

Julian was born on November 29, 1937 to Isaac and Margaret (Beaudry) Trudeau on the family farm near Gentilly. His growing up years were spent on this farm which gave him many good memories that he would share with family and friends. He attended rural school that was just up the road from his home and before his passing he could still name all of the students he attended school with. As like his Dad, Isaac, Julian was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Gentilly.

At the age of 19, Julian enlisted in the Army and trained at Fort Chaffee in Arkansas. He spent two years in Germany with the 291st Field Artillery Battalion. He completed his military service on January 9, 1959 at Fort Sill in Oklahoma with the rank of Specialist 4th Class.

During his time in the military he met Jo Ann Germany from Alto, Texas. They were married on November 8, 1958, in Lawton, Oklahoma. After completing his military service from the Army they settled in Minnesota to spend the next sixty-four years together. They raised a family of seven girls over that period of time. Mentor has been their home for the past fifty-three years.

Julian farmed for a period of time after his military service. He then started his own construction company in which he built and remodeled many homes in the area. The last 30 plus years he spent working for Paquin Potato Farms. He then retired due to health reasons.

He was a member of the Mentor American Legion Post #421 and the Crookston Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1902.

Julian loved when family and friends came to visit. He enjoyed his cup of coffee while visiting around the kitchen table. Everyone who knew him understood he had a joke or two to tell and many stories to share. A conversation about farming was always a welcome subject. A good card game, a Yahtzee challenge, reading the newspaper, watching his western movies and TV shows, putting together jigsaw puzzles and playing Solitaire on his iPad were enjoyable pastimes. He was knowledgeable about so many areas and could remember details with perfect recall.

Julian was a man with a good heart, a happy outlook on life, and a love for his family, especially his grandkids. His laugh will never be forgotten. He will be missed, but will always live on in our hearts.

Julian passed away peacefully with his family by his side at Riverview Health in Crookston on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at the age of 84.

Julian is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ann; daughters, Tammie (Bill) Royal of Kerrville, TX, Melinda (Craig) Larson of Crookston, MN, Kim (Brian) Ringdahl of Crookston, MN, Julie (Tom) Wrobel, Alexandria, MN, Cindy (Paul) Gregg, Crookston, MN, Kathy (Larry) Parr, Crookston, MN, Denise (Rich) Niemela, Crookston, MN; 22 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren; sibling, Allan Trudeau, Gentilly, MN; sisters-in-law, Dorene Trudeau, Gentilly, MN, Marlene Trudeau, Oakdale, MN, and Vernae Trudeau, Marietta, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

Julian was preceded in death by his parents, Isaac and Margaret; infant son, Richard; siblings, Cecilia, Doris, Alice, Jim, Willard, Laurence and John.



*And if I go, while you're still here...
Know that I live on,
Vibrating to a different measure
Behind a thin veil you cannot see through.
You will not see me,
So you must have faith.
I wait for the time when we can soar
together again. Both aware of each other.
Until then, live your life to the fullest
and when you need me,
Just whisper my name in your heart,
I will be there.
-Emily Dickenson*

Graveside Memorial Service
Saturday, May 13, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.
St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery
Gentilly, Minnesota

Presiding

Monsignor David Baumgartner

Lector

Julie Wrobel † Proverbs 3:1-6

Pianist

Matthew Proulx

Congregational Songs

"Here I Am, Lord"

"Alleluia"

"America the Beautiful"

Honorary Pallbearers

Dave Paquin ~ William Royal ~ Craig Larson
Brian Ringdahl ~ Tom Wrobel ~ Paul Gregg
Larry Parr ~ Richard Niemela

Military Honors

Vanderwaal-Lusty American Legion Post #421
Mentor, Minnesota

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Crookston V.F.W. Post #1902

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National Guard Honors Team



Please join the family for a bite to eat and visiting after the service today at the community center on Main Street in Mentor.



Celebrating the Life of
Julian Joseph Trudeau
November 29, 1937 ~ November 8, 2022

