



## Roy "Tom" Rakes

June 28, 1931 - December 29, 2009

ADRIAN – Roy “Tom” Rakes, age 78 of Adrian, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at Toledo Hospital.

Roy was born June 28, 1931, in Sophia, West Virginia, the son of Harry and Geneva (Vipperman) Rakes. During the Korean Conflict, Tom served his country in the United States Marines. On October 16, 1954, he married Elsie Hooker. Elsie, his wife of 55 years, survives.

Tom worked at Stubnitz Greene and Hoover Ball Bearing. He also worked at Tecumseh Products, retiring after several years. An outdoorsman, Tom enjoyed fishing and gardening. He was an avid reader. Most importantly, Tom treasured his family.

In addition to his wife, Tom is survived by his children: Bettie (Guy) Guinn of Kentucky; Roger (Tammy) Rakes, Pattie (Terry) McKenzie, both of Adrian; and Teresa (Greg) Butchart of Tipton; seven grandchildren: Stacy, Stephanie, Keegan, Kristin, Collin, Danielle, and Devin; one great granddaughter, Daisy; and siblings, Eunice Bowman, Margie Gier, Ruby Keith and Charlie Rakes, all of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Ronnie Rakes, and siblings, Bonnie, Nellie, Lloyd, Oscar, Albert, and Nancy.

The funeral service for Roy will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Greg Burdine officiating. Burial will follow at Fairfield Cemetery. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Friday, January 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. You may also send condolences to his family at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Roy "Tom" Rakes

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Its been a little while now, But the hurt is still there. Tom my brother in law how I do wish we could have talked just one more time. I miss you so very much. This seems like a dream to me ,and can just amagine how much more hurt my dear sister and the children and grandchildren feel. Oh how I wish I could take away some of the hurt but only God can and will do that in time. I love you sis and my neices and nephews too.  
Ivory##imported-begin##Ivory##imported-end##

January 21, 2010 at 12:12 AM



“ You shall be missed.##imported-begin##Shane Arnold Bowman##imported-end##

January 06, 2010 at 06:36 PM



“ Roy was a very nice and kind man. I have memories of spending time at his home and enjoying the wonderful gardens he would tend to in the summer.##imported-begin##Sonya ##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 01:51 PM



“ I hold a special place in my heart for you Uncle Tom... my memories of Aunt Elsie & You with my Mom and Dad is something I will cherish forever. Roger, Teresa, and Pattie..it does get a little easier..hang on to your memories they will get you through it. Love you.###imported-begin###Janet Mitchell###imported-end###

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January 01, 2010 at 11:22 PM



“ Sis, I am so sorry for your loss. To my neices aad nephews I love you all and just remember that dad is resting now. With all my love . Ivory###imported-begin###Ivory Bowman###imported-end###

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January 01, 2010 at 04:13 PM



“ Stephanie and family,  
I'm so sorry you are having to experience the pain of yet another loss in your life! Nothing I can say can make this difficult time any easier, but please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers!###imported-begin###Holly Pilbeam###imported-end###

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January 01, 2010 at 11:01 AM



“ Roy has always been apart of the ogden hwy. neighborhood family. I always remember his smile and kind heart from our family to yours. God Bless###imported-begin###Duane Potes Jr ###imported-end###

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January 01, 2010 at 09:22 AM



“ Dear Roger and Tammy, My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. Lola##imported-begin##Lola (Risner) McColley##imported-end##

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December 31, 2009 at 05:58 PM



“ Aunt Elsie, Roger, Patti & Theresa, Words, I have not, that will comfort you or ease this time of pain for you. What I do have is a heart filled with love for each of you and wonderful memories that can't be tarnished or taken away from me. What a wonderful man, this Uncle of mine. Forgotten, he can never be forgotten, for he will be remembered with every moment of living. My deepest sympathy to each of you, may these memories sustain you through the hard times. Love all much. Phyliss##imported-begin##Phyliss Rakes Mabry##imported-end##

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December 31, 2009 at 12:06 PM



“ Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Our love and heart felt prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss. Please let us know if there is anything we can do, we are always here for you.##imported-begin##Thomas and Tonya Braman##imported-end##

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December 31, 2009 at 10:44 AM



“ My heart aches for each and every person who loved and lost this amazing person. Hold onto each other, and take comfort in your memories. And don't forget to laugh as you remember the good times...it's amazing how much a smile can help to heal a broken heart.

*“Love is stronger than death even though it can't stop death from happening, but no matter how hard death tries it can't separate people from love. It can't take away our memories either. In the end, life is stronger than death.”*

*Roger, Tammy, Stacy, and Stephanie: You may not be related to me by blood, but you ARE and always will be my family... I love you so much and please let me know if there is anything I can do. Because you hurt, I hurt too.##imported-begin##Heather Barber##imported-end##*

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December 31, 2009 at 10:22 AM



“ Grandpa loved deeply and received the same in return. He will be greatly missed by every single one of his grandchildren.##imported-begin##Stacy Fuqua (Rakes)##imported-end##

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December 30, 2009 at 06:38 PM



“ To Aunt Elsie, all of my double cousins and your children! My heart can only feel a small portion of what you all are feeling at this difficult time. I wish that I could take away some of your pain but only time can do that. Cherish your memories. My hope is that these will help you through this. My love and deepest sympathy to you all.

*xoxoxo##imported-begin##Kevin Hooker##imported-end##*

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December 30, 2009 at 03:23 PM



“ You Will be Greatly Missed Uncle Tom, May You Fly Among the Angels With My Grandparents. RIP . Love you Always##imported-begin##Marsha Summers##imported-end##

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December 30, 2009 at 01:01 PM