



## Richard Hugh Welborn

July 1, 1965 - June 12, 2011

Richard Hugh Welborn, 45, Moulton (formerly of Russellville) left his earthly home for a far better one on June 12, 2011. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Sheffield. Visitation will be 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Spry Memorial Chapel. Bro. Ricky Watt will officiate at the service. Interment will be at Mt. Hope Methodist Cemetery. He is survived by his father, Arlin Hugh Welborn; aunt, Willadean (Allen) Counts; friend, Donna Burns (Jeremy) Sparks; aunt, Teresa (Johnny) Moore; uncle, Jay (Nancy) Woods; several cousins; and a world full of friends who knew and adored him. He was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn Welborn; sister, Susan Welborn; grandparents, Gene & Betty Woods; Clifton & Goldie Welborn; and uncle, J.C. Welborn. While studying for his degree in Theatre & Journalism at UNA, Richard formally began his performing career. He graced area stages as well with his remarkable voice, acting, natural charisma, and charm. He was a member of the premier cast of "Anything Goes" at the historic Ritz Theatre in 1985. He toured with the Alabama Reunion Show, was a featured singer and dancer at Opryland USA, Fiesta Texas, and Opera South. Richard was an official Miss Alabama judge with the Miss America Pageant. One of his greatest loves was sharing his talent and teaching young people music theatre, voice, acting, and gymnastics. What he taught them will be his legacy. He inspired and encouraged all those he loved and leaves a lifetime of wonderful memories & laughter to keep him alive in our hearts forever. Spry

Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ I am just so torn as I am reading this. I was a student of Susan's and Richard's. I loved them dearly and was working at HKH when Susan passed away. I had just found Richards Facebook page and was hoping to reconnect. I wish I knew what happened. I forever cherish memories of us all singing, dancing, competing, and mostly laughing. Rest in peace.

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**Alicia Moody McGee** - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Richard's passing. He was such an amazing life force and I am so sorry he is no longer with us. I had the honor of knowing him and my daughter had the honor of being taught by him and Donna at their studio in Sheffield many years ago. We all loved Richard and I know he is missed by a great many.

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**Maria Standley** - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Richard will live forever in my thoughts and memories.

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**Penny Linville** - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Richard will be greatly missed by everyone who's life he touched.

*He was one of the most talented people that I have ever met.*

*My daughter, Melony Scott was one of his many students that he taught along the way.*

*It's hard to believe he is gone.  
My prayers go out to the family*

*Cindy Scott*

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**CINDY SCOTT** - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Richard was a great asset to the fine arts program at RHS. He brought happiness to all those around him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Stan McCarver** - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Plays in college, SOAR, Community Theatre, Opera South...so many memories of you. So many chances to watch you shine. Today I keep hearing your laugh in my head. You had the most excellant laugh. You could start up and turn a whole room into so much laughter because you were such a source of life. You will be missed, my friend. You will be missed.

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**Jayne** - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Richard Hugh Welborn

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**Jason Grigsby** - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Richard Hugh Welborn*

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**Jason Grigsby and Family** - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *Richard Hugh Welborn*

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**Gill Galloway** - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *We will always have fond memories of Richard. He was a wonderful inspiration and mentor to so many theater kids. His legacy will live on through them. We will miss his happy smile. He was a great guy-gone way too soon. He is definitely singing with the angels now. May He Rest in Peace.  
Fondly,  
The D. Gursky Family*

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**The D. Gursky Family** - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Richard, I was in shock when I read on facebook that you had passed. I remember in high school you was one of the funniest guys I knew.. You was always so much fun to be around. And in band when you was drum major, well it just made the band that much better. You are gonna be missed by so many. You are now an Angel watching over us. I will keep your family in my prayers and I hope they find peace knowing that you are an Angel now. Love you and gonna miss you a bunch. Will catch you on the other side. Peace my friend.*

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**Diane Flanagan** - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Even though he's gone  
his memory still remains in our hearts.  
His smile and face will never fade.  
We think of him as we go on each day.  
The good times we remember  
and the days spent together  
will be in our memories forever.  
So when you start to get down  
and you really want to cry  
just think of the fun times  
and don't wonder why.  
Just leave it at that  
and know he's better now.  
He's in a better place.  
His heart was right with God.  
So Richard, we love you  
and we miss you so much  
but we know you're much happier.  
So watch over us and make sure we're okay  
and we will see you again someday.

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**Anita Pace** - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM