



# Richard Alan Welch

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**O**n March 23, 2024, Richard Alan Welch died peacefully at Hospice of Savannah. Alan was 67 Years old born on December 6, 1956, and raised in North Fort Myers, Florida.

Family and friends are welcome to attend the memorial service on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 10:00 am, Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home & Cemetery, 1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33907. Reception to follow inside the Family Center as we continue to remember and celebrate Alan's life and time with all of us.

Alan comes from a long line of true Floridians as he was the fifth generation to call Florida home. He was preceded in death by his parents Tom Martin Glazier, Betty Louise (Gerald Glazier) Welch and his sister Mercedes Welch.

Alan's family includes his wife Althea of 13 years of marriage, and children Alexandra (Kevin) and Joshua. Alan is survived by his uncle and aunt John and Alicia Gerald and sister Lisa (Randall) Renshaw, many nieces and nephews and extended family members and friends.

Alan attended Bishop Verot Catholic High School and Edison Community College. He is a graduate of University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida with his PhD in Geology and continued his Doctorate education in Environmental Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Florida and MIT. Later in his adult life he obtained his Juris Doctorate in Law. Alan was also associated with the United States Navy at NAS Key West. He studied martial arts in the Shotokan style and accomplished the rank of Fourth Dan Black Belt. Alan was the president of the Woodturners of Southwest Florida for over 10 years.

Alan's passions and strong desire for adventure allowed him to travel all over the world. He believed in higher learning of any kind and was an avid reader and historian. His true "mistress" will always be flying as he learned how at a young age in small planes and crop dusters. Alan loved nature and all creatures great and small, either horses, birds, cats or dogs, and sea life in the ocean



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they all gravitated to him. Alan could grow anything from a seed or a piece of plant. He would say you need to talk to nature kindly so it will trust you and flourish. Alan was a “fish” per his mom Louise as he loved being in the water swimming, diving, fishing and of course going fast in a boat.

Alan touched many people’s lives and is deeply loved and missed by his family and friends. We will continue to love him in our hearts and tell his stories. God speed my love as you skip through time with your hair on fire!

Flowers and cards may be sent to:

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home & Cemetery  
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33907




# Events


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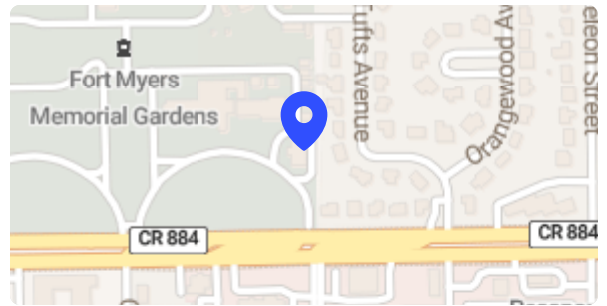
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## Graveside Service

 **Wednesday**, May 1, 2024

 10:00 AM ET

 **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33907





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**Michele** posted:

Rest easy Alan. You will be missed. My favorite memory will always be sitting in the driveway with both of you passing out Halloween candy and Meishu dressed up in her costume.

April 25 at 1:47 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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