



Douglas Welton

May 6, 1944 - October 28, 2019

Shirley; Douglas Welton. 75, of Shirley, died Monday, October 28, 2019 at his home.

Mr. Welton was born in Ayer, May 6, 1944, one of eleven children born to John F. and Lempi (Junkala) Welton and was a lifelong Shirley resident. He was a 1962 graduate of Ayer High School.

During the Vietnam era, Mr. Welton served his country for four years as an airplane mechanic in the United States Air Force.

Following his discharge from the armed forces, Mr. Welton worked for nearly 50 years as a mechanic at Fort Devens in Ayer retiring in 2016.

He was a member of the Shirley American Legion Post.

He leaves his wife of 16 years, Linda L. (Brennan) Antognoni; his son, Michael F. Welton of Lunenburg; three stepdaughters, Rita Dolan of Warrentonville IL, Wanda Rope of Stow MA, Rena Adams of Troy NH; a brother, Phillip Welton of Shirley; three sisters, Kathleen Fontaine of Leominster, Leslie Jones and Phyllis Piepiora both of Shirley; two grandchildren, Zackery Welton, Brittany Welton; five step- grandchildren, Bethany Weixler, Katie Vachon, Bill Vassilakis, Mike Vassilakis and Jake Adams.

He was the brother of the late Beverly Gemma of West Boylston, Mike Welton, Richard Welton, John Welton, Barbara Pearl and Jacqueline Welton all of Shirley.

Funeral services will be held 12:30 PM Monday, November 4, 2019 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd (Rte 2A) Ayer. Burial will follow at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery, Winchendon.

Mr. Welton's family will receive family and friends on Monday from 11:30 AM until the time of the service.

For additional information or to leave an on line condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 4. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

GC

“ I was shocked to hear from a friend of mine who lives in Uxbridge, Ma about Doug passing. I knew him him for about ten years, until my retirement in 1993. He was always a happy and full of life person. Always willing to help out anyone who needed it. My condolences to the family.

Gerry Constantineau
Mapleville, RI

Gerry Constantineau - November 23, 2019 at 05:25 PM

BW

“ A great uncle and all-around great human being. Uncle Doug, you will be missed. Rest well .

Brian Welton - November 05, 2019 at 11:00 AM

DW

“ Prayers go out to the family, godbless you all.
RIP DOUG



Donald Westover - November 03, 2019 at 07:49 AM

JW

“ Doug was an amazing man. The pinnacle of 'Uncle".
He was always happy to see you and lend a hand.

He was an inspiration too. How many remember he was a bit of an early tech pioneer back in the day? Back in the days of dial up modems but before the internet and email, before AOL was flooding our mailboxes with sign-up floppy disks, when we had to boot up from DOS disks, Doug "The Wildcat" owned and operated "Wildcat BBS", where people all over the country could (and did) dial in to his computer and share messages, software and play games. Doug was the first to help me learn bits of what would become my career.

Uncle Doug also gave me my first TWO cars! He handed me down his old 1982 gold Firebird and later the old gold Mercury Cougar "Bostonian" (living large in my early twenties in a luxury car!).

I'll never forget growing up, in our yard or his, watching him and my father working together building their garages or just hanging out and sharing laughs.

Doug left an indelible mark on my life which I will always cherish and I look forward to someday seeing him again when the time comes.

Jason Welton - November 02, 2019 at 06:40 PM

GW

“ One of my favorite Uncle's 🥺 who will be greatly missed RIP ❤️

Gail Welton - November 02, 2019 at 01:01 PM

LR

“ One of the best teachers I have ever had. Worked with Doug at Fort Devens for many years. He never let anything bother him. Always calm and easygoing. Had many laughs and good times. Gonna miss you.

Luis Rodriguez - November 02, 2019 at 09:12 AM

Paul
Lyman

“ I worked with Doug for years. He was a wealth of knowledge, and a shining example of a great man! I admired him. He will be missed.

Paul Lyman - November 01, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ In memory of Doug Welton

The mind changer and life line comes when you wake up and notice a close friend or vet friend is in the obit's. You ponder and think..I can taste my coffee....see the light rain outside, love that man/gal that passed, gonna miss the best they were. Deep breath...I am still here, don't know why, but I will think on that person daily from now on and with every breath, take a little more control back without the victim mentality that is so prevalent in today's society. Live on as long as you can and think on the Doug Weltons of the world that contributed with there knowledge, persona, drive, and love of life. Gonna miss the best Mechanic that God has promoted 📷 <3 📷

Bernard Barlow - November 01, 2019 at 08:07 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Welton.*



November 01, 2019 at 01:02 AM



“ *Uncle Doug was a great man always so kind to everyone. He always helped Aunt Linda and they both constantly visited and helped Uncle Bill and my mother at home and in nursing home, which I know she enjoyed very much. God Bless you Uncle Doug and rest in peace . You will be missed by many.*

Jane, Gene and family

Eugene R Dancause - October 31, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ *Remember growing up with Doug! I lived on Cottage St. We use to swim at Leather board. Remember seeing him swimming with broken arm! Those were the fun days! RIP Doug. 🙏*

Nancy Roberts - October 30, 2019 at 10:25 PM