



## Obituary

**Born:** Sunday, October 9, 1932

**Died:** Thursday, May 10, 2018

Eldred, Pa. Devoted Husband, Father and Grandfather  
Ronald F. Welch Sr., 85, passed away at his residence on  
May 10, 2018 following a brief illness.

Born on October 9, 1932 in Eldred he was a son of John P.  
and Margaret Ann Kreitzer Welch. On October 12, 1963 in  
the St. Mary's of the Angles Church in Olean he married M.  
Eileen Cronin, who survives.

Ron was a 1951 graduate of Eldred High School and has  
lived in Eldred his entire life. He was employed as a splicer  
by Bell of Pa, which later became Verizon, for 41 years. He  
was a member of St. Raphael's Church in Eldred and the  
Knights of Columbus, the Harlan Davis Council, the Eldred  
Borough Council for over 20 years, the Eldred Parks  
Commission for 20 years, a lifetime member of the  
Communications Workers of America, the Telephone  
Pioneers of America, the Five County Borough Association,  
the LaVerna Society of St. Bonaventure and was a past Boy  
Scouts Scoutmaster and had himself achieved the honor of  
Eagle Scout and had also volunteered to repair talking book  
machines for the blind. Ron loved Eldred, he loved Elm St.,  
he loved his Church and gardening and birdwatching in his  
yard.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 54 years, are two sons,  
Ronald F. (Michelle) Welch Jr. of Lancaster, California and  
Dr. Mark J. Welch of Eldred and three grandchildren, Ronald  
F. Welch III, Margaret Grace Welch and Victoria Jean Welch  
and a sister, Mary Katherine Valentinelli of Dryden, N.Y. and  
a sister in law, Bernice Welch of Eldred and several nieces  
and nephews. Ron was preceded in death by two brothers,  
Dr. John P. Welch in 1996 and Martin Welch in 2017, a sister  
in law, Mary Welch and a brother in law, Joseph Valentinelli  
and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Frame Funeral Home in Eldred on  
Sunday from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. A mass of Christian  
burial will be held on Monday (May 14, 2018) at the St.  
Raphael Church in Eldred at 11:00 AM with the Rev.  
Thomas Brown, as celebrant. Burial will follow in St.  
Bonaventure Cemetery in Allegany, N.Y.

The Rosary will be recited on Sunday evening at 6:45 P.M. at  
the funeral home.

The family requests that memorials be made to St. Raphael  
Church or the Eldred Ambulance Fund or the donors choice.  
Online condolences may be made at [framefuneralhome.com](http://framefuneralhome.com)

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## Service Summary

### Visitation

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Sun May 13,  
2018

### Frame Funeral Home

230 North Main St.  
Eldred, Pennsylvania 16731

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### Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 AM Mon May 14, 2018

### St. Raphael's Catholic Church

16 First St.  
Eldred, Pennsylvania 16731