



## Ralph M. "Bootsie" Ritchey

February 26, 1934 - September 11, 2019

Ralph M. "Bootsie" Ritchey, age 85 of Mentor, died peacefully Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at Continuing Healthcare of Mentor. He was born February 26, 1934, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1972 he moved his family to Mentor, Ohio. In the late 80s, he moved to Columbus, Ohio where he continued his career and ultimately retired.

Ralph was a Truck Sales Manager for Ford Motor Company. Ralph enjoyed playing golf, reading and eating. He was an avid sports fan, and for many years, held season tickets to the Pittsburgh Steelers games.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years: Diane T. (Brill) Ritchey, sons: Michael (Anita) Ritchey and Douglas (Kerry) Ritchey, grandchildren: Brian, Kevin, Greg, Michelle, Monica, Chelsea and Lindsey Ritchey, Melissa (Nick) Ward and Andrew (Katy Kosman) Ritchey, great-grandchildren: Gianna, Ava and Ruthie, brother: Ronald J. (Donna) Ritchey, and former wife: Antoinette Ritchey.

Preceding Ralph in death are his parents: Ralph and Claretta Ritchey, and 3 sisters: Teenie Modena, Mary Frances Antonucci, and Cookie Tominello.

The family will receive friends from 12-2 pm Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor

Ave. Mentor, OH 44060.

A memorial service will be held at 2 pm Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, OH 44192 or donate online at [www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org)

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ It was a pleasure to get to know Ralph during his time with us. It was always nice to stop and talk with him during my day at work.

*Mike Brown, CHS of Mentor*

Michael Brown - September 14, 2019 at 07:02 AM

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“ I have known Raph for 73 years. He was my best friend, best man at his wedding, and have memories that i will cherish forever. I am so sorry Mike and Doug. Lots of love, Domenic Stelluto

Domenic Stelluto - September 13, 2019 at 11:32 PM

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“ Mike & Doug:

*Ralph was a friend of mine for more than 40 years, he was one of the most generous people I have known. Loved golf, when I would visit him in Columbus, golf was everywhere, he will truly be missed.*



Dominic Tomaro - September 12, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph M. "Bootsie" Ritchey.



September 12, 2019 at 12:51 PM