

O God: Give me the strength to live another day; Let me not turn coward before its difficulties; Let me not lose faith in other people; Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude, meanness; Preserve me from minding little stings or giving them; Help me to keep my heart clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten me or take away the joy of integrity; Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things; Grant me this day new vision of thy truth; Inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness; and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls; in the name of the strong Deliverer, our only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ by Philips Brooks & edited by Mike Welch



Hitting the 
Dusty Trails

Funeral Service
Countryside Covenant Church
McPherson, Kansas
Friday, June 2, 2023, at 10:30 AM



Officiant
The Rite Rev. Michael P. Milliken

Reader
Kristi Fowler

Service Music
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
"It Is Well With My Soul"
"How Great Thou Art"
"God Be With You"
David Peterson, *pianist*

Ushers
Dennis Shaw Paul Caffrey Frank White

Military Honors
American Legion Post #24 & V.F.W. Post #2715
"Taps" ~ Mark Casebeer, trumpet

Memorial Donations
The family suggests that memorial donations be given to St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

Appreciation, Luncheon, & Sharing Time
Mike's family wishes to express sincere appreciation for your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Following the memorial service, family extends an invitation for all to join them for food, fellowship, and a time of sharing stories in the church fellowship hall.

Stockham Family Funeral Home

In Loving Memory
Mike Welch
June 22, 1940 - May 26, 2023



*A Celebration of Life
Mike Welch*

The Great
Outdoors



Mike Welch, 82, of McPherson, KS, passed away on Friday, May 26, 2023, following injuries sustained in a cycling accident in the Flint Hills. He was a retired regional sales manager for SIP Industries.

Charles Michael Welch was born on June 22, 1940, in Denver, CO, the son of Charles Hadley and Alfretta "Freda" Elizabeth (White) Welch.

Mike served in the United States Air Force and was a member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church. He was a very spiritual man and loved his church.

Mike was an amazing man, father, grandfather, and friend. He loved spending time with his family. His truest passion was bicycling with his extended biking family whom he loved very much. He was the life of the party, being ornery and always making everyone around him laugh and smile. He loved to help whomever he could and had the biggest heart and always lived life to the fullest.

He had a special relationship with his daughter, Sonia. Mike was her rock and best friend. He was also very close to his granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

Mike will be greatly missed but never forgotten, and is now with the good Lord in heaven and at peace.

Survivors include: his daughter, Sonia Luttig of McPherson, KS; son, David Welch of Windom, KS; brother, Kerry David Welch (Pam) of Murray, KY; sister, Patty Kay Welch of Kansas City, MO; two granddaughters, Monica Luttig of McPherson, KS and LaToya Jones (Kris) of Kennewick, WA; seven great-grandchildren, Madden, MaKyna, Mercede, Kynzlie, Madison, Kason, & Morgan; many extended family and friends, including all those in his cycling community.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Freda Welch, and a brother, Timothy Welch.

