



Roy "Chirpie" L. Rome

October 30, 1931 - November 6, 2019

Sussex- Roy "Chirpie" L. Rome, age 88, passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Newton Medical Center while surrounded by his loving family. Born in the Colesville section of Wantage to the late Henry and Serena-Post Card Rome, Chirpie had lived in Sussex County all of his life. He had been a self-employed Auto Body Technician, owning and operating Rome's Auto Body located behind Rome's High Point Exxon/Coastal in the Colesville section of Wantage and retired at age 73. Chirpie had been a member of the Colesville Fire Department for 52 years. He was an avid hunter and a member of the NRA. Chirpie enjoyed bowling, watching Yankees games, driving Willys Jeep, and most importantly enjoyed spending time with his family. He was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Elsie (Kinney) Rome on May 17, 2016 and 11 siblings. Chirpie is survived by his daughter, Linda Funnell and her husband Stephen of Wantage; his son, Russell Rome and his wife Brenda of Wantage; his brothers, Virgil Rome of Newton and Calvin Card of Bradenton, Florida; 6 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; 8 great great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews. Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 11, 2019 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment to follow at Clove Cemetery. Friends may pay their respects to the family prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to the family in Chirpie's memory. Online condolences may be offered to the

family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Clove Cemetery

Route 23
Sussex, NJ 07461

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ken Mullins lit a candle in memory of Roy "Chirpie" L. Rome*



Ken Mullins - April 14, 2020 at 04:09 AM

“ Funeral Service and Memorial - November 11. 2019

This Eulogy is to my dear brother-in-law Chirpie -

What can one say about Roy L. Rome, known to most as "Chirpie". Maybe his nickname says it all - to make or utter in short shrill tones, or to make a sound.

Chirpie your journey here on earth has come to an end. You were a devoted Husband, Dad, Pop, Great-Grand Pop, Uncle, Brother, Brother-in-law, Cousin and Friend to all who knew you. Yes, 88 years on earth you have touched many lives. Your stories, jokes and pranks would have people rolling over with laughter many, many times. When you were around, there was never a dull party. You took life in stride and loved talking, and making new acquaintances. You never passed a woman by without a smile or hello - need I say anymore "Mr. Flirt".

You were from the older generation, but in your years of growing older and wiser you had seen it all and were shocked at nothing! The younger generation loved you and you knew how to connect with them. You were one of a kind and they broke the mold after you were born.

Through the years that you and Elsie were together your family grew and still continues to grow. It is amazing how God sees to all the family love and ties, and keeping those branches of the family tree continuously growing from generation to generation. Yes, we are the older generation and have seen a lot of changes in our life. One thing that never changes is the love and caring ways that continue to grow year after year and generation to generation. We need to enjoy, love, laugh, have fun and live our lives to enjoy all those precious moments that come our way each and every day. Take nothing for granted, as every day is a gift.

One thing I have to thank you for was when you introduced my

sister, Bette to your friend John. You were quite the "matchmaker". Needless to say John later married my sister and has been a wonderful brother-in-law. You always said that out of all the people you introduced to one another, that my sister and John were the only ones who got married and stayed together. Needless, to say they will be celebrating their 41 year anniversary the end of November. My sister and brother-in-law have always been grateful and thought a lot of you. Yes, Chirpie you could say you did something right!

I know you jokingly said that I dumped you for another man - Paul. It just was not meant to be, and we have to accept that was not God's plan. God has called out your name and you will be reunited with your beloved Elsie, and your brother, Ronnie. They will welcome you with open arms.

Just know that you are so loved, will be greatly missed and that your beautiful legacy will live on forever in our hearts, and all the many lives you've touched and wonderful memories you have left for all to cherish. The things I will always remember about you was your kindness, giving to those in need, wanting and wishing for family and people to get along and forgive one another. Peace at last has come to you and has taken all your worries away. Rest in Peace Dear Chirpie!

P - Praying and knowing you are at peace

E - Each and every one to come together

A - All at last the end has come

C - All is calm

E - For eternity, your journey on earth has come to an end

With Love and Blessing,

Your Sister-in-law, Linda Kinney

Linda Kinney - November 26, 2019 at 06:19 PM

AP

“ Sending love and prayers to the family of Roy L. Rome. So sorry for your loss, just know that your loved one has found peace in the arms of the Lord. May the sadness you feel today be replaced with the memories that are yours to cherish forever.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Aunt Linda and Paul*

Aunt Linda And Paul - November 10, 2019 at 06:46 PM

LP

“ Chirpie, the world has lost a "Special Person". We know you are strolling across Heaven with your Beloved Elsie by your side hand in hand.

