



# Raymond Daniel Welnack

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**R**aymond Welnack was born December 31, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan and passed away August 16, 2015 in Carrollton, Texas. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 21, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Restland Funeral Home. Service will be held at 2:30 pm Saturday, August 22, 2015 in The Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75243 at Restland Road.



## Tribute Wall

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CM

**Carol Morrow** posted:

Joanne – it is with heavy heart that I write. I know that you are the best thing that ever happened to Ray. What a great combo y'all were. I only hope that you have some great support to help you endure your loss. I'll miss seeing y'all at the races. Carol

August 24 at 7:56 PM

RW

**Rick And Kim Welnack** posted:

R.I.P. Uncle Ray. Rick and Kim Welnack

August 24 at 7:55 PM

AW

**Art Wernersbach** posted:

Ray, You will be truly missed. You managed the Vehicle Repair Shop for me at SMU and were of great assistance to me when I came to SMU in 2002. You were always there when it came to supporting SMU and the people you served. Always there with a laugh and a smile, you always looked on the bright side of things. We shared a deep interest in auto racing and always had time to discuss how we raced in the Northeast where I was from and how you raced in the South. Good Friend, Good Person, Great Smile. Deepest condolences to your Family. May God Bless you. Race on. Art Wernersbach

August 24 at 7:52 PM

DS

**Doug Sneed** posted:

FROM DOUG & KATHY SNEED MEMPHIS TN. WE FISRT MET YOU & RAY AT LITTLE ROCK CAMPGROUND> WATCHED RAY RACE AT WEST MEMPHIS. WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU> THANKS FOR BEING OUR FRIENDS. THE LAST TIME WE SAW BOTH OF YOU WAS AT KNOXVILLE TRACK CAMPGROUND. LOVE YOU ALL

August 24 at 6:11 PM

PC

**Peggy Crow** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Raymond Daniel Welnack

August 24 at 4:49 PM



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PC

**Peggy Crow** posted:

Ray you were a caring and loving husband not only to my sister, but my best friend Joanne. You will be greatly missed.

August 24 at 3:47 PM

JN

**Jerry N.** posted:

Jerry N. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnack.

August 24 at 3:37 PM

LG

**Lisa Guzman** posted:

Heartfelt condolences to Joanne, Ray's family, relatives and friends, and may God give you comfort. Raymond was a wonderful, talented and "people" person, with a great sense of humor and loved his family, car racing and country. He will be sorely missed. It was an honor and blessing to know him, and he will be forever in our family's thoughts and prayers. Lisa, Richard J., Elizabeth, Robert and Richard D. Guzman

August 24 at 3:26 PM

RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnack.

August 24 at 12:58 PM

WH

**Wesley Raymond Welnack His Son** posted:

Ray's son, Wesley, will be unable to attend any services. If you would like to send him condolences on his Facebook page I will save them for him.

August 24 at 12:21 PM

KH

**Katrina Harris** posted:

Joanne, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

August 24 at 12:18 PM



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TF

**The Les Butler Family** posted:

The Les Butler Family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnack.

August 24 at 11:17 AM

PH

**Phyllis Howell-Harrison** posted:

Sorry to hear about Ray he was a great Guy. He always had a Good Word for you or some kind of word. He was a very pleasant Man or Friend to have on your side if you needed one. We will Miss Him now & Forever for Now & Eternity. Joann I know you miss him and I know he Loved You he told me one day he did & he would tell you he missed You as much as you miss him. We still Love You. Stop by our House sometime You are welcome so come on over anytime. Love You and Todd Chester & Phyllis Harrison & Girls

August 24 at 10:01 AM

RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern was purchased for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnack.

August 24 at 10:00 AM

SC

**Shirley Patterson Cordell** posted:

I know you will miss your DAD Wesley. He was so friendly to everyone. Always tell Kylee about her Grandpa. Hugs to you & Kylee. Please give my regards to your brother David Dunn. 🚩🚩🚩🚩🚩

August 24 at 9:57 AM

RW

**Rick & Kim Welnack; Matt Welnack & Family; Megan Welnack** posted:

Rick & Kim Welnack; Matt Welnack & family; Megan Welnack purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnack.

August 24 at 9:46 AM



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EC

**Ellen.Clewis@Yahoo.Com** posted:

A strong bond between two loving people won't be broken even by death. Look back at the happy memories you two shared. With that, hopefully the sorrow will be washed away. Ellen, Tracie, Tammie and Kawanis EMSI co-workers

August 24 at 9:45 AM

PS

**Patia S.** posted:

Patia S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnick.

