



Romano Romani

March 24, 1930 - March 14, 2015

Romano was born in Chicago, IL, on March 24, 1930 where he attended grade school and high school. He received a B.S. and a M.S. degree from Eastern Oregon College. He also received a M.S. degree from the University of Oregon. He was a Little All American Football Player. He started teaching and coaching at Neah-Kah-Nie School in 1955 and then moved on to North Bend High School. He spent 33 years in the classroom and 45 years as a football and baseball coach. He spent 38 years with the military between both the National Guard and Army, (from Private to Major). Romano was an avid golfer, racquet ball player, and loved to play cards. Romano married Valerie Kellogg in 1952, and then married Linda Lilly on June 18, 1981. He is survived by a brother, Remo; he had 5 children, Nancy Soleim (Dick), Vikki Whitmore (John), Tony Romani, Cindy Gibson (Rod) and Kevin Lilly (OTeaka). He also had several grandchildren as well as several great grandchildren. He was a life member of the Elks, the Lions Club and American Legion. He has been an Elder of the Presbyterian Church, Board of Directors for the Juniper Golf Club and Sierra Dawn Estates where he was President. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame at Eastern Oregon University in 2003. A Memorial Service will be held Monday, March 30, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Community Presbyterian Church, 529 NW 19th St. Redmond, Ore. 97756. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Hospice of Redmond, 732 SW 23rd, Redmond, OR 97756, BrightSide Animal Center 1355 NE Hemlock Ave. Redmond, OR 97756 and to Eastern Oregon University Foundation, One

University Blvd. La Grande, OR 97850.

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Tina Hassel Gallichan - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I graduated from North Penn high school in 1981 I was just looking through my annual and reminiscing when I happened upon Mr. Romanos picture I was telling my husband about a great teacher he was.wondering how he was doing my husband looked up his name and found out that he had recently passed away Ill never forget how he would always tell you like it is. He was a genuine salt of the earth type of Man and Ill always remember him with fond memories Tina Hassel Gallichan Typo north bend not penn

Tina Hassel Gallichan - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ sad to hear of Mr. Romanis death. He was my US History teacher. Before that, though, he helped our family and was an advocate for my dad during a dispute with the school board. A good teacher and a good man. He will be missed.

Niki Wade - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I did not know about Mr. Romanis death until I ran into this obituary just now as I was attempting to see if I could find him using Google. My relationship was much different from those others who have posted here. I do not see anyone else who served with, or under, then Captain Romani back in the mid to late 1960s, when he was commander of an Oregon National Guard battery (comparable to a company in the infantry) of air defense artillery headquartered in an armory in Coos Bay. I had the honor of coming to know him perhaps as well as anyone in the unit, because he selected me to be his jeep driver/radio operator immediately upon my enlistment. This put us together during nearly every drill weekend and during summer camps. Among other things, Capt. Romani showed me how an officer and a gentleman is supposed to act and carry himself. Among other impressive qualities was his ability many do not have this to insist upon what needed to be done but yet have those in his command truly respect and care about him even when what he ordered was not what most wanted to do. I am very sorry to hear that he is gone, but I certainly am glad to have found out.

Rick Christensen - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LR

“Romano was my cousin by marriage and I knew him well from when I was a small child through adulthood. He was a truly fine man and I am honored to have known him. Growing up in North Bend, I heard stories all the time from young people who had him as both teacher and coach, and they universally respected and loved Mr. Romani. I especially remember how good Romano always was to the underclass of NBHS, the students who were not among the so-called best and brightest class of student leaders, top academic achievers, jocks, etc. Romano was incredibly good to those students and gave them hope that they could succeed by doing the right thing and believing in themselves. I loved Romano and I send my heartfelt thoughts to Nancy, Vikki, and Tony from Alaska. Cousin Larry

Larry L. Ross - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“So sorry to hear about Romano. We played football together at EOC 1951. Great guy.

joe miller - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“Romani, What a guy! Made me laugh, made me cry and always had a joke. He was so personable and friendly and I thought of him as family. I was fortunate to have known him all these years and watch his old school techniques coaching baseball. Ill think of him always. Peace to you, Linda and your family.

John Ferera - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I had Mr. Romani as a football coach in the 8th grade in 1964 at NBJH. He was a better coach than I was a player. And I had him as a teacher the following year as a 9th grader. Some of his stories I will never forget. Many of them I had to pass along to my parents at home. As I matured in life I became a much better athlete, one that he was trying to make out of me years before. He helped in planting the seed. A man that will forever be part of my life. Thank you Romano Romani. May God bless you in your eternal rest.

Gary B. Adams - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Romano was a friend and one of the last good guys. Rest in piece friend. Todd and Trudy Sheets

Todd Sheets - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Hands down or Hands up. Certainly my best and most influential teacher in all 17 years of going to school. I learned more from this man than anyone in my whole life. So glad I got a chance to tell him so at our 64 class reunion. Taught Coby Dunn and I how to play chess in the basement in the 6th grade at Rockaway. Use to wear black suit, black tie, black shirt some days. We put all our books away and listened to stories of Chicago and life. He will be missed, indeed.

