



Patricia A. Welsh

September 29, 1934 - March 7, 2026

Patricia Andrews Welsh received her unfading, imperishable inheritance and started dwelling in the house of the Lord forever on March 7, 2026. She was a devoted wife, a dedicated mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, a delightful friend and a diligent servant of Christ. Her faith in Jesus was the fuel of her life. Her tailgating food was a close second. If you stopped by the family car on any given Fall Saturday in Clemson you would find enough chicken tenders, cubes of cheese, and “chewbread” to feed the entire student section. Famous for her quotes about life, perhaps her favorite quote was, “I can see the ocean!” From the rising to the setting of the sun fewer things gave her greater joy than sitting in a chair in the sand at Surfside Beach. She no longer needs the light of the sun for the Lord God is now her light forever.

She was born in Lee County, South Carolina, on September 29, 1934. A graduate of Bishopville High School and the University of South Carolina, she retired after three decades as a schoolteacher – most of that time teaching second-grade at Belvedere Elementary. She was a faithful and joyful member of First Baptist Church, North Augusta – and a faithful and joyful teacher of the Bible to her Sunday School class – and internationally known for her props and object lessons and “Pat-isms” as she taught the Scriptures.

Preceded in death by her husband of 66 years and 11 months, Josey Dow Welsh, Sr.; she is survived by her four children, Anne Matson (John), Lisa

Smith (Richard), Sheryl Craig (Larry), Dow Welsh (Karen); nine grandchildren, William (Olivia), Kara, Anna Ryan, Davis (Matti), Bailey, Trent, Carter, Meredith, and Holden; six great-grandchildren, Wells, Warner, Lee, Ranz, Rollin, and Pearl.

She was the daughter of Laurens Ryan Andrews, Sr. and Mattie Carter Andrews of Elliott, South Carolina, and is predeceased by her brother, Laurens Ryan Andrews, Jr.

The family would like to thank all of the staff and her friends at Wellmore, LiveLong, Curana, and Broad River Rehab in Lexington, South Carolina, for loving her and making her a special part of their work families in the final season of her life.

A celebration service will be held at First Baptist Church, North Augusta, South Carolina, at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 14, 2026, with Dow Welsh and Richard Smith officiating. The family will greet guests in the foyer following the service. A private family burial will be held before the service. Memorials can be made to First Baptist Church, North Augusta, South Carolina, 625 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina, 29841.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangement (803)278-1181. Visit the registry at www.POSEYCARES.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of North Augusta
625 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Visitation Following The Service

MAR 14 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs Welch’s passing. I had her in 4th grade at Belvedere and really thought a lot of her. Hate to have missed visitation but had to go out of town for my granddaughter. Hugs & prayers to her family.

Annette Beeler - March 15 at 03:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Welsh.



March 13 at 06:48 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Welsh.



March 12 at 09:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia A. Welsh.

March 12 at 09:38 AM

CS

“ *Calling B12 in bingo will never be the same. I loved Pat's laugh that could be heard down the hall. She never had a mean thing to say about anyone & she loved to talk about her family. She was so proud of all of her family. I'll miss her as a table mate but more as the friend I loved.*



Carol Saul - March 11 at 10:23 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Welsh.*



March 10 at 04:07 PM



“ *Denise Newman lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. Welsh*



Denise Newman - March 10 at 11:43 AM

JS

“ *She was my 2nd grade teacher at Belvedere Elementary MANY years ago and was always one of my favorite teachers. She was a blessing to many! May God grant you peace in this time of grief and as you navigate life without your matriarch. Prayers to all who loved and cherished her.*

Jennifer Stone-Harley - March 10 at 10:31 AM

SF

“ She was one of my favorite teachers in elementary school. A wonderful woman who I greatly respected. My condolences to the family.



Sandy Foreman - March 10 at 09:41 AM

TE

“ The Ellsworths purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Patricia A. Welsh.



The Ellsworths - March 10 at 04:09 AM

LB

“ I loved her South Carolinian way of saying and pronouncing “Now Dow” (son) and “Cotter” (grandson Carter). Truly, she was a great example of how to show the love of Jesus.

Les Bledsoe - March 09 at 07:05 PM