August 24 at 9:34 AM

PS

**Patia Smith** posted:

Joanne my thoughts & prayers are with you and your family in this time. Big hugs to you.

August 24 at 9:24 AM

CW

**Chris Williams** posted:

I will miss you so much Ray – sweet, caring, full of life and very very funny stories! Love you for eternity!!

August 24 at 8:44 AM

RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnick.

August 24 at 8:43 AM

AB

**Anne Bishop** posted:

RIP my old friend.

August 24 at 8:18 AM



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ST

**Sandra Tefft** posted:

Ray was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He was always quick with a laugh and a story. I lived close to the SMU campus, and shared my driveway with Ray when he worked at SMU. He helped me with my car, and was always kind and patient with my questions. I will miss you, my friend. Rest peacefully!

August 24 at 7:37 AM

SM

**Santa Bob McMasters** posted:

When I first meet Ray I was 8 and he was 19 living with his parents. My parents were regular racing fans at the Old Devil's Bowl and we went every week. In 1960 we just happen to move into a house on Parkdale and Bisbee and we lived there for 2 1/2 years and the first day as we was moving in I looked across to see a Dirt Hod Rod at our across the street neighbors house and knowing all the cars and there drivers as a young fan I realized it was Ray Welnack. I shot out the door with great enthusiasm and Ray was working on his Dirt Joelopy #16 and that day I became friends with Ray on a personal basis . Later on in high school I got involved in racing and was around Ray at the race track week in and week out and always admired his dedication to racing. Last saw Ray at our Racing Reunion back on April 23 and he was with his beloved wife Joanne and was his usual charismatic self with his big smile.. Ray made all but two of our Reunions and when Ray was present folks just gravitated to him for his great stories of racing days gone by. And yes he loved telling those memories to who ever would listen and Ray was quite the animated story teller.It really hurts to have lost Ray for anyone who meet Ray instantly fell in love with his spirit and smile but I rest assured that he is now in the presence of the Lord as are many of my greatest racing hero's of the era and Ray Welnack is and always will be one of my larger than life racing hero's. Santa Bob McMasters and Family along with all of us from the " Old Fart's Bench Racers Club " sends Joanne and family our prayers and support in these toughest of times ... RIP Raymond Daniel Welnack

August 24 at 7:03 AM

SK

**Stacey K** posted:

Still can't believe this JoJo! I have been thinking about and praying for you non stop. If you need anything do not hesitate. All my love – Stacey

August 24 at 3:27 AM

TW

**Tammy Williams** posted:

you will be greatly missed all our love Brian and Tammy Williams

August 24 at 3:27 AM



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MD

**Mark Denny** posted:

Godspeed Ray, I worked with you at SMU and you always had a kind word for everyone. Bless your family during this trying time. Mark Denny

August 23 at 7:47 PM

GG

**Gena Gentry** posted:

Joanne, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so glad and blessed that I got the chance to meet Ray. He was a character. I pray that God wraps you all in his loving arms and gives you the strength now and in the days ahead. Love you much my friend and if you need anything I am a phone call away. God Bless

August 23 at 7:20 PM

AB

**Anne Bishop** posted:

Yes Mike, the four of us had a lot of good times! Great memories.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

JT

**Jack Welnack And Family, John, Wendy, Brian And Theresa** posted:

Jack Welnack and Family, John, Wendy, Brian and Theresa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnack.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

DR

**David Reese** posted:

Will miss that huge smile and the kind words about racing with our dad! Met you as a 16 year old at Devils Bowl and that "SWEET 16 Sprinter" you drove when I was finally old enough to enter the pits for racing. You were a true racing gentleman! You will be missed by the Reese family and we send our deepest condolences to your family.

August 15 at 7:00 PM



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PH

**Phyllis Howell-Harrison** posted:

Ray was a Great neighbor to have next door. He was Kind if you needed anything he would try to help you & always have a Great Word to you or anyone else. When WE heard about him passing it was a Shock and put a Blank Spot in our Hearts again. The first one was when He & JoAnn left the neighborhood. We WILL MISS YOU Dear Friend. Chester & Phyllis Harrison & the Two Girls

August 15 at 7:00 PM

SR

**Sheri Reed** posted:

Sheri Reed purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnack.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

DF

**Diane Walsh And Family** posted:

Diane Walsh and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnack.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

CF

**Carole, Connor And Marvin Frederick** posted:

We know you have gone home to be with our Lord, dear friend, but we will miss your bright smile and cheerful personality around the neighborhood. We will help take good care of Joanne. Rest in peace Ray! With Love, Carole, Connor and Marvin.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Mike Sparrow** posted:

I knew Ray for many years. We traveled a lot of miles and spent countless hours in his garage working on the cars. I met my wife of over 30 years in his driveway getting ready to go to the Bowl. Condolences to Joanne and Ray's family. He will always be my friend. Mike Sparrow

August 15 at 7:00 PM

RS

**Ray, Helen, Tracy, Deborah, The Rodden's** posted:

Ray, Helen, Tracy, Deborah, the Rodden's purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Raymond Daniel Welnack.