Greg Steckler - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Mr. Romani was my senior year Modern Problems teacher at North Bend High School, year of 1968-69. He was also my all-time most favorite teacher and I am certain I stand with many of his former students in remembering him as a favorite teacher. Our desks were arranged in a circle so we could discuss current events and problems. He was also my boyfriends company commander in the National Guard. He was such an awesome teacher and wonder man. He will be missed but so fondly remembered by so many. RIP Mr. Romani ~ You were always loved by your students!*

Jan Hystad Hickman - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Mr. Romani was my teacher in North Bend. I have fond memories of heated debates in his classroom that he not only allowed but encouraged! I got to see him away from school, as I was a friend of his daughter Vikki, and he was just as gregarious at home as he was at school. But he had rules at home and school and they were enforced! Great man and he leaves this earth having shared his many gifts with so many. God Bless and Rest in Peace Mr Romani*

Kellie Hays Brink - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I was the exchange student at North Bend High 1986 to 87 and I always remember Mr. Romanis classes. This is no joke, I was doing some mapwork with a kid I help with homework and I used his method to teach him the Caribbean regionso this man I knew for a year still comes to my mind now. He came to Barbados on a cruise and remembered he had a student from the island and randomly asked a Customs Officer if he heard of the Fergussons. My Dad just happened to be on the Board of the Bridgetown Port and in no time he was having dinner with my parents. I was at college in Canada and received a callguess who this is? I knew that voice right away! I couldnt believe it!!! He was truly a special man, may he rest in peace and rise in full glory. Blessings to his family.

Mandy Fergusson - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. He was a great teacher and had a huge impact our his students lives. Truly a wonderful man.

Mike Williams - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mr Romani was my favorite teacher at North Bend High, he taught me so much.I was pround to call him my friend and i will miss him. So long Coach God Bless you

Mike Senz - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Heartfelt condolences to the family. Coach Romani was beloved teacher who always challenged his students to think critically. Truly one of a kind.

Lori Manley Caughell - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ A great man with a great legend. Learned a lot of life lessons from this man. Rest in peace Mr. Romani. May the memories of you surround your loved ones hearts, keep it warm and put an everlasting smile on their faces.

renee hacker - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ What a great man! had him as a teacher, and he made class fun. could hardly wait to get to his class every day, just find out what he had up his sleeve for us. Had him as a football coach. taught not only the field, but off as well. He was a straight shooter and there was no wondering where you stood with him. I wish I could be half the man he was. What a great loss. May God forgive him of all his sines, and bring him into his heavenly kingdom. May god give you comfort in your loss.

Ed Senz - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Linda: I regret that I will be on jury duty this coming Monday when CPC services for Romano will be held. I will always remember when Romano would be brave enough to raise questions during John Nastaes Bible classes. I had no idea that your husband had taught and coached for so long in Oregon. Romano lived a very full life. Lois will be there! Bob Ahern

Bob Ahern - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Mr Romani was my favorite teacher my senior year, he taught me so much and i will miss him. I was proud to call him my friend. So long coach God Bless You Mike Senz

Mike Senz - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. Romani. He taught so many of us at North Bend Senior High. We all have so many fond memories. Rest in Peace Mr. Romani.

Tobi Sandine - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Coach Romani was my coach in football and baseball for 5 years through jr high and high school. I also had him for about 4 of those years as a history teacher. Its hard to explain the impact he has had on me even 50 years later, one of the most important men besides my father to impact my life. Thank you so much for all the life long lessons you taught us both in the classroom, on the sports field and in life. I am positive there are hundreds more people who could relate the same sentiments as anyone who was lucky enough to know Coach Romani never forgot him for the great man he was. You will be greatly missed but never forgotten. All my kids have heard many stories over the years of things I learned and heard from Romano Romani

Paul Henrichs - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ I had Mr Romani my senior year. Great teacher, he will be missed! Sending my condolences to his family. Patti Klinn (Jensen) NBHS class of 76

Patti Jensen Klinn - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ We are so saddened to hear the news about our wonderful friend. All of us in Hemet loved the winter months with Romano and Linda. He was always so gracious and kind. I loved hearing his coaching stories. We know he is now home with the Lord, but our hearts ache with our loss. Love to Linda and all the family, Guy Boyer and all the friends from Valley Community Church.

Guy Boyer - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Romani passing he was my teacher in North BEND and I always remembered him fondly. My husband Mike was also in the Natl Guard for several years with him and was very fond of him. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Machele Raz - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I was greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Romani. I was in one of his classes at North Bend High School. He was my favorite teacher of ALL time! God has taken a great guy! Peggy (Mortensen) Boe, Menoken ND

Peggy Mortensen Boe - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I am another student from N Bend Sr High. Love Mr Romani, one of the best teachers ever!!! ӘҮТМ, enjoyed his class very much!! RIP romano, my prayers are with you and your family

bea bolton-bush - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Mr. Romani was my teacher when I was a senior at North. Bend. It was a pleasure to have him. He was the best teacher I ever had. He was such a gentle giant. Never raising his voice, he taught us how to debate, argue, agree, disagree, sharing current events of the day. We had some heated discussions back then! I am deeply saddened by his passing, but I know that he is with Our Lord. My condolences to his family, He will be greatly missed. Terry Shockley*

Terry Shockley - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *We have enjoyed our association with Romano thru the church and playing golf. Our thoughts and prayer will be with Linda and family during this time of sorrow.*

Dennis and Karen Lisius - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM