



## Arthur "Tom" Rentz

April 17, 1934 - February 14, 2019

Arthur "Tom" Rentz, 84, of Malinta, Ohio passed away on February 14, 2019. He was born in Malinta on April 17, 1934 to Harmon and Nina (Miller) Rentz.

Tom retired from Tenneco after 30 years and was a former board member for the Society for the Handicapped. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed his time with his walking buddies from the society. Tom loved to go out to eat and take bus trips all around the States.

He is survived by his daughter, Julie (James) Ehret; grandsons, Jameson and Jonathan Ehret; and family friend, Janice Hales. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Bonita (Orthwein); and son, Thomas Rentz.

The family will welcome guests at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 1:00 until the Memorial Service at 4:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the CHP Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Tribute Wall



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**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - March 01, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Malinta alumni banquet*



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**Lynn Hoops** - February 19, 2019 at 05:00 PM

JB

“ *My late father, Jim Battershell, was a Defiance College buddy n roommate of Art in 1953. He so enjoyed their friendship often commenting on Art's humor n kindness. You certainly have our sympathy at this tough time. Perhaps this will cheer you? My mother Mary Rose Gerschutz-Battershell (also a Defiance College student) was telling me tonight how fond Dad was of Art n she remembered a funny college story. Art, another roommate and my dad were making hard cider in a bathtub that accidentally overflowed while they were at classes This sent their hooch through the floor of their second story apartment and into the downstairs living room of the landlord. Art n the boys evidently cleaned up the mess, the landlord was happy and of course... all had productive n giving lives. May God Bless*

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**Jim and Leesa Battershell** - February 17, 2019 at 07:49 PM

SF

“ We were so sorry to hear of Arts passing. We both worked together with him at Tennecco for quite a few years. Quite the kidder, I'll miss hearing him say, "Sandy, honey, you just get prettier every day". He will be missed.

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**Steve and Sandy Fronce** - February 17, 2019 at 09:49 AM

CP

“ Julie, so sorry to see that your dad passed away. My prayers are with you in the days ahead. I know it isn't easy. Hang in there. May God give you comfort. From my "childhood" eyes, You were great neighbors.

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**Carolyn Iliff Pratt** - February 16, 2019 at 10:30 PM

HF

“ Tom was a neighbor to my family, and was a friend of my sister Mary. The Orthweins were so blessed to have Tom, always there if help was needed. He was so good to my Aunt Myra and her sister. Always fun to talk with and always had a good word. A life well lived. You have my sympathy. Helen (Orthwein) Fisher

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**Helen Fisher** - February 16, 2019 at 09:01 PM

MH

“ Going to miss our long talks on the phone. He would always say we aren't talking as long as the last time. Well we always ended up talking at least 2hrs or more. Going to miss u Tom

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**Marilyn Hicks Hatcher** - February 16, 2019 at 07:29 PM

JH

“ Dear Tom,  
I will miss you forever. We did so many things together for 11 years.  
I will always love you so much.

Love Janice

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**Janice E. Hales** - February 16, 2019 at 10:41 AM

 Mike  
Geno

“ As requested, I have made a donation to the Leukemia Society in  
Art's name. I shall miss our phone conversations, sharing the  
"aliments" of our disease. He gave me comfort and hope for the  
future. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will  
give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Rest In Peace Art;  
Your Friend; Mike Geno

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**Mike Geno** - February 16, 2019 at 08:39 AM

JN

“ Dear Julie..a bittersweet sympathy to share...Bitter because he couldn't fight any longer and had to go...sweet because we have such beautiful memories that we stay with us forever...  
I have lost one of favorite people I've known for fifty years.  
He was the highlight of my day every time he walked into the post office with his famous greeting " I'm the greatest.."  
What he probably never knew is how uplifting he was and I started believing we are and thus pay it forward to others..I am so going to miss his funny words and antics...he was the greatest.  
His greatest reward was to join those in Heaven....Heaven's greatest reward is having him there..  
My greatest reward was knowing and having him in my life..  
Peace be with you ...God's grace always.  
Jo Lyn Nye..  
Napoleon

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**Jolyn nye** - February 15, 2019 at 06:07 PM

KL

“ I am so sorry. I had no clue his first name was Arthur. Funny how you know someone your whole life and miss the little things. He was always such a good neighbor to all who knew him. May he rest in peace. Kim

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**Kim Lange** - February 15, 2019 at 12:47 PM

TF

“ The Rastocan Family lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Tom" Rentz



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**The Rastocan Family** - February 15, 2019 at 12:45 PM

KV

“ It was an honor getting to know you Art, everytime I eat a slice of sugar cream pie, I will think of you. RIP Art!

Kylie V - February 15, 2019 at 12:40 PM

KR

“ Julie- words cannot say enough- Tom was such a wonderful man!! Everytime he walked in to the store I'd always ask- "How are you Tom?" (and his reply was always the same) "I are the greatest- .. then he would walk to the back and look for my mom- and say "JoLyn Nye you sweet thing!" Loved to stand and BS with him - always had a story and joke to tell. The funniest- is when my Steve was alive, Dad walked in the store and Steve said "hey Art"! I had to correct him and say his name is Tom!! Lol- Steve knew him as Art during the bowling days- which shocked me! Fantastic memories surround me with him, and those are the moments I will cherish forever- God Bless you all- heaven gained an amazing angel yesterday- ❤️

Kori (Heyman) Ratliff - February 15, 2019 at 12:13 PM