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RT

**Robert B. Taylor** posted:

I worked with Ray for many years at SMU and he always had a smile and a nice hello every morning. It was even better when he took the time to share an old racing story with me. Ray was a fixture in the garage, sitting at his desk ordering parts. That office will forever be Ray's office to me. My condolences to the Welnack family and may God watch over and Bless you during this difficult time.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

CR

**Cathy Rigby** posted:

We lost a wonderful friend who will be greatly missed. We enjoyed Ray's endless racing stories. Rest in Peace our Dear Friend, we will always keep you in our memories. Our Deepest Sympathy, Cathy & Stewart Rigby

August 15 at 7:00 PM

CB

**Cathe & Richard Behrend** posted:

I have walked in the clouds for days. This is all so surreal. It is so hard to believe this man that has been such a part of our lives for so much of our lives is no longer with us. Rest in peace ... you will forever be on our minds and in our hearts. Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. I am in a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints in snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. As you awake with morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush Of beautiful birds in soaring flight. I am the sparkling stars at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there ... I did not die. Forever your pitman Forever your friends Richard & Cathe Behrend

August 15 at 7:00 PM

BS

**Brandi Love-Spain** posted:

Rest in peace, Uncle Ray. Love, Brandi

August 15 at 7:00 PM



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CB

**Charlie Bellmire** posted:

I got to see my old friend Ray at the reunion dinner last April and share good memories which I will treasure forever. The last mind picture I have of him is one of that wonderful smile of his that almost always graced his face. To his love ones I tell you he will live forever in the hearts and minds of the great number of us who were blessed to have known him. Charles Bellmire

August 15 at 7:00 PM

SH

**Sharon Horton** posted:

Our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of a man who time and again put a smile on the faces of his many friends. May God fill your heart with love and sweet memories of Ray. Butch & Sharon Horton

August 15 at 7:00 PM

ME

**Michael Evans** posted:

Ray was a friend raced with him at the bowl , good times he will be missed RIP in peace Ray you will win features in heaven Mike and Todd Evans 14e

August 15 at 7:00 PM

PC

**Peggy Crow** posted:

Ray, you were a loving and caring husband to not only my sister but she is my best friend. You were the best brother-in-law a person could ever have. You will be missed dearly. My prayers go out to Joanne and the family. You will forever be in our hearts. We'll love you always.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

DG

**David Gailley** posted:

Always enjoyed the Stories you told and Loved Racing with you throughout the Years. Always a smile on your face every time we met. It was a pleasure being your Friend, Rest in Peace Mr Ray God Bless

August 15 at 7:00 PM



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DC

**David Cloninger** posted:

Ray came in Smileys often. I was showing Smiley an old Devils Bowl program that has a really nice write up on Ray. He wanted that program so bad but it belonged to our mutual friend John Pearson. A short phone call and it was in Ray's hands That really made his day. I'm sure that will be one of his multitude of stories we will all hear again one day.....God Speed Ray David Cloninger

August 15 at 7:00 PM

BJ

**Barbara Jones** posted:

I will be praying for you and your family. My the blessings and grace of God forever shower you. Be blessed Barbara Jones

August 15 at 7:00 PM

AP

**Anita Welnack Pratt** posted:

Ray loved a good story and loved to laugh. After Christmas one year he was telling us how he and Joanne went to Walmart for the early-bird special at 5 in the morning, still half asleep. We began to laugh as he told us about how they hurried around the store, picking up the special bargains they had their eyes on. Pretty soon we were howling at how he got in a fight with a big lady over a television. The more we laughed the more animated he got and the broader his grin got. And he began to laugh as he tried to get through the story. But what I remember most is how his eyes twinkled as he entertained us and how much he enjoyed doing it. Being with Uncle Ray was fun and satisfying and we all will miss him. RIP..... – Lovingly, Anita Welnack Pratt P.S. He said that he never went to another early-bird opening, said it was dangerous.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

KA

**Kim Anderson** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time JoAnne.

August 15 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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