



## Samuel Hubert "Rip" Welsh, Jr.

April 9, 2010

Samuel Hubert "Rip" Welsh, Jr. passed away peacefully after an extended illness on April 9, 2010. He was born on September 11, 1930 to the late Samuel Hubert and Vivian Parnell Welsh in Lumberton, NC. He served proudly in the United States Navy and graduated from North Carolina State University in 1958, where he was a pitcher for the baseball team. He was also a lifetime member of St. Alban's Lodge # 114 of Lumberton, NC and was affiliated with the Hartsville Rotary Club. After graduation, he worked for Douglas Aircraft, then IBM where he retired after 32 years. He later enjoyed working at Chesterfield Lumber in Darlington and Southern Office Supply. He was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, certified lay speaker, former Sunday School teacher, former Church Council chairperson, member of the Men's Bible Class, and a dedicated member of the church choir.

He is survived by his wife, Dee Hendrix Welsh, of Hartsville, SC; daughters and son-in-laws, Nancie and Tom Benson of Durham, NC, Amy Welsh and Steve Phillips of Raleigh, NC; son and fiancée, Thomas T. "Trey" Smith III and Leslie Eargle of North Augusta, SC; sister, Harriett W. McAllaster of Deland, FL; father-in law and mother-in-law, Charles E. "Jack" and Dot Teal Hendrix of Hartsville; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-laws, Ted and Sara Purvis, Bert and Jane Hendrix, William and Teresa Hendrix, Jim and Rinee Elgin, all of Hartsville, SC, Jimmy and Cherri Hendrix of Fort Mill, SC, and Nolen Jay and June Johnson of Bishopville, SC.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 12 at 4pm at Bethlehem United

Methodist Church in Hartsville, SC. The Rev. Patricia Warden will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday from 4-6pm at Brown Pennington Atkins Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 2236 Bethlehem Rd., Hartsville, SC or to the N.C. State School of Veterinary Medicine, 4700 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27606.

# Tribute Wall



“ Welsh family

*I was saddened to hear of your loss. Your beloved "Rip" was a true southern gentlemen, one of the last of a breed. Always a loyal friend and an example to be followed by a young man.*

*I met him in 1997 when I went to work for Chesterfield Lumber, from day one he was a "friend". He always had a kind word and a smile and will be missed. I didn't hear of his passing until after the funeral, but I will never forget him*

*Donnie##imported-begin##Donnie Mangum##imported-end##*

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April 18, 2010 at 02:19 PM



“ Rest in peace, Rip.##imported-begin##Mark Welsh##imported-end##

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April 14, 2010 at 06:33 PM



“ Dee,

*I am so sorry to hear about Rip. I will be praying for you and the family. Be strong and have faith in the Lord to pull you through.*

*Love ya!*

*Pattie##imported-begin##Pattie Amerson##imported-end##*

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April 14, 2010 at 11:58 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Sam, I had the pleasure of getting to know him when he was at Chesterfield Lumber Company. Whenever I talked with him on the phone it would make my whole day, It was as if his face lighted up when you talked with him. He was kind enough to share some NCSU football tickets with my family, just such a kind man. My prayers are with the family. God will help you through these times.

A friend,

Kim Vick

Nashville,NC##imported-begin##KIM VICK##imported-end##

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April 13, 2010 at 08:38 AM



“ Dee, I am so sorry for your loss and I know how much you are going to miss Rip. Know that I am thinking about you and that I will have you in my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie Brown Wynne##imported-end##

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April 13, 2010 at 07:48 AM



“ Trey & Dee,

My deepest sympathy and condolences.

Mike##imported-begin##Mike Kuvinka##imported-end##

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April 12, 2010 at 03:08 PM



“ DEE,  
I'M SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT RIP----I KNOW HE, AND YOU  
TOO, SUFFERED FOR A LONG TIME.##imported-begin##BETTY  
STOGNER##imported-end##

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April 12, 2010 at 09:28 AM



“ I was so saddened to learn that Rip had passed away. We met in  
the late 1950's and he was a dear friend to all my family. He will be  
greatly missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Nancy H.  
Stevens, Raleigh, NC##imported-end##

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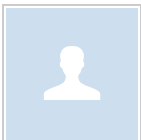
April 12, 2010 at 09:26 AM



“ Dee and family I am sorry to hear about Rip he will be missed  
dearly I know please know that your family is in my thoughts and  
prayers. We Love You! Leslie, Kyleigh, & Ace##imported-  
begin##Leslie Rebar##imported-end##

