



## Thomas "Tom" H. DeMay

March 22, 1927 - March 9, 2021

Thomas "Tom" H. DeMay, age 93, of Mentor, died Tuesday March 9, 2021 at Mentor Ridge Health & Rehabilitation Center, Mentor. He was born March 22, 1927, in Conneaut, OH.

Mr. DeMay retired from Ohio Casualty Insurance Company in 1990 as a claims adjuster.

Tom was a US Navy veteran of WW II, he had enough credits to enlist in the Navy at 17 years old. He served on the destroyer, USS Gansevoort in the Pacific.

He graduated from Conneaut High School class of 1945 and John Carroll University in 1950 where he was their first Postmater. He enjoyed traveling and visited 49 of the 50 states. He married his wife, Laureen "Reenie" (nee: Leahy) DeMay, in Cleveland, on April 7, 1951. Tom was also the cofounder and past president of the Tri County Claims Association. He loved all sports, especially horse racing. Tom was also active in his children's sports. He managed girls softball teams and boys baseball teams in Mentor Rec Park. Later he was vice president and tournament director in the 70's in the Mentor Men' Softball League, managing several teams.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years: Reenie (Leahy) DeMay, children: Tim

(Robin) DeMay, Jim (Kathy) DeMay, Mike (Sue) DeMay, Laurie Melfi, Mary Beth (George) Nieves, Anne (David) Michniuk and Susan (Jason) Harvard, 14 grandchildren: Patrick (Casey) DeMay, Tom and Henry DeMay, Mary (Bond) Scott, Jim (Laura) DeMay, Kelly (Quinn) Novotny, Katie (Seth) Claus, Mike Melfi, Ashley and Lisa Nieves, Olivia and Wesley Harvard, Daniel and Leanna Michniuk, 4 great-grandchildren: Lainey and Rhett Novotny, Carter and Charlotte Claus, sister in law: Diane Halal, several nieces and nephews and faithful dog: Goldie.

He was preceded in death by his sons: Thomas W. DeMay, Patrick J. DeMay; parents: Harry and Frances DeMay and in-laws: Ward and Anne Leahy, siblings: Jan (Veijo) Naykki and Francis (Jean) DeMay and 3 nephews.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 – 11:30 am Saturday March 13, 2021 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

A funeral mass will be held at 12:00 pm Saturday March 13, 2021 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon.

The family requests that contributions may be made to Lake Humane Society, 7564-E Tyler Boulevard, Mentor, OH. 44060 or St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH. 44060.

Please offer condolences at [www](http://www)



# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(800) 582-6850

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 13.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (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 Mass

**MAR 13.** 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church  
8560 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3404  
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ I have been to many ball games with Tom maybe 50 years ago. When our sons played ball.

*Mr Pratt*

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**Arthur Pratt** - March 20, 2021 at 11:43 AM

SC

“ Whenever I think of the time I lived on Roselawn, your family always comes to mind right away. The highlight of my very short softball 'career' was being coached by Tom. I had so little skill but he used my being lefthanded as an asset and made that season actually enjoyable. It's honestly one of my best memories. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Susan (Sugden) Cook** - March 13, 2021 at 09:12 AM

MN

*Thank you, Sue. He certainly enjoyed the sport and loved spending time with his children and their friends.*

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**Mary Beth Nieves** - March 15, 2021 at 05:11 AM

PD

“ Could not have asked for a better grandpa. What a man.



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**Patrick DeMay** - March 12, 2021 at 01:47 PM

LM

“ *Linda Burch Artman, Mike & Melissa, Jay & Melinda purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas "Tom" H. DeMay.*



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**Linda Burch Artman, Mike & Melissa, Jay & Melinda** - March 12, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" H. DeMay.*



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March 12, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" H. DeMay.*



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March 12, 2021 at 07:20 AM

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“ *Dear Mike, Sue and Family,*

*Sincere condolences. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love and Light,  
Conni Hinkel*

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**Conni Hinkel** - March 12, 2021 at 05:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" H. DeMay.



March 11, 2021 at 09:52 PM



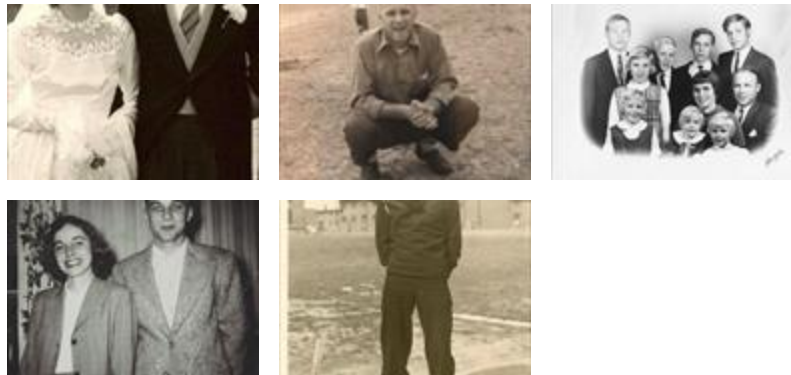
“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" H. DeMay.



March 11, 2021 at 09:39 PM



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Susan DeMay Harvard - March 11, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" H. DeMay.



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March 11, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" H. DeMay.



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March 11, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss  
Sending love and prayers to your family.  
Steve and Debi Shepherd*



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**deborah shepherd** - March 11, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ *Dear Mike, Sue and family,  
My deepest sympathy goes out to you all.  
Sincerely,,  
Anna Marie Friday*

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**Anna** - March 11, 2021 at 08:01 AM



*Sorry my prayers to you all*

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**Wilma moon** - March 11, 2021 at 12:35 PM