



Thomas Rehm Connell

January 12, 1938 - June 3, 2016

Thomas Rehm Connell born January 12, 1938 passed away on June 3, 2016 at his home. He is preceded in death by his dear wife Joan; parents, Paul S. & Grace Connell; sisters, Pat Atchley and Mary Jane Hughes. Tom is survived by his 3 sons, Timothy S. (Jill), Chris (Diane), and Kevin; brother, Timothy P. (Jan); sister, Dorothy Tracy; grandchildren, Eric (Michelle), Ben, Christopher, Carolyn, Jeffrey (Jordan), Timothy S. II, Katherine, Hannah, Priscilla, Mary, Gloria, Matthew, Norah, and William; great-grandchildren, Ben, Luke, Leighton, and Rylen. Thomas had a BSEE from Purdue University (1961) and a MSEE from University of Akron (1965). He worked as an electrical engineer with Ohio Brass Corporation until 1980 when became a college professor at the University of Akron. He achieved Professor Emeritus status in Electrical Engineering Technology in 2001.

Tribute Wall

SO

“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers to both Tom and Joannie, and to their family! My memory brings me back to high school days in Plymouth-----Joannie and Tom were always together at that time, but also included all the rest of us in their friendship! May they rest in peace!*

Sister Marilyn Oliver - June 20, 2016 at 08:42 AM

BH

“ *We send our sympathies to the entire Connell family at this difficult time. Remembering both Tom and Joan as some of the most kind and gentle people we were privileged to know. We celebrate the fact that we knew them for many years as members of Wadsworth United Methodist Church. Joan was always there ready to help with her art ability and her love of children when I served as Education Director.*

May God touch your hearts and minds with love and peace knowing they led a Christian life and shared their beliefs and joys with all of you.

*Brenda and Ken Hembury
Sharon Center, OH*

Brenda Hembury - June 17, 2016 at 08:20 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Thomas Rehm Connell.*



June 15, 2016 at 10:15 PM

GS

“ When we think of our Wadsworth, Ohio days, Tom, Joan and the Connell boys always come to mind. What a joy and privilege it was to have the family as dear friends. Working with Tom at Ohio Brass was a great blessing for me, a Ceramic Engineer trying to find my way in the electrical industry. Tom taught me electrical circuits and surge arrester theory. I think teaching was in his blood. So many other memories, fishing at the Upper Peninsula, Kiwanis activities, a little golfing, many family evenings, visiting Hawaii and of course, sharing a "little" scotch. When work took me from Wadsworth to Columbia, MO, our interactions became infrequent. They say we are fortunate if we have two or three real friends in life. Despite time and distance, I considered Tom one of mine. Patty, on the other hand, was a friendly, verbal sparring partner with Tom. Mention Tom's name, and a smile always comes to her face. We will truly miss our friend.

Patty & Gary Stumbaugh

Gary Stumbaugh - June 15, 2016 at 10:12 PM

KC

Thank you Mr. Stumbaugh. My parents always enjoyed time with you and your family. I always enjoyed my Dad's Ohio Brass stories with you and your other colleagues. I'm glad you and my Dad could share recent experiences together in the care of Mrs. Stumbaugh and my Mom. Give my best to Jill and Dave.

-Kevin Connell

Kevin Connell - June 16, 2016 at 08:41 AM

DH

I just learned that Mr. Connell had passed. I had him as a professor at the University of Akron and he was the best teacher I had in any school I attended. He took time with me when I first started engineering classes and didn't grasp some concepts. I still remember lessons that he taught me, even 30 years later. RIP Mr. Connell.

Denny Hoop - July 29, 2019 at 10:05 PM

DH

My office was right next door to Tom's at Ohio Brass Wadsworth - on the balcony at the Frank B. Black Research Center. I was a new engineer in John Wittibschlager's High Voltage Lab Group. I remember the numerous trials and modifications we did on the DOE 1.2 Million Volt SF6 lightning arrester before we got it to work! So sorry you never got to become that medical doctor. ----Dick Hoover

Dick Hoover - February 25, 2024 at 01:48 PM