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James M. Welsh

January 5, 1939 - February 2, 2015

James M. Welsh, 76, also known by his friends as "Harv", passed away Feb 2, 2015 at the Lewis County General Hospital in Lowville.

Mr. Welsh was born January 5, 1939 in Morris Ill. Son of the Late George M. & Lavern E. (Norris) Welsh. He graduated with the class of 1957 at Morris Community High School, enlisted in the US Army in 1958, served in Korea, was discharged in 1961 and re enlisted in 1961 and served in Vietnam and was discharged in 1967. Upon his return from service he was employed with the New York Air Brake in Watertown until he retired 1996.

He married Susie Stephanson in 1959 and divorced in 1963 and married Jo Ann Debovis in 1963 in Morris, Ill

Mr. Welsh was a member of The American Legion in Lowville Post 162 and a life member of the VFW in Boonville Post 5538 and 25 year member of the Tug Hill Wheelers and was a avid hunter and a diehard Chicago Bears Fan. In October 2014 Mr. Welsh was able to make the Honor Flight to Washington DC to visit the war memorials in honor of his service.

Surviving relatives are his sister Patricia Ann Darr in Missouri , his 4 children Laura Jane Welsh (Oregon) Michael James Welsh (Syracuse) Kelly Jo Welsh (Zunker) (Manitowoc, Wisconsin) Shana Lynn Welsh (Watertown) and 4 Grandchildren Shelby Lynn and Mason Alan Zunker and Shamus William & Sienna Lynn Fraser, and good friends Paul (P.J) Mel, Davie, Wild Bill, Fast Eddie, Starr, Mark and Spike and many cousins, nieces and nephews one special nephew, Marty Welsh (Illinois) He was preceded in death his brother Robert George Welsh (BO) in 1977 and one very special friend, Esther Rose Fleming (Watertown) who died in 2006.

Visitation will be at the Reed and Benoit Funeral Home, Saturday February 7, 2015 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm, with a service by the Lowville American Legion Post 162 at 3:00pm. Burial will be in the spring at Oakwood Cemetery, Theresa, with military honors.

His Family would like to extend a "Thank You" to all who watched over him up on the hill. He truly will be missed.

Online condolences may be made at www.reedbenoit.com



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