



## James Macklin Welch

May 15, 1942 - May 25, 2020

James Macklin “Mack” Welch, a mentor to many and friend to all, was born on May 15, 1942 in McDonough, Ga to the great late John D. and Ruby Welch. He passed away peacefully at Piedmont Henry Hospital on Monday, May 25, 2020. Survived by his loving and devoted wife, Sallie Welch for 60 years. Mack accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and was a devoted choir member and ordained Deacon at Shiloh Baptist Church in McDonough, Ga. He later joined Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. where he faithfully served as a deacon in the church until his declining health.

Mack was a pillar of his community and a strong foundation for his family. He was an amazing provider to his wife and kids and a father to extended family members who nicknamed him “Daddy Mack.” He worked passionately as an entrepreneur and with Kmart Distribution Center for over 25 years. Upon retirement in 2000, he co-founded and created the vision of JNJ Transportation Services with his son James “Adair” Welch and daughter-in-law Dianne Welch, which is now one of the largest nationwide minority owned ancillary service providers in the Worker’s Compensation Insurance Industry.

Mack was a lover of people and never met a stranger. He embraced everyone he came in contact with as a family member. His favorite pastime was entertaining his family and friends with love, humor and eating “HOT” food from his beloved wife’s kitchen. Every year, for decades, he would take his

family and loved ones on vacations and trips to create memories that would last a lifetime! His favorite time of the year was celebrating his wife birthday on Christmas with his grandkids and watching their eyes light up! He was always the life of the party and truly lived life to the fullest and inspired others to do the same.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Janise Welch; sister, Etheleen Welch and brother, J.D. Welch Jr.

Mack is survived by his devoted wife Sallie Welch, three daughters, Janet Talton (Tyronne), Lolita Welch, and Andrea "Tiny" Hopkins (Mark) and one son, James "Adair" Welch (Dianne). He's the proud grandfather to Carletta Weldon, Ashley and Alex Talton, Alea and Brianna Welch, and Jada Hopkins. Three adopted granddaughters Brittany, Arielle and Gabrielle Kilgore and two great grandchildren, Kai Ikhine and Ava Talton. Further survived by a loving sister Barbara Reddick, sister in-laws and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

To have known "Mack" Welch, is to have loved "Mack" Welch! We are all the better because of you and the legacy you left in our hearts!

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 31. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel  
300 Griffin Street  
McDonough, GA 30253  
(770) 957-4337  
info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com

## Service

JUN 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Rose Garden Cemetery  
743 Iris Lake Rd.  
McDonough, GA 30252

## Interment

JUN 1 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home created a James "Mack" Welch Live Stream in memory of James Macklin Welch*



**W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home** - May 29, 2020 at 11:35 AM

PP

*Mr. Welch, was like a uncle to me . Friends with the family and we have great memories to share with Mr. Welch. And I'm glad that he was a part of my growing up always inspired me to do better and be better in life.*

*Love you Mr. Welch but God loves you more.*

**Paulette Powell** - May 31, 2020 at 01:15 PM

ST

*My sincere condolences. I remember him well, growing up. Do the best you can, Welch Family, and God will do the rest. I promise. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Be blessed.*  
*Stephanie Thurman-Wrisby*

**Stephanie Thurman-Wrisby** - May 31, 2020 at 04:33 PM

PH

*My Deepest Condolences Sis. Welch and Family May God' Give You Strengths' Comfort and Peace During This Time of Bereavement 🙏❤️*  
*from the Hampton Family*

**Pamela Hampton** - May 31, 2020 at 05:47 PM

TM

*Our sincere condolences to the family.*

**Tim & Cynthia McCullough** - May 31, 2020 at 06:36 PM

DW

*I used to work with Mr. Welch at Snapper. He was always positive. I pray that God would comfort the family.*

**Donald Watkins** - May 31, 2020 at 09:49 PM

KB

*I love you uncle and I truly will miss you*

**Kinyata N Brightwell** - June 01, 2020 at 01:09 PM



*A great man, Deacon, friend has earned his wings. He taught me a lot and we shared many laughs. Dea. Welch will truly be missed. My condolences and prayers to Sis. Sally Welch and family.*

