



Sam Goddard

February 14, 1944 - October 2, 2019

The funeral service for Sam Goddard, of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 5, at the Wadena Alliance Church in Wadena, with Pastor Vaughn White presiding. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 4, from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Schuller-Chapel in Wadena, and will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Sam, age 75, unexpectedly passed away of natural causes on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at his home in Wadena, MN.

Sam Roger Goddard was born to Harold William and Jennie Elizabeth (Wassink) Goddard on February 14, 1944, at home in Aldrich, MN. He graduated from Verndale High School and then worked for three years at the Verndale Creamery. Sam served in Vietnam with the US Army from May 1966 to December 1968. After his honorable discharge he started working in the oil fields of Alaska. He came back to Wadena, MN, and worked 37 years at the Lampert Lumber yard, later named Timber Roots. Sam also worked as a part-time custodian at the Wadena High School for three years to close out his employment and then opened the doors to full retirement.

Sam was united in marriage with Norma Gwynn (Norton) Goddard on January 22, 1972, at the Church of Christ in Wadena. Sam like visiting, gardening, working jigsaw puzzles, and Bible readings. He loved time with his family at

gatherings and watching his grandkids' sports. He belonged to the American Legion, VFW, and was the President of the Wadena Cemetery Board, and a Red Cross blood donor for many years.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Jennie; and siblings Evelyn, Jean, Doug, Donald, Clinton and Francis.

Surviving Sam are his wife of 47 years, Norma of Wadena; children Glen (Deann) Goddard, Charles (Michelle) Goddard and Brenda (Don) Weniger all of Verndale, and Lorrie (Lance) Rach of Perham; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; siblings Pat (Allen) Cottrell of Moorhead, Lou Harne of Wadena, Jim Goddard of Anderson, MO and Paulette Plautz of Sartell; along with a host of friends and neighbors.

Honorary pallbearers will be Sam's grandchildren Ashley, Jeremy, Kristin, Seira, Chandler, Sydney, Luke, Skylar, Leighton, Jackson, Reagan and Braylon.

Serving as pallbearers will be Terry Goddard, Kevin Goddard, Curt Goddard, Dale Norton, Mike Harne, and Mark Cottrell.

Military honors provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

Memorials may be directed to the Verndale Green Lawn Cemetery, Wadena Veterans Memorial Park, or Honor Flight.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

OCT 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wadena Alliance Church
1428 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wadena Alliance Church
1428 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Sam Goddard*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 04, 2019 at 09:54 AM

JU

“ *Sam and I both served with A company, 84th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade. In Vietnam in 1966 until I left in 1967. I'm sorry that he passed before we get together for I've been looking for him for at least 10 years to no avail. I appreciated his friendship and wanted to find him. But now i found I'm too late. To his family know that he was a good soldier and a good friend. He did his job and responsibilities honorably. My name is Juan Mafnas and I live in Guam. Thank you for the opportunity to write. God bless and my deepest condolences to you all.*



juan - August 09, 2021 at 12:46 AM

JM

*Editing my prior post leave a contact for those who wish to connect with me. email: Fadedone23@yahoo.com
Sam was my best friend Vietnam. I would love a connection with Sam's family. Ty*

juan mafnas - February 23 at 09:05 PM

CM

“ I worked with Sam Goddard at Wadena Saw Mills. It was in 1973 until 1977 or so? Sam did most of the sawing and I did a lot of nailing of roof trusses. We made a lot of them! Sam was a calm, quiet, hardworking man. I wrote him once or twice, to keep in touch. I have not forgotten that time at WSM, working with Sam and the other crew. Sam was a good man. I was sorry to hear he had passed. Let us look to the Lord! God bless and comfort his family.
Colin Murphy, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Oct 10, 2019



Colin Murphy - October 10, 2019 at 04:08 PM

JU

I served with Sam with US Army in Vietnam with the 84th Engineer Battalion 1966-67. He was a good soldier and a friend. I've looked for him for at least ten year to no avail. Rest In Peace my friend.

juan - August 09, 2021 at 12:54 AM

HJ

“ Condolences to the family of Sam Goddard.
From Lee and Helen James



Helen James - October 06, 2019 at 10:49 PM

RO

“ Rosemary Jane Oberg lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard



Rosemary Jane Oberg - October 05, 2019 at 01:13 PM

JM

“ Joe, Linda And John McIntire lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard



Joe, Linda and John McIntire - October 04, 2019 at 10:46 PM

LV

“ Sending our sympathy to the whole Goddard family and all his friends.



