



*An Irish Blessing*

*May the road rise up to meet you,*

*May the wind be always at your back,*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face.*

*The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again*

*May **God** hold you  
in the palm of his hand.*



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Charles "Chuck"*

*Leo Taffe*

MAY 21, 1930 – AUGUST 29, 2022

Services At:

Assumption Catholic Church - Morris, Minnesota

Friday - September 2, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Father Todd Schneider

Pianist:

Linda Hodgson

Soloist:

Ken Hodgson

Lector:

Roman Taffe

Pallbearers:

*Chuck's Grandsons*

Jeff Taffe, Ross Kopel, Kirk Kopel, Adam Waage

Trent Waage, Matt Taffe, Michael Taffe

Honorary Pallbearers:

*Chuck's Granddaughters*

Jamie Thorn, Abby Trettin, Sara Taffe

Tera Kleespie, Molly Haan, Kaley Lundin

Interment:

Graceville Consolidated Cemetery

Graceville, Minnesota

*In lieu of sending individual notes, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone for your many acts of kindness and support during this very difficult time. We will forever treasure your sincere thoughtfulness.*

Charles “Chuck” Leo Taffe was born to George and Nellie (McAloon) Taffe on May 21, 1930 in Graceville, Minnesota. He was one of eight children, having four older brothers and three younger sisters. Chuck attended school in Barry, Minnesota through the eighth grade. He then went on to finish his schooling and graduate from St. Mary’s Academy in Graceville in 1948. During his schooling he was very athletic, participating in football, baseball, and basketball.

After graduating from high school, Chuck attended the University of Minnesota for a year and a half until he married his high school sweetheart Joyce Eisenmenger. Charles and Joyce were married on October 23, 1950 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Graceville. Together the couple farmed in Graceville until 1956 before moving to Morris where Chuck started working at Morris Creamery Company, then Golden Cream Dairy and then Cass Clay, until they closed their Morris location in 1970. From there, Charles started working at the University of Minnesota Morris in the Heating Plant department until his retirement after 25 years of service.

He was a reserved and generous man. Truly a member of the “Silent Generation,” he had a strong work ethic, was respectful, dependable, had a sense of determination, and was willing to make sacrifices, and was a talented handyman. This not only helped him at his job at the university, but also when he would go onto his post-retirement career of helping his daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Tim, on their family farm. Chuck was involved in fall tillage from 1995 until 2008.

Chuck and Joyce enjoyed attending all their kids and grandkids’ sporting events, spending time with and visiting family until Joyce passed away on July 18, 2008.

On January 9, 2016, Charles married Lynn Halbakken at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glenwood, Minnesota. Together the two of them enjoyed spending time with their family and participating in and attending church. He also enjoyed gardening, both vegetables and flowers and reading, especially newspapers.

Charles passed away on August 29, 2022 at West Wind Village; he was 92 years old.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife: Lynn Halbakken Taffe of Morris; four sons: Chuck (Barb) Taffe of Hastings, Dave (Brenda) Taffe of Aberdeen, SD, Jerry (Jane) Taffe of Maple Grove and Dennis (Nancy) Taffe of Morris; three daughters: Marilyn (Tim) Beyer of Holloway, Gail Hill of Egg Harbor, WI and Sandy (Ron) Kopel of Glenwood; 13 grandchildren: Jeff (Jenni) Taffe, Jamie (Paul) Thorn, Ross (Emily Haynes) Kopel, Kirk Kopel, Adam (Ryenne) Waage, Trent (Cecilia) Waage, Abby (Tony) Trettin, Matt (Dyani) Taffe, Michael Taffe, Sara Taffe, Tera (Nate) Kleespie, Molly (Brian) Haan, Kaley (Matt) Lundin; 18 great-grandchildren: Walker and Georgia Taffe, Louie and Veda Thorn, McKenna and Weston Kopel, Kogan, Taylen, Harper, and Langston Waage, Brayden Dozier, Anniston Taffe, Maecy, Jax, Leo, and Milo Kleespie, Emmett and Keira Haan; two sisters: Helen Taffe and Marie McGraw, both of Richfield. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; his parents; four brothers: John (Teresa) Taffe, Tom (Joy) Taffe, Dick (Alice) Taffe, and Vincent “Bud” (Libby) Taffe; and one sister, Jean (Norbert) Buller; one brother-in-law, Vince McGraw.

