



Romeo "Romie" Goche

November 3, 1926 - July 1, 2019

The Mass of Christian Burial for Romeo Goche, of rural Verndale will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 8, at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Bluegrass, with Father Lauren Germann as celebrant. Visitation will be held at the church on Monday from 9:30a.m until the time of the service with the Holy Name praying the rosary at 10:00a.m.

Romeo, age 92, passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019, at the Fargo VA Health System in Fargo, ND.

Romeo "Romie" Nickolas Goche was born to Martin Anthony and Ethel Elnora (Bookhart) Goche on November 3, 1926, in Verndale, Wadena County, MN.

Romie went to country school and then graduated from Verndale High School. Romie honorably served our country in the US Navy during WWII and Korea. His most significant WWII assignment was in Subic Bay, P.I.

After his honorable discharge from WWII, Romie returned home where he was reunited with his lifelong sweetheart, Betty, at a dance at the River Inn in Aldrich, MN. When Romie asked to take her home, they both instantly knew that night that they wanted to spend the rest of their lives together. They were united in marriage on September 23, 1946, in McMinnville, OR. He was called from inactive duty for 5 months in 1951 to serve in the Korean War. For 23

years, they lived in Oregon before returning to Minnesota to reside in rural Verndale. Other than Romie's stint in the service, they were inseparable until Betty's death on January 12, 2018.

Over the years, Romie worked as a printer for a daily newspaper and also farmed. He relished being outdoors, riding his 4wheeler and then his side by side, caring for his land, hunting all kinds of game (sometimes shooting starlings out the dining room window scaring Betty and raising all kinds of dust), making lures and his favorite pastime was fishing. He amazed us with his ability to 'witch' for water. His knowledge of so many subjects was astounding. Whenever we had a question about anything, we wouldn't need to 'google it' we would just 'Romie it' In his later years, he used his talents in landscape art and writing poetry.

His Catholic faith was very important to him. He truly loved the Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist. He was a godfather to many.

Romie was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; parents, Martin and Ethel; son, Bruce; daughter, Joan ; brother, Richard; sister, Elnora Vining

Romie will be dearly missed by his brother John (Claudia) Goche, sister Virginia (Jim) Chalmers, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, along with a host of many nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.

Active pallbearers will be Steve Goche, Bill Goche, Jerry Kern, Joe Kern, Matt Kern and Tom Giza.

Burial will be in St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

Cemetery Details

St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery

16196 County Road 104
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Hubert's Catholic Church
22008 Co Rd 23
(10 miles N. of Verndale on Co Rd 23)
Blue Grass, MN 56477

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Romeo "Romie" Goche



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 05, 2019 at 06:38 PM

NG

“ I am sorry to hear about Romeo & Betty's passing. I live in Washington State but eight years ago I was on a road trip across the US and was able to meet up with Romeo and Betty. I learned a lot about our family history and where all my ancestors lived and were currently buried including my great grandparents (Nick and Rose). He had a great memory and enjoyed sharing the family history. I even spent a little time at the Wadena VFW named after my Grandpa's brother Elmer. I am very thankful for our visit and the opportunity to meet them. -Nick Goche



Nick Goche - February 23, 2025 at 12:03 PM

RG

“ My most recent memory is a second hand one in which I was told on good authority that I was, and now will eternally be, Uncle Romies "Favorite" nephew...not Greg

Rick Goche - July 08, 2019 at 09:10 PM

GV

“ Romie and Betty: Thank you for every gift you gave me in my life.
Your (probably) favorite nephew Greg

Greg vining - July 08, 2019 at 09:06 PM

VC

“ Love to you Romie and to dear Betty. I know you are together in heaven. You are probably very busy putting on a new roof or fixing the gate after St. Peter let you through the pearly gates. Romie and Betty always had time for me when I was growing up in McMinnville. We will so miss all of Romie's great family history and our Minnesota family history. Our daughters Vicki, Cathy & Carrie so enjoyed your visit when you came to CA and visited our family. Sorry we got in a big snow storm in the Sierra Nevada mountains. You and Betty said that made your whole trip. Who knew in California? Love from your little sister Virginia (Tessy) and husband Jim and the rest of our California Family. Love You Romie Virginia Goche Chalmers and our whole Chalmers Clan

Virginia Chalmers - July 08, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 05, 2019 at 05:24 PM

JW

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Romeo. A very special faith-filled cousin and treasured friend with kindness, knowledge and helpfulness unending. A mentor for sure.*

Romie was extra special to me in that my parents often shared of the great days when he stayed with my parents, Bud & Evelyn, and worked in the sawmill/lumber business. I often heard of how precious he was to them and what good care he took of me. He himself shared many of those days when we would visit at his home on Co. 7. In fact, that visit would have been in just two weeks.

