



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.
And the rain falls soft upon your fields,

*And until
we meet again,*

May **GOD** hold you in the
palm of His *hand.*



In Loving Memory Of

Edmund Peter Champion

WHO WAS BORN

August 15, 1956
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

January 25, 2026
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, February 6, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT: Fr. Shawn Polman

MUSICIANS

Deb Needham, Accompanist
Pat Needham, Vocalist

READER: Katee Champion

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Pam Stueve

GIFT BEARERS: Ryan Champion and Family

CASKET BEARERS

Ryan Champion | Brady Riley | Ben Champion
Bill Cathy | Cyrus Bruen | Spencer Hausmann

INTERMENT

Graceville Consolidated Cemetery
Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Pete's family wishes to dedicate a special thank you to Mark and Anne Dietz for their lifelong friendship and support. They also want to thank the many friends and family who spent time with Pete before and after his diagnosis: sharing meals, fishing trips, and visits that brought him great comfort.

Following the graveside service, please join the family for a time of food and fellowship at the Holy Rosary Parish Center.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Graceville, Minnesota

Edmund Peter Champion was born on August 15, 1956, in rural Traverse County, MN, to Joseph and Rose Joan (O'Leary) Champion. He grew up on the family farm learning the values of hard work, independence, and self-reliance. The family later moved to Graceville, MN, which remained an important place throughout Pete's life.

Pete attended school in Wheaton and Graceville, MN. Later, Pete went on to earn a degree in drafting in Staples, MN, laying the foundation for a lifelong career built around mechanical skill, problem-solving, and precision.

Throughout his career, Pete worked as a machinist and engineer, lending his talents to several Minnesota companies. He was also self-employed as a contractor, known for his ability to fix, build, and improve just about anything.

Pete found his greatest enjoyment in the simple pleasures of life. He loved fishing and hunting, whether casting a bobber off the dock at Swan Lake, duck hunting near Graceville, or visiting with friends while fishing on Lake Latoka. He enjoyed meeting friends for breakfast or lunch at the Big Chief or Viking Café, playing Whist or Cribbage, taking road trips, and attending holiday gatherings. Pete valued good conversation, strong friendships, and time spent with people.

Pete was formerly married to Ruth (Zupan) Champion, with whom he shared his sons. Though they later divorced, family remained an important part of Pete's life.

Surviving Pete are: his sons and their families; his brothers: Patrick (Julie) Champion of Brooten, MN; Barry Champion of Anchorage, AK; and Claude (Mary) Champion of Rice, MN; and his sisters: Claire (Gary) Erickson of Chisago City, MN; Cecilia Cathey of St. Cloud, MN; Catherine (Jim) Riley of Morris, MN; Bernadette Champion of St. Cloud, MN; and Rosemary Sanderson of Fargo, ND; along with many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Rose Joan Champion; his brothers: Joseph Jr., John, Thomas, Kieran, and Richard Champion; his sister, Mary Ellen; along with other family members and friends.

Pete will be remembered for his mechanical mind, love of the outdoors, quick humor, and the straightforward way he lived his life.

Please use this QR code to access Pete's tribute video, obituary, & online guestbook.

