



## William R. Welles

March 10, 1947 - September 23, 2018

William R. "Mr. Bill" Welles, 71, passed away peacefully at Mercy Medical Center on Sunday, September 23, 2018, with his loving family by his side. Born in Hartford, CT on March 10, 1947, son of the late Arthur H. "Pete" and Gloria (Powell) Welles, he has resided in the Western Mass for the past forty five years. A US Army combat veteran of the Vietnam War he served with the 5th Cavalry, 9th Infantry Division and received the Bronze Star Medal for bravery in battle along with the Vietnam Service Medal. Bill was a retired twenty year auto technician for Central Chevrolet and also loved working on his own cars. An avid gardener, he especially loved his orchids. He loved his family more than anything and would never forget to hug his wife daily. We will never forget his infectious laugh. Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Sandra M. (LaBelle) Welles; two loving sons, David E. Vickers and wife Ela, of Chicopee, and Michael J. Vickers and wife Maria, of West Springfield; cherished grandchildren, Nicole, Kristina, Alyssa, Morgan, David Jr., and Alex; and great-grandbaby, Aubrey Lee, who will all deeply miss their "Grandpa Bill". He also leaves his stepmother, Barbara Welles of Waynesville, NC; his sister, Sue Caron and husband Albe, of East Hartford, CT; his brother, Scott Welles and wife Tina, of Park City, MT and nieces and nephews. A funeral home service for Bill will be held Wednesday at 10AM in Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee followed by burial with Military Honors in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Calling hours are Tuesday from 5-7PM.



# Cemetery Details

## Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

1390 Main St.  
Agawam, MA 01001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
565 Front Street  
Chicopee, MA 01013  
(413) 592-9256  
kozikowskifh@gmail.com

## Service

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To my husband Bill who always hugged me every day. He would call me sweetie and kiss me goodnight. He was my best friend, never denying me anything I wanted. The house is empty now and lonesome but I have so many years of fun and memories with him. I will love you always.  
Your Beloved Wife Sandra

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**Sandra Welles** - September 25, 2018 at 02:14 PM

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“ Our brother-in-law Bill will be sadly missed by all his 5 sister -in-laws!! A GENTLE SPIRIT he always had a smile and we loved calling when he would answer the phone!! Taken away way too soon! " CHOW " Mr Bill we love you!! REST IN PEACE

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**AUDREY O'Connor** - September 24, 2018 at 07:16 PM