

Jan 1, 1988

Dear Billy Creek,

It brings me great
pleasure to tell you this,
My son, Richey died
April 23, 1978. He had
cancer of the lymph node
glands. He lived about
one year after the lumps
started coming all over
him. He had been married
about four years. They
had a baby, and she was
only weeks old the day
Richey was buried. He
was one more proud
"papa". He named her
mandee Richey Welch

She looks just like her daddy when he was ~~her~~ ^{100%} age, and brings a lot of joy in our lives today. Angela, his wife ~~also~~ had cancer, about three months after Ricky died she had cancer of the colon. She had an ~~operation~~ operation and she is doing fine now, I am sending you a picture of mandee, he carried her on Sat. afternoon and had her picture made and he died on Sun. afternoon. There was a big change in her

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like, He never complains
of his condition, he took
a treatment every three week
and he was sick one or two
days afterwards, but he
never gave up, he worked
until the end. I feel like
he is in Heaven now.

I am sending a picture we
had in the paper last year
of Ricky. (75) in a year
we will never forget.

Thanks for the Christmas
cards you have sent. Write
and let me know if you
are married and have any
children, and send us some
pictures. If you are ever
down in S. C., come

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By and visit with me,
I have one son now,
and three daughters all
are married and have
families, just my father
and myself live at home
now, and we both work.
It would be nice to
get a letter from you
and tell me all about
yourself.

Sincerely,

Agnes Welch

Rubeys' Mother

P.O. Box 2

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in March