



## Charles "Tony" Buckenmeyer

December 15, 1959 - April 16, 2025

It is with great sadness that the family of Charles Anthony Buckenmeyer announce his passing on April 16th, 2025, at the age of 65. Tony was born on December 15, 1959, in Toledo Ohio and grew up in Napoleon, where he graduated high school in 1978. He earned an Associate degree from Hocking Technical College, and then graduated from the University of Toledo in 1982 with a degree in Respiratory Therapy. He served the community at various hospitals and retired in 2020, after 33 years at Flower Hospital.

He fought a hard, courageous battle against a very rare, aggressive lung cancer. Never losing his faith in God, that regardless of the outcome, he would be by his side always, comforting him, and ultimately guiding him home to glory. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by his loved ones at his home in Toledo, Ohio.

Charles, better known as Tony, will lovingly be remembered by his wife, Dianna, daughter Kali (Jacob) Oberle. Stepchildren, Rebecca (Mathew) Ingram, David (Chayris) Steele and Jared Steele. Grandchildren: Madilyn, Jaxson, Vivian, Josephine, Timothy, Susanna, Catherine, Elizabeth and Adam. Brother: Jim (Patricia) Buckenmeyer and Sister: Sandy (Joseph) Bowditch. Sister-in-law: Barbara Farnell and Pamela (Rick) Stewart. Mother-in-law: Mary Segur and many, many extended family members and lifelong friends.

Tony was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Olga and his sister Cindy.

Tony adored his grandchildren and loved nothing more than spending time with them.

Tony had a love of travel and adventure. Being outdoors and staying active shaped his daily life. He was passionate about music and enjoyed concerts from every genre. Ohio State Buckeyes were his #1 team, and he was always ready for a long conversation about them. He had a natural devotion to the earth and taking care of it. Whether it was gardening, flower beds, or lovingly caring for the many animals he owned in his life, he took great pride in watching things grow and flourish.

Tony was someone who left an impression of kindness and compassion on those who knew him. He will be remembered for his great storytelling and ability to make others laugh. He always made himself present to those he loved, as he held strong family values and cherished the friendships created in his life.

His journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion, and his unwavering faith in God. He returned to his Catholic Faith and struck up an amazing friendship with Fr. Dave Nuss. Tony repeatedly told those he loved to "Find your path back to your faith." We ask for his life to be remembered, not for how it ended, but for how it was lived, and for the profound impact he had on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

May his memory be a blessing as we continue to carry on his love, and joy for life.

Per Tony's wishes, services will be private. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com). Arrangements entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral home, Napoleon.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Augustine's Cemetery**

St. Rt. 108  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ To Jim and Sandy. So many great memories with Tony and your family. Your Mom and Dad were always so nice and welcoming to me. I spent Many nights there watching Horror Movies, drinking pop and having snacks. If I ever smell Cherry Tobacco it brings your dad back.

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**Tim Crahan** - April 27, 2025 at 01:53 PM

ST

“ It is with great sadness that I write this. Tony was my roommate for 4 years during college and after. He was a very good friend. We hunted, fished, and camped. He took me to my first Detroit Tigers game and my first concert. I took him on his first duck hunt where he fired his gun 3 times before reaching the water. I asked him how many ducks he hit as 70 other ducks flew away. His response....was a sheepish “none” ! My favorite story is when I took him trout fishing in Indiana. It started at midnight and corn was the optimal lure. Four of us are in the river with 50 others when Tony asked me for some corn. My response was “you brought corn “. His response was “it’s cream corn” ! He was supposed to see my farm in Indiana where I hunt and fish this summer. He will be with me in memory !!

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**Steve Trudel** - April 26, 2025 at 02:39 PM

TC

I would love to share stories of Tony. I was his friend and neighbor growing up and through HighSchool. It started the same trapping, hiking, camping. Anything outdoors. To many memories to list and some I should not! Reconnected in the last 10 years at HS reunions. Same wonderful funny guy. We will miss you.

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**Tim Crahan** - April 27, 2025 at 01:48 PM

JD

“ i worked with Tony when he first started at Flower hospital. He was always ready to help in any way he could. Tony was a positive smiling guy. He spoke of his daughter often and treasured their time together. Tony is missed!! Hugs and prayers to the entire family.  
*Julie Dierker*

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**Julie Dierker** - April 23, 2025 at 08:18 AM

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“ What a beautiful description of Tony's life. I know everyone he touched he made a better person. His love was genuine and deep and I was blessed to know him. I forever grateful he made my friend so very happy for the short time they were together. Rest in perfect peace my friend until we meet again. 💕💕

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**Rose Rollins** - April 22, 2025 at 06:11 PM

MM

“ Tony was the youngest of the Buckenmeyers who lived on our street. He will be fondly remembered by all the Mossings.

*Mary Mossing*

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**Mary Mossing** - April 22, 2025 at 05:46 PM

AM

“ I met Tony through working together at a local pharmacy. We quickly became friends, sharing stories and also had a great amount of fun playfully teasing one another. It was after about a year at work when he found out that he had lung cancer. We still made it a point to keep in touch and after going through treatments he was well enough for us to have coffee together. We met about once a month talking at length about many things but he was never bitter. I visited with him a few days before he died and he was still current with daily activities and living with a purpose. He loved his family and life in general. Anyone who he had touched in life is truly blessed. He'll be missed but not forgotten. Peace to all his family.

*Art Medlen*

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**Art Medlen** - April 22, 2025 at 09:15 AM

DB

“ Tony was a great uncle! When we were kids I remember him taking us camping, and watching scary movies on the weekends, trapping, and I remember going to a Ted Nugent convention at the Seagate center in Toledo in the early 90s. He often took us to the movie theaters to watch the newest movies out and so much more! He will never be forgotten on my end!

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**Drew Buckenmeyer** - April 21, 2025 at 08:21 PM

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“ Colette Yetter lit a candle in memory of Charles Buckenmeyer



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**Colette Yetter** - April 21, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ *Cheryl Bair Gunn lit a candle in memory of Charles Buckenmeyer*



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**Cheryl Bair Gunn** - April 18, 2025 at 02:09 PM