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April 12, 2010 at 08:59 AM



“ My dear friend Dee and family.  
So very sorry to hear about Rip. He will never be forgotten. Charish  
the great memories (hotel balcolny). Take care of each other.  
Sending all our love.##imported-begin##Kathy and Wayne  
Hopkins##imported-end##

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April 12, 2010 at 08:30 AM



“ Dee, you and your family are in my prayers. If there is anything I can do for you just call.##imported-begin##Joyce Melton##imported-end##

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April 12, 2010 at 07:08 AM



“ My sister Nancy Stevens of Raleigh and former husband Steve McIntyre(formerly of Lumberton and best college friend of Rip)join me in sending deepest sympathy to each of you at this sad time We all loved Rip and used to laugh so at the "war stories" told by Steve and Rip in their younger days. What fun they had!He was a wonderful friend...years could go by and we would see him and it was like yesterday.My heart is sad knowing he is no longer here.##imported-begin##Noel Hollingsworth Faulkner##imported-end##

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April 11, 2010 at 09:14 PM



“ My regards to your family at this time. I have visited Bethlehem Church many times through the years and Rip was always very kind and friendly.##imported-begin##Mandy Tyner##imported-end##

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April 11, 2010 at 08:44 PM



“ Dee and family,  
We are sorry for your loss. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jeff and Bebe Chapman##imported-end##

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April 11, 2010 at 04:43 PM



“ Family of Sam I am so sorry to hear of your loss, your family will be in my prayers. Sam was in my tax class several years and I worked with him in the Hartsville H&R Block office, he was a very fine person. ##imported-begin##Linda Tolson##imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 02:45 PM



“ Dee we will keep you and your family in our prayers. The entire Byrdtown community feels a great loss. ##imported-begin##Tim and Deborah Griggs##imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 12:36 PM



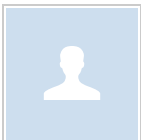
“ I had the pleasure of working with Sam for several years at IBM. He was a very caring manager and a wonderful person. He will be missed! ##imported-begin##Dick Scruggs##imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 08:08 AM



“ Sam was my first-born nephew who I have always admired for his many contributions to society. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. ##imported-begin##Sarah W. Buie##imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 05:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Rip's passing. I considered him a friend just as I do the rest of your large family. I am praying for you all. ##imported-begin##Lil Blakney##imported-end##

April 10, 2010 at 09:21 PM



“ *Dee and Family,  
We were so sorry to hear about Rip. He was my Shipmate even though we never served together, We used to reminisce about our old days of iron men and wooden ships and our many exploits. We will miss him terribly and will ever remember his wonderful disposition and friendly manner. Rest well, Ripper!##imported-begin##Connie and Bob Hart##imported-end##*

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April 10, 2010 at 06:58 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in your God as He holds you in His arms. My prayers are for you and your family.##imported-begin##Linda Angel Lane##imported-end##*

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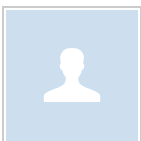
April 10, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. We worked together for many years and I considered him a dear friend. My prayers are with Dee and all the family.##imported-begin##Ernie McCormick##imported-end##*

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April 10, 2010 at 11:38 AM



“ *Dee, Nancy and Amy  
My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Mr Welsh was very dear to me and I will greatly miss our Tuesday visits. I will always hold a special place in my heart for him. I am so sorry for your loss. Gina##imported-begin##Gina Windham, RN##imported-end##*

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April 10, 2010 at 10:43 AM



“ Dee, Our love and prayers are with you and your sweet family. Love, Susan, Matthew, Ann, and Anna##imported-begin##Margie Byrd Family##imported-end##

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April 10, 2010 at 07:55 AM



“ Nancie and Amy always remember the life of one we love is never really lost. The memories shared will live on in the hearts each of us whose life theirs ever touched. Love forever, Aunt Joan.##imported-begin##Joan M. Craddock##imported-end##

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April 10, 2010 at 12:36 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayer are with you and your family. We are here for you when and if you ever need us. We love you.##imported-begin##Donald & Dot Jones##imported-end##

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April 09, 2010 at 11:59 PM



“ Dee and the rest of the Welsh/Hendrix, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. And Dee- we Tigers are here for you.##imported-begin##Tabitha Thompson##imported-end##

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April 09, 2010 at 04:45 PM