



Robert D. Goodrich

March 30, 1930 - August 24, 2012

Robert D. Goodrich, 82, of Traverse City and formerly of Allegan, MI died and was welcomed into his Heavenly Home Friday, August 24, 2012 at Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City.

Robert was born on March 30, 1930 to the late Paul and Shirley (Remington) Goodrich in Kalamazoo, MI.

He entered into marriage with his high school sweetheart, the former Irene D. Wedge, on November 12, 1949 at the Allegan Bible Church.

With his love for automobiles, friendly nature, and out going personality, Bob excelled at selling cars for a local dealer. For a time, he ventured into a business of his own selling used cars.

Later in life, he was a camp manager for Christian Youth Training Camp on Gull Lake in Richland, MI and eventually retired from the Allegan Intermediate School District as a school bus driver. After his retirement in 1996, he and his wife moved to Traverse City.

His greatest joy was his marriage of 62 years to his faithful companion and friend, Irene, his three wonderful children, and his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Bob loved the game of baseball and was an avid Tigers fan since his youth. He loved the outdoors and spent many years hunting, fishing, and camping with his children and grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his wife, Irene D. Goodrich, of Traverse City, their three children, Bob (Sharon) Goodrich of Grand Rapids, Dennis (Deb) Goodrich of Kalamazoo, and Debra (Kelly) Miller of Traverse City, 8 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren, his brothers, Paul Goodrich, Ken Kaminga, and Don Kaminga.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Dolly Goodrich, and brothers, Lew

Kaminga, Norman Kaminga, and Phil Goodrich.

Visitation for friends and family will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2012 at Bible Baptist Church, located on the corner of Cass and Hartman Road in Traverse City.

Funeral Services will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 also at Bible Baptist Church, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Joel Brown will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Bible Baptist Church, Allegan Bible Church, or Grand Traverse Pavilions Elm Unit to aid in Dementia Care.

Comments



“ Dear Goodrich family,
I am sending my deepest sympathy and condolences to you. My mother Pat Thorpe Strand was very close to Irene and Bob and would want to extend her thoughts and prayers to you so I am doing this in her absence. May you feel the presence of the Lord even stronger as you go through this journey of grief and joy of knowing Bob has come home to be with his Lord. Many blessings to you,
Stacey Brower Madden

Stacey Brower Madden - August 31, 2012 at 08:02 AM



“ Am an old friend from Allegan high school days, I have lived in Sulphur Springs, Texas over 60 years, but visited with Irene and Bob when home. He was wonderful person, and was happy for both when they married. I was Mona Barney then and later Mona Giles. My love and prayers go out to the family and friends and know we will all see each other again

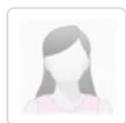
Mona Barney Giles - August 30, 2012 at 12:23 PM



“ Sharon Mathieu lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Goodrich



Sharon Mathieu - August 30, 2012 at 01:19 AM



“ I remember Uncle Bob always called me Sherry he made me feel special that way. And even though I didn't care for Frosted flakes and OJ, he would call me Sherry and I would eat the bowl of cereal and drink all the juice. He loved to joke around and always had the biggest smile that would lite up the room. I loved going to the Goodrich's home you always felt welcome and I had many adventures with my cousins, especially Debra. I was so proud of Uncle Bobs testimony of the importance of the Women in your life and just how important Women are on this earth. I will miss Uncle Bobs laugh and corny jokes. He is in the heavens with the gardens, and all the ones that have gone before him. I Love you all very much, my God Bless you and may the angels hold you close in your grief.

Sharon - August 30, 2012 at 01:51 AM



“ Kim Christman lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Goodrich



Kim Christman - August 27, 2012 at 06:54 AM



“ Irene & Family,

Our hearts are saddened to hear about Bob. We surely can celebrate his life today as he is walking with his Savior. I will never forget Bob teaching my Sunday School class at the Allegan Bible Church. He was a great teacher, friend and cousin. I will never forget the visits to Bob & Irenes house for youth group what great memories and then after I was married bringing my family to visit. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family always. Love you, Richard & Kim Christman

Kim Christman - August 27, 2012 at 07:03 AM



“ Dearest Irene & Family,
Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all as you move through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. We know how much Bob was loved and how much he loved in return.

I remember the years we shared as members of the Trowbridge Twp. Board. And I know that Al recalls the bus driving years. He now is in the loving hands of his Saviour and will be waiting at the gate for the rest of us when we arrive. Treasure the memories, the love and each other. God Bless you all, Hugs, Al & Eleanor Nielsen

Al & Eleanor Nielsen - August 26, 2012 at 01:54 PM