**Greg Hurt** - June 01, 2020 at 02:34 PM

BC

*Hi Sally and family! Memories of you and Mack always bring a smile to my face ..  
for you two always carried the :JOY of the LORD on your smiling faces!  
You and your family have our sincere cobxdolences . You will continue to be in my prayers. This community will miss Mack, but he will foever be remembered in "high regards"!💕💕*

**Bernette T. Cooper** - June 01, 2020 at 05:10 PM

GM

“ Gwendolyn M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of James Macklin Welch.



**Gwendolyn M.** - June 06, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Funeral Program



W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - June 03, 2020 at 10:34 PM

SQ

“ Praying for you and your family. Saundra Quinn



Saundra Quinn - June 03, 2020 at 09:26 AM

SH

“ Sharon1stborn@yahoo.com lit a candle in memory of James Macklin Welch



sharon1stborn@yahoo.com - June 01, 2020 at 11:54 PM

JF

“ Joann Freeman lit a candle in memory of James Macklin Welch



Joann freeman - June 01, 2020 at 09:00 PM

WJ

“ *Wykema Jackson lit a candle in memory of James Macklin Welch*



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**wykema jackson** - June 01, 2020 at 01:23 PM

DS

THAT'S WAS A NICE THING TO DO 🙏🥹🥹🥹🥹

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**Dea. Johnny Hudson Sr** - June 02, 2020 at 03:34 PM

AW

“ *Alicia Ward lit a candle in memory of James Macklin Welch*



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**Alicia Ward** - June 01, 2020 at 01:00 PM

AW

*My sincere condolences to the entire Welch Family on your loss. My life was forever changed by this family who welcomed me with open arms from the very first time that my sisters and TU classmates (Lolita & Tiny) invited me to go home with them for Thanksgiving. The love that Mr. Mack had for his family and the love and respect that they had for him was a shining example of true family love. I loved him even more because we shared a birthday! Rest in Heaven Daddy Mack! You will always be remembered and truly missed. Love to the family!*

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**Alicia Ward** - June 01, 2020 at 01:05 PM

RR

“ To Sister Welch, this is Reverends Connell and Viola Reynolds. We want to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Please know that we love you guys and grieve along with you. Dec is truly a great man, one that I looked up to. I truly loved the "young man" as I called him. I know that he's with the Lord and even though he's no longer with us, his presence is. We are with you and ask that you call on us regardless of the hour. I pray your strength in the Lord. Myself and Reverend Viola stand with you. Be blessed, we love you.



Rev Connell Reynolds - June 01, 2020 at 09:06 AM

NP

“ Sending love and condolences to the Welch family. May the wonderful memories of your beloved husband and father sustain and strengthen you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Nakita Pounds - June 01, 2020 at 12:39 AM

VA

“ Sending Condolences from Montgomery, Alabama from Valerie Anderson and Family, I will be praying for the Welch Family.



Valerie Anderson - May 31, 2020 at 03:19 PM

JL

Praying Gods peace to the Family 🙏🙏🙏

Joyce Lemon - May 31, 2020 at 04:43 PM

MS

“ Deacon Welch was an admirable individual. To Sally and family, our deepest and sincere condolences

Marilyn Stinson - May 31, 2020 at 02:32 PM

SC

Praying the welch family iwill continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers

Shelia crockett - May 31, 2020 at 04:24 PM

BT

“ Barbara T. purchased a sympathy card for the family of James Macklin Welch.



Barbara T. - May 31, 2020 at 01:12 PM

SF

“ Mr. Mac was like a friend, a brother, and a father all rolled into one. Moses and I are praying that precious memories bring the Welch family comfort in the days, weeks, and years to come. We love you all.

Stacey French-Lee - May 31, 2020 at 12:33 PM

RS

“ Sending prayers and condolences to you all. May you find comfort and strength in God's love.