Len and Sally Siegler of Verndale - October 04, 2019 at 10:13 PM

JJ

“ Jon & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard



Jon & Patty Johnson - October 04, 2019 at 05:33 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard*



Esther and Alan Freitag - October 04, 2019 at 05:05 PM

SH

“ *So many happy times with the Goddard family. Like the pictures and brings back memories when we were all young. God Bless you all.*

shirley heinen - October 04, 2019 at 05:00 PM

JH

“ *When I first got into Real Estate Sam and Norma gave this rookie a chance to sell their place south of Verndale. We did so and also helped them find their home in Wadena. Sam always had a smile on his face and enjoyed watching his grandchildren in School activities.*

Our deepest condolences to Norma and the family!

Joe and Diane Hinkle

Joe Hinkle - October 04, 2019 at 04:06 PM

SW

“ *Steve & Ellen Wallgren sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam Goddard*



Steve & Ellen Wallgren - October 04, 2019 at 03:56 PM

JG

“ Josh And Ashley Koning & Girls lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard



Josh and Ashley Koning & Girls - October 04, 2019 at 01:49 PM

JC

“ To all of Sam's family,
We are deeply sorry to hear of Sam's passing.
He was such a nice man. He was always so
friendly and smiling...just a caring kind person.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
hugs



Jim and Janell Carr - October 04, 2019 at 01:23 PM

ME

“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - October 04, 2019 at 11:03 AM

LH

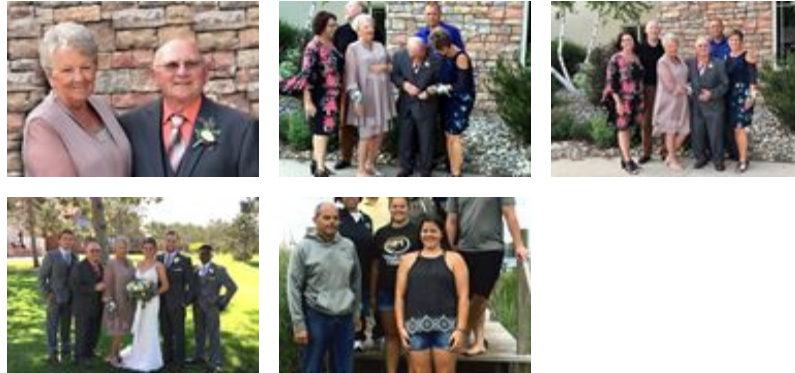
“ Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard



Leo Haisman - October 04, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 04, 2019 at 09:48 AM

WS

“ Heaven has sure gained a wonderful Angel! Sam always had the biggest smile and took time to visit with you, such a nice man. Our deepest sympathy to Norma and his family, you each meant the world to him. May you always feel his love and God's love surrounding you until you're reunited in heaven. Our love and prayers are with you.
Wayne and Sheila Stave and family



Wayne and Sheila Stave - October 03, 2019 at 11:57 PM

SH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Scott, Pam, Jeremy and Crystal Haskin



Scott and Pam Haskin - October 03, 2019 at 09:11 PM

RA

“ Roger & JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard



Roger & JoAnn Anderson - October 03, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ My condolences.



Vickie Kious - October 03, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ Roger Wiese lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard



Roger Wiese - October 03, 2019 at 01:36 PM

EM

“ Elizabeth Miller lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard



elizabeth miller - October 03, 2019 at 12:50 PM

BM

Those pictures are so nice. A lot of memories to help the days ahead. Thinking of all of you. God Bless.

Betty Miller - October 04, 2019 at 10:46 AM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard*



Marladene Heinen - October 03, 2019 at 12:00 PM

CB

“ *Conrad And Shirley Van Batavia lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard*



Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia - October 03, 2019 at 10:47 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard*



Patty Desrocher - October 03, 2019 at 10:29 AM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard*



Glen Donna Wood - October 02, 2019 at 09:38 PM

KA

“ *Krista And Brooke Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam Goddard*



Krista and Brooke Anderson - October 02, 2019 at 08:54 PM

TW

“ *Tina And Louie Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard*



Tina and Louie Wegscheid - October 02, 2019 at 08:12 PM

MP

“ *Morris And Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard*



Morris and Karen Priebe - October 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard*



Bob and Kathy Derby - October 02, 2019 at 06:45 PM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Sam Goddard*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - October 02, 2019 at 04:39 PM

BB

“ *Bruce And Barb Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam Goddard*



Bruce and Barb Brown - October 02, 2019 at 03:51 PM