



Lou Rita Lillian Goodhope

October 24, 1923 - October 13, 2019

Lou Rita Lillian Goodhope, age 95, of St. Augustine, FL peacefully passed away at her home into the loving arms of her Savior, on Sunday, October 13, 2019. She was born and raised with her beloved sister Virginia in Mineola, Iowa. She became a teacher, married Andrew Goodhope when he returned from war in 1945 and raised their family in Wheaton, MD. They retired to St. Augustine in the 90's. She was very active volunteering at her church, Catholic Charities, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and Knights of Columbus, among other groups. She also enjoyed bowling leagues, Bridge Club, Sewing Club, bingo and many activities. She was very fond of art, drawing and especially painting. In her later years she spent much of her time at the SJC Council on Aging. She was kind, generous, warmhearted and had many friends everywhere she went. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her 7 children, Anne, Mary Susan, Elizabeth, Andrew Peter, Margaret, Rita and Nancy, 6 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Andrew, parents Rita and Louis Kruse and her sister Virginia.

A Catholic Mass in her honor will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Monday, October 21, 2019 at St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Lou Rita's name to Catholic Charities, SJC Council on Aging, or to your local Hospice.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia Catholic Church
5205 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lou Rita Lillian Goodhope*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - October 18, 2019 at 03:04 PM

BG

She was the best Mother possible. And will always be there in your time of need.

Betsy Garrity - October 18, 2019 at 11:15 PM

MC

A lovely tribute . My condolences to you Betsy and your family.

Marcia Carlton - October 19, 2019 at 06:23 AM



She was an amazing woman and i loved her very much as did many. She will be missed. my condolences to the family my heart is with you all.

Anita Burgay - October 19, 2019 at 08:21 AM

SC

Dear Betsy and Des and all the family. Our sincere condolences on the passing of a beautiful Mother. I am sorry we never got to meet her personally. May God bless her now in her journey to the kingdom of God our father in heaven. Thinking of you and the family Siobhan Des Meabh and Grainne in Ireland.

Siobhan O Connor - October 19, 2019 at 09:31 AM

SC

Dear Betsy and Des. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Our sincere sympathy to you and the family on the passing of dear Rita. Loving thought and prayers Uncle Padraig and family Ireland

Siobhan O Connor - October 19, 2019 at 09:34 AM

CL

Nancy: I am so sad to learn of her death. This video is a beautiful reflection of her life.

Carolyn Lanham - October 19, 2019 at 10:33 AM

DB

We are so sorry for your loss. Please express our condolences to all of your family. Danny and Judi Bishop

danny and judi bishop - October 19, 2019 at 10:33 AM

KA

Beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman. She is in your heart always.

kathleen - October 19, 2019 at 10:43 AM



So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Luv & pup kisses from our household to yours💕

Gerri Greenwood - October 19, 2019 at 11:44 AM



Such a beautiful woman. Dan and I are sending our love to you and your family.

Karen Boylan - October 19, 2019 at 11:44 AM

MW

I am sorry for your loss, Betsy and Des. Keeping you in my prayers.

Mike Ward - October 19, 2019 at 12:59 PM

EF

That is a lovely tribute...to a lovely Mom! I feel like I grew up in that household myself...spent many a happy hour(s) there...your Mom was the best.

There is no one like your Mom...she will be greatly missed.

All our love, Esme & Fred

Esme Dwyer Frensilli - October 19, 2019 at 07:12 PM

LS

Such a beautiful tribute to your beautiful Mom. She always felt like a second Mom to me and I treasure the time I had with her. You all are in my prayers. Love to you all. Linda

Linda Shone - October 19, 2019 at 09:35 PM

TI

A fitting tribute to a truly lovely lady. Thinking of you all at this sad time, your lovely Mom will forever be in my thoughts and heart. Rest in peace "The Momma"

Tierney - October 20, 2019 at 05:14 PM

MH

Always brought a smile to my face. I love you Aunt Lou Rita and am glad you were a part of my life!

Blessed be the memory of Lou Rita Goodhope.

Mary Hauser

mary hauser - October 21, 2019 at 11:22 AM

BD

Sorry to hear about your mom, Joe's dear Aunt Rita whom he considered the warmest and most loving family member.

I agree. Your mom was wonderful. May she Rest In Peace. Love to all of you ❤️

Birgitta Hilleberg Durrett - October 22, 2019 at 11:06 PM

DW

“ Dear Rita, Nancy, Margaret, Peter, Ann, Betsy and Susan.

I have always known that your Mom would go to heaven because she was truly an amazing person. You Mom was so full of life, laughter and compassion who truly cared about her family. She really loved all of you and she also loved and counted all of those who touched her family's life. Those who were married into the family and those who were friends of the family.

I was one of those fortunate people (a kid at the time really) who happened to be best friend of one of her children which meant I was immediately blessed by her love and compassion. When I was a teen, times were really tough and I was never sure of my place on this earth – your Mom assured me that I belonged and I was okay. When your Mom looked at you with her piercing blue eyes that were so full of love you knew when she spoke to you she meant every word. That meant so much to be me. If your Mom could see my worth and my place then she was right I would be okay.

I couldn't wait to show her my first daughter, April and then later Kelly, I wanted her see that I too would try and love my children as deeply and passionately as she and to make the same commitment to my children's friends and then maybe one day their spouses. She cared so deeply and was so kind to everyone you knew when people say angels are among us, you know they were talking about Lou Rita.

The video feels like your Mom's love, laughter and beauty is still right here! Hugs to all of you.

Donna Wright - October 20, 2019 at 10:30 PM

VD

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers! Your Mom was such a sweet & beautiful person and I thank you for sharing her with me! She will be greatly missed!
Love You All
Vicki xoxo

Victoria Domhoff - October 20, 2019 at 10:28 PM

VD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Victoria Domhoff - October 20, 2019 at 10:27 PM

BD

“ Hi Rita,
Anne told me of your mother's recent death, and I want to send you a virtual hug and my heartfelt condolences on your enormous loss. I am glad to hear how close you have been with her in these last years, and imagine how important that's been for you both. Not easy, I'm sure, but the memories you've made, the intimate moments you have shared I hope will be great comfort for you in the future.
Just want you to know you're on my mind and in my heart here in MN. I am sending you strength and courage, and the wish you will take good care of you and yours in these days ahead.
Thinking of you, in love,
Buffy Dunning

Buffy Dunning - October 20, 2019 at 11:34 AM

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She is survived by her children, Anne (Robert), Susan, Betsy (Desmond), Peter (JoAnn), Margaret (Ian), Rita (Harry) and Nancy, 6 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Andrew, parents Rita and Louis Kruse and sister Virginia Kelehan.

Nancy Goodhope - October 19, 2019 at 02:22 PM

MW

“ *I will miss her so much
I will try to be the woman that she showed me to be.
Loving,compassionate, and never judgemental as you never know a
person until you have walked in their shoes.
I can feel you by my side in times happiness and sorrow to help and
guide me. I love you and you will always be remembered*

Margaret Wolfenden - October 19, 2019 at 07:16 AM

VD

*So sorry for your loss. I loved her so much and she was like a Mom to
me! Please stay in touch. xoxo*

Victoria Domhoff - October 20, 2019 at 10:34 PM

SP

“ *Sarah jean P. purchased the Pretty Please for the
family of Lou Rita Lillian Goodhope.*



Sarah jean P. - October 18, 2019 at 11:44 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - October 18, 2019 at 03:00 PM