*I always remember your mom's sense of humor - funny with a hit of sarcasm! Perfect for my sense of humor. Most of all, what a warm home she kept for all of you, her sparkling beauty and her love of animals.*

*I know you will miss her. You are in our prayers.*

*With Love,*

*Michelle and Lon Otremba*

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**Michelle Mason Otremba** - April 06, 2015 at 07:38 AM

ML

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort sustain you with peace and hope during this difficult time. Rev 21:4*

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**Ms Laverne** - March 31, 2015 at 04:58 PM

PB

“ Dear Mr. Welch:

*I did not have the opportunity at the funeral home to give you my sympathy for the loss of your dear wife and mother of your children.*

*I will always appreciate the kindness and open door policy that your house was for all of the young neighborhood children. I also liked that Mrs. Welch always had a smile and a keen sense of humor, wit, and occasional fun sarcasm that we both shared. She used to “give me the business”, as in kidding with me and I, in turn - gave it back to her -respectively. She had a real interest in things and I enjoyed our conversations when we talked on occasion.*

*The house on the corner of Fairlawn and Vinsetta will not be the same without the presence of Mrs. Welch (out of respect of course, I never called her Dee). She was a very interesting woman and, like you and your family, a big part of our neighborhood history that I have fond memories of.*

*May God Bless you, Billy, Kim, and Kelly.*

*Phil Brabant*

*Royal Oak, MI*

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**Philip J. Brabant** - March 31, 2015 at 10:55 AM

JS

“ Dear Welch family...we are all thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers at this difficult time. Dee was a special woman and neighbor who we will never forget. My kids especially have fond memories of Halloween nights in all kinds of weather but a highlight was always a visit to the Welch house for some of the best treats on the block and a chance to say hi to Bill and Dee....especially grateful for some of the stories Dee would share to enrich our understanding of the history of our neighborhood and its people!! May you rest in peace, beautiful friend, and sending hugs to all who loved you at this tough time....God bless..Jann Stromberg and David, Ellie, Cara with love...

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**Jann Stromberg** - March 30, 2015 at 06:55 AM

KS

“ A beautiful lady who inspired so many, worked so hard to better the community, and had undying love for her husband Bill, her three children and grandchildren. She will truly be missed by all who knew her and the City of Royal Oak. The Hollywood Markets would not be the great grocery stores they are were it not for Dee Welch and her vision. May God hold you in the palm of His hand and welcome you in His heavenly kingdom.  
Kevin & Jennie Sutherland

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**Kevin & Jennie Sutherland** - March 29, 2015 at 11:46 AM

DL

“ Dean,Paulette and Lucky purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Dolores "Dee" Welch.



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**Dean,Paulette and Lucky** - March 29, 2015 at 07:53 AM

FM

“ Fred McMann purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Dolores "Dee" Welch.



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**Fred McMann** - March 29, 2015 at 07:36 AM

FM

“ Mr. Welch, Billy, Kim and Kelly,

*We are very sorry to hear of the passing of your wife, and mother respectively. I have many great, special memories of Mrs. Welch especially from my teenage years. She always greeted me warmly when I went to the house to see Billy. Always asking if I wanted an ice tea or a beer. Asking how my family was etc. Just a genuinely nice person. And the cats... She always asked about my cat who she wasn't especially fond of.*

*I still remember the time just before I got married when she asked me if I got a ticket. I said what ticket? And she said the one the police were considering giving you that I heard about from the police radio, (that was stationed by the chair in the family room). As always Mrs. Welch was on top of everything.*

*Please accept my condolences.. Take pride that you comforted her and were together with her up to the end. I am sure you will miss her dearly, but take that comfort that she is in a better place.*

*Fred and Jan McMann*

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**Fred McMann** - March 29, 2015 at 07:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dolores "Dee" Welch.*



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March 28, 2015 at 10:31 PM



“ *Precious family and dear friends. I'm happy I had the chance to see her before she left us. Still beautiful as always .Know that I loved her too and am so grateful to have been a part of her life . I love you all ~*

*Karen*

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**Karen Barnes Voytas** - March 28, 2015 at 07:29 PM



“ *To the Welch family:  
We are so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Welch's passing. So happy to hear you were all at her side. How comforting for her. May God bless her and all of you. "It is only a while that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart."*

*We will see you at the funeral on Monday.*

*Love,*

*Suzanne (Brabant) & Hap Herpel*

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**Suzanne Herpel** - March 28, 2015 at 11:07 AM

PA

“ Sending you our deepest sympathy during this time of loss.

*Love, Your Friends at The Royal Oak Animal Shelter.*



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**Pam,Becka,Harold,Heather** - March 27, 2015 at 04:12 PM

ML

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope during this difficult time. Rev 21:4

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**Ms Laverne** - March 27, 2015 at 12:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dolores "Dee" Welch.



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March 27, 2015 at 11:49 AM