Robin Slaughter-Furr - May 31, 2020 at 12:23 PM

DS

*Just stay in the hands of the Lord and for he know how you feel about that and you will never be left alone for the rest of time he will not be far away from your calling for he is only waiting for you to call*

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**Dea. Johnny Hudson Sr** - May 31, 2020 at 01:00 PM

DS

*Trust in the Lord with all of your HEART and soul and lead not to your understanding*

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**Dea. Johnny Hudson Sr** - May 31, 2020 at 01:07 PM

VH

“ *Sending love and prayers to the Welch family remembering the fun times when we were kids. Mack was always there welcoming us as family! Love you all! Vanessa Henderson*

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**Vanessa Henderson** - May 30, 2020 at 04:07 PM

AH

“ *Sending my prayers, love and condolences to the family  
Ann Henderson*

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**Annie Henderson** - May 30, 2020 at 04:05 PM

JJ

“ We have been friends since 1953. I joined the band in 1954, you were there already, we played trumpet in the HCTS Band with Mr Allen. We saw each other occasionally through the years, but mostly when there was a function for HCTS people. You were always a straight up man, meaning you were not always full of jive, always comical, fun loving and had a memory of an elephant, always willing to talk to old friends of the old days. "Mack" you have earned your gold star to match that gold Trumpet wear it proudly my friend, you have EARNED it. REST MY FRIEND..

*James W. "Jimmy" Lemon*



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**janes W Lemon, Jr** - May 28, 2020 at 05:37 PM

BW

“ To the Welch family; thank you for sharing "Uncle Mack" with us all of these years. We loved him as if we were born into your family. We are deeply saddened by his loss and will cherish his memories forever.

*Brigitte Warde, Sigrid Walker, Latarae Johnson, Quinton Johnson, and Letitia Johnson*

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**Brigitte Warde** - May 28, 2020 at 03:31 PM

PB

*My condolences to Sally and the family*

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**Paulette Brown** - May 30, 2020 at 12:20 AM

ES

*Sending my sincerest condolences to the family. Mack had a knack for making you feel like you mattered. RIP.*

**Earl Slaughter** - May 31, 2020 at 12:27 PM

VH

*My condolences to the Welch family, my God give you strength. 🙏*

**valerie Hurst** - May 31, 2020 at 12:43 PM

CE

“ *Chiquita Edwards lit a candle in memory of James Macklin Welch*



**Chiquita Edwards** - May 28, 2020 at 12:07 PM

CE

*I had the opportunity to visit Mr. Mack at Laurel Park some months ago, and it will be one of my fondest memories of him that I will forever cherish. He was so full of hope as he talked about his future and so full of joy as we reminisced about his past going all the way back to our days at the Shiloh Baptist Church where both the Welch and Crawford families have deep roots. He always encouraged me with his kind words, his warm handshake and hug, his contagious smile and a sincere concern for how the family was doing. To Mrs. Sally and family, I pray that the Lord will continue to bless and keep you and that the joy of the Lord will provide you with all of the physical and spiritual strength you need in the days ahead.*

*Chiquita Crawford Edwards & Family*

**Chiquita Edwards** - May 28, 2020 at 12:39 PM

MM

“ *My prayers and condolences . May time give you strength.*

**Maria Madan** - May 27, 2020 at 10:34 PM

PK

“ To James and to all of your loved ones, I extend my heartfelt condolences. It is my hope that each of you are comforted by the memories that you shared with Mr. Welch over the years. Do please keep the Faith, and do please take care.

*Paul Kearney*

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**Paul Kearney** - May 27, 2020 at 07:28 PM

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SALLY AND CHILDREN, I AM SO VERY SORRY ABOUT THE DEATH OF MACK! PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. MACK WAS A VERY NICE MAN KNEW HIM AND SALLY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. REST IN THE ARMS OF THE LORD MACK.

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**NONIA** - May 27, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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**NONIA AMIS** - May 27, 2020 at 08:58 PM