



## Joshua Joseph Welge

September 30, 1978 - October 21, 2021

Joshua Joseph Welge, 43, was born September 30, 1978 in Port Charlotte, FL. He is the son of the late Teresa Huffman. As a child, Josh lived in many different places. He and his parents ran a children's home in Texas. As he grew older, Josh's dad joined the Army and he had the opportunity to live on Fort Monroe Army Base in Virginia. When Josh was in middle school, he and his mom moved back to Englewood, FL. He attended Lemon Bay High School and then later graduated from Venice High School. Josh met his wife, Brandi, when he was sixteen and they were high school sweethearts. They married in 1999 and settled here where they grew up in Venice.

Josh began working at the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office in Corrections. Two years later, he started working at Venice Police Department. While there, he was on the Emergency Response Team and excelled as a law enforcement officer. He served there for five years before returning to the Sheriff's Department. He spent the last seventeen years as a deputy as well as a Field Training Officer. He was an excellent marksman and earned a Life Saving Award. Josh and Brandi have three children. He was an amazing father and husband. His big heart and loyalty made him a true friend to many people. His legacy will live on and he will be desperately missed.

Josh is survived by his loving wife, Brandi; three children, Colynn, Symantha and Tobey; grandmother, Judy Howell; brother-in-law, Casey Taylor and

family, father and mother-in-law, Lynn and Anne Taylor; father, Jerry Welge and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

End of Watch Joshua, rest easy and we will take it from here. We love you.

On Saturday, October 30, 2021 a visitation will be held at the Venice Church of the Nazarene, Venice, FL from 9:30a-11a. A funeral service will start at 11a followed by burial at Venice Memorial Gardens, Venice, FL.

Arrangements are under the care of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. located at 14538 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287. 941-423-9110 [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 30. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Venice Church of the Nazarene  
1535 E. Venice Ave  
Venice, FL 34292

## Funeral Service

OCT 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Venice Church of the Nazarene  
1535 E. Venice Ave.  
Venice, FL 34292

## burial

OCT 30. 12:30 PM (ET)

Venice Memorial Gardens  
Venice, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joshua Joseph Welge*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



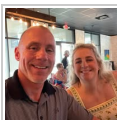
“ *Joshua Joseph Welge*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Joshua was an amazing human. His heart was huge and he will not be forgotten. He loved to play claw machines and win prizes for our children, niece and nephew or even for the treasure box for my students at school. I remember a story he told me about a call he went on one night. It was with a family and the child was crying and scared. So Josh went out to his patrol car and let the child choose a stuffed animal to make him happy so he wouldn't be scared. This is how my husband always was. He was gentle and kind. I also remember the night he went to a call and saved a man's life. Our community lost a true hero.*

**Brandi** - October 29, 2021 at 12:25 AM



*Brandi*

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Know that the love you two have is such an example for your children.*

**Jennifer Gambill** - October 30, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ 95 files added to the album LifeTributes



Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - October 28, 2021 at 05:15 PM

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*Prayers to all his family and friends. We miss you. You will always be remembered and forever loved. Josh was a wonderful father, loving husband and great friend to have on your side. God bless. Until we meet again in heaven. Becky, Brian, Sean & Tegan*

Becky - October 28, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joshua Joseph Welge.*



October 28, 2021 at 04:26 PM

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“ WHILE JOSH CAME TO THE SHERIFFS OFFICE LATE IN MY CAREER WE WERE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM AS PART OF THE AGENCY WORKING IN OUR CORRECTIONS SECTION. I READ WITH PRIDE THAT HE HAD GONE TO VPD FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THEN RETURNED AS A SWORN DEPUTY TO THE SSO.

MAY GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY AT THIS TIME AND MAY THEY KNOW THAT HE GAVE OF HIMSELF TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF SARASOTA COUNTY IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER AND HE WILL BE MISSED.

RESPECTFULLY,  
GEOFF MONGE

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**GEOFF MONGE** - October 28, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Joshua Joseph Welge.



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October 27, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joshua Joseph Welge.



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October 25, 2021 at 12:10 PM