*Love to both of you.
Linda and Paul*



Linda and Paul - November 10, 2019 at 06:39 PM

DM

“ I am one of those great nieces mentioned above. Daughter of Marian (Matthews) Dickerson. I just wanted to extend my sympathy's to Uncle Roys family. Know that he is in a peaceful place, just waiting for us all to be reunited in our father's kingdom one day. Until then may God surround you with his loving embrace to help you get through these difficult days ahead and may Uncle Roys cherished memories stay in your hearts and souls to ease your loss daily and carry on through the rest of your lives.



If I remember the right Uncle from one Card Post Rome reunion we went to when I was about 6 or 7 yrs old I remember a man walking around on stilts, first time I had ever seen anyone do that. I believe my mom said that was Uncle Roy, but I could be wrong. Unfortunately the pictures of him on them is packed away and although they all look very much alike you can see the distinct differences in the brothers and Uncle Roy looks a little littler so I believe it is him. I'm sure someone can correct me if I'm wrong, and I do so apologize for the mistake if I am. But that was like in 1966-1968 and I am now 59 yrs. old.

But either way again I am sorry for another family loss, but grateful we have another guardian angel watching over us. 🙏✝️🕊️❤️

Debbie Siple Medina - November 09, 2019 at 12:24 AM

JV

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



John and Bette Vanderbush - November 08, 2019 at 04:01 PM

JV

“ We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful and great Dad, Grandfather "Poppy", Great Grandfather, Great-Great Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Great Uncle. He was and will always be an outstanding and caring individual, and a real true and dear friend to so many people whose lives he has touched over the years.



It was forty-one years ago this past September that Chirpie introduced us to each other and were married a short time later. Many times over the years whenever we would get to see and visit with Chirpie and Elsie he would tell us and others that of all the people he brought together that we were the only ones that married and stayed together. He felt so proud and happy that he was able to do that, and we are grateful that he brought us together. We will never forget you Chirpie, you are in our hearts forever.

We extend our Deepest and Heartfelt Condolences to each of you and want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. And to remember that "Those We Love Don't Go Away, They Walk Beside Us Every Day, Unseen, Unheard, But Always Near, Still Loved, Still Missed And Very Dear.

*John and Bette Vanderbush
Vernon, CT*

John and Bette Vanderbush - November 08, 2019 at 03:59 PM

RH

“ We are so sorry to hear the sad news that, “Chirpie,” and a lifelong, good friend has passed on. He will be greatly missed by all of us, along with that forever smile, and “baby blues.” He was always friendly and kind to all, and we would love to converse with him. We again are sorry to both Linda, Russell, beloved grandchildren, as well as great grands too. He will always be an integral fixture of Wantage, and remembered fondly as owner/operator of, “Rome’s Auto Body.” Good talks, many laughs, and memories which will last a, “lifetime.” Ronnie, Rayna Howell & Family!

Ronnie & Rayna Howell - November 08, 2019 at 10:41 AM

RN

“ Rocky Nedley lit a candle in memory of Roy “Chirpie” L. Rome



Rocky nedley - November 08, 2019 at 05:51 AM

AL

“ Amber Lowe lit a candle in memory of Roy “Chirpie” L. Rome



Amber Lowe - November 07, 2019 at 09:01 PM

AL

“ Chirpie & I had been friends since I moved to Colesville in 1973. Many great memories of talking at the garage, lunch at Elias Cole, 4 of July bbqs at his house & hunting. He was truly a unique person.! My heartfelt sympathies to Linda, Russell & all the family! Happy hunting my old friend! 😭

Amber Lowe - November 07, 2019 at 08:59 PM

JM

“ When Audrey and I retired in 2002 and moved into our home on Shale Hill Road, I would often run down to the Colesville Deli for groceries and sandwiches. That was how I met Chirpie and Willie. They always made me feel welcome and actually introduced me to many of our new neighbors. Walt who drove the street sweeper, John who worked the docks and many others. What Wonderful, Special Memories I have of these men, and I Thank God for the Gift of their Friendship. Rest Easy Chirpie and Willie, until we meet again. Jerry and Audrey Magnus

Jerry Magnus - November 07, 2019 at 08:20 PM