Yes, visiting Romie and Betty on our summer time trips to Verndale was always most enjoyed. Kindness and knowledge shared were certainly beautiful traits of both. His poems are a true treasure, his paintings with heartfelt thoughts in each were admirable.

EWTN TV, the Natl. Catholic Television network, was one of his favorites. It gave us great happiness when we were able to attend the televised Mass at Irondale, AL and know that Romie was participating from his home. We could all be praying together and how wonderful that was.

Romeo's Catholic faith was rich and treasured by him and his family. May Romie rest in peace along with his beautiful wife Betty, children Bruce and Joan.

Larry & Judy (Goche) Wagner

JUDY WAGNER - July 05, 2019 at 01:30 PM

JW

“ *JUDY WAGNER lit a candle in memory of Romeo "Romie" Goche*



JUDY WAGNER - July 05, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Romeo "Romie" Goche.*



July 05, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ *Love always, Dianne Steve Jessica & family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Romeo "Romie" Goche.*



Love always, Dianne Steve Jessica & family - July 04, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Dianne Cole Johnson lit a candle in memory of Romeo "Romie" Goche*



Dianne Cole Johnson - July 03, 2019 at 09:49 PM

DJ

“ From my perspective, it is difficult to honor Uncle Romie in just a few sentences. I am a niece who loved him as a father figure. Of course, I cannot think of him without conjoining him with Aunt Betty his soulmate! They were a dynamic duo who for my own needs as a young child and through adulthood were my confidants, advisors, giving me unconditional love and shoulders to lean on. The best childhood memories were spent at their farm in McMinnville, OR letting me be my silly self, helping with chores (which seemed more like fun activities) i.e. canning peaches, bare back riding calves, their white horse (whose name I don't remember) playing with Ginger & multiple kittens, and even driving their red truck while they baled hay! I gained a love of nature which I embrace today. I loved family time with dear cousins Joan & Bruce and other extended family. The entire family worked hard and were proud of their lifestyle. Being near the airport and busy rural road, they were frequently helping people stranded or needing help. Even after HS, they welcomed me into their home in Verndale while I attended school in Wadena. They both nurtured my faith and family values which helped shape my adulthood. Romie & Betty were excellent examples on how to faithfully lead my life. Uncle Romie was a Renaissance Man...intelligent, artistic with common sense. If there was a problem to be solved, he would think, tackle, and conquer! The enormous white cross they constructed on their homestead is just one example of his ingenuity, mathematical ability and construction skills. Our conversations, after Aunt Betty's passing were brief but heartfelt and always a day brightener for me. I will miss you Uncle Romie. Please embrace Aunt Betty, Cousins Joan & Bruce in Heaven for me. Rest in Eternal Peace and enjoy the family reunion. Love Always, Dianne

Dianne Cole Johnson - July 03, 2019 at 09:47 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Romeo "Romie" Goche*



Leo Haisman - July 03, 2019 at 05:58 PM

RJ

“ *Romie and I had some good conversations, especially after Betty passed away. He let go of past hurts and became so peaceful as he waited to join his beloved Betty. His Catholic faith was so important to him and he took it very seriously. I know you are in a good place now, Romie, and happy to be with Betty, Bruce and Joan again.*

Rose Johnson - July 03, 2019 at 10:14 AM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Romeo "Romie" Goche*



Bob and Kathy Derby - July 03, 2019 at 09:26 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Romeo "Romie" Goche*



Patty Desrocher - July 03, 2019 at 08:29 AM

GD

“ Romie was such a kind and caring person, it was a privilege to know him, now he can go be with Betty his love ❤️



Gene & Mary Denny - July 02, 2019 at 11:05 PM

LM

“ Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Romeo "Romie" Goche



Linda McIntire - July 02, 2019 at 09:39 PM