



## Richard Rentz

October 26, 1929 - April 4, 2010

Richard Wallace Rentz was born to Ralph and Olga (Gregerson) Rentz on October 26, 1929, in Bertha, MN. Surrounded by his loving family, he passed away at home in rural Sebeka, on April 4, 2010, at the age of 80 years. Rich was united in marriage with Lola Conn on October 15, 1951 in Wadena. He served in the United States Army beginning in January 1952 and was honorably discharged in December 1954. He lived his entire life in the area and will be remembered as a diligent farmer and plumber. In his free time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and traveling. Rich was preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Olga; brothers Willard and Robert; a sister Carol, and a son-in-law Warren Peterson. He is survived by his devoted wife Lola; sons Richard (Jennifer) of Alexandria, Kevin (friend Shari) of AZ, and Bob (Heidi) of Sebeka; daughters Deb (Jerry) Fischer of Wadena, Becky Peterson, and Tammy (Brian) Heide both of Moorhead; 21 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; brothers Laverne of Wadena, and Wayne of Anoka; and sisters Betty Seaton of Wadena, and Mavis Odegard of Montevideo. Funeral services were held on April 7, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in the United Methodist Church in Wadena, with Pastor Shirley Nelson officiating. Honorary pallbearers were all of Rich's grandchildren. Pallbearers were Jeff Fischer, Jon Rentz, Kris Peterson, Matt Fischer, Justin Heide, and Tanner Rentz. Interment was in the Wadena Cemetery in Wadena.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *A note of sympathy to the Rentz family. Thinking of you at this time of loss.*

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**Judy Vierkant Ament** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *To Aunt Lola, Debbie, Becky, Rich, Kevin Tammy and Bobby,*

*We have so many good memories of Uncle Richard. He was always smiling or at least that cute little smirk he had. I remember that cute little tricycle that he bought for Lana. (His God child). It was purple and had a banana seat with the high rise handlebars and streamers. He set that aside as soon as it came in at Zosel's for her. She was always so proud of her new trike. We cherish the memories of Uncle Richard. May God give you all comfort at this time.  
Love you all. Vernie*

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**Vernie Rentz Mellesmoen** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Lola, Deb, Becky, Richard, Kevin, Tammy and Bob and your families:*

*Our Prayers and thoughts are with you all. Rich meant so much to Peggy and I.*

*As I was driving the 350 miles back home today I had the chance to reminisce and think about all the memories of Rich. So many great times!*

*I was proud to have had Rich for my uncle. He was one in a million.*

*Ray*

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**Ray Rentz** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Lola and family,  
Rich was really one of the good guys! All my memories of him are happy ones that make me smile to remember them. He was a terrific uncle and a gentle man.  
He'll be missed and fondly remembered by so very many folks.  
Imagine the welcome party the Lord has in store for him!*

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**Jean (Olson) Helander** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Richards death.. We wanted to let u all know we are keeping u all in our prayers..  
God Bless,  
Jerry and Janice Denny*

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**Jerry and Janice Denny** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Dear Lola and family,  
I have some wonderful memories of playing on the farm. Uncle Rich always had time to get the tractor out and pull us around on our sleds. I can still see him chuckling as we all ran around crazily waving sparklers on the 4th of July. There wasn't a mean bone in his body and the crinkle in the corner of his eye and his kind, patient voice will always remain in my memory. We will all miss him very much.  
Sincerely,  
Kathy*

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**Kathy (Olson) Sletten** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Lola and family,  
My sympathy on the death of Richard. He did some plumbing for me when I lived in Wadena. On one occasion, Lola helped. He was a kind caring person, even when my cat laid on his coat. May your happy memories help you through the difficult days ahead. Julie*

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**Juliana Geier** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Uncle Richard was the only Uncle I really knew on Dad's side. He cared about me and felt the pain of my loss's. He had a big heart! I remember how he appreciated me bringing him a toy dog for the back of his car when he had a heart attack. I said you better behave because that dog is going to keep an eye on you, and he smiled. I will miss his kind eyes and smile.*

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**Rita Rentz Jensen** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM