



## RUDY C. HITZEMANN

June 21, 1927 - October 17, 2018

Rudy Christian Hitzemann was born to German immigrant parents in Lancaster, New York in 1927 and raised near Buffalo. He proudly attended Amherst High, but left early to join his friends in WWII. While in the Navy, he worked with German prisoners because of his language skills learned by being raised in a German speaking household. Upon his discharge, he enrolled at Bowling Green and earned a degree in education, met the girl of his dreams (Jean) and were married the day after graduation. His first teaching job was in Kentucky, but it wasn't long before they moved to a small town called Worthington, bought a piece of land, grabbed a hammer and a shovel to build their present residence. He was Worthington's first swim coach and was an assistant football coach under Dow Nelson in the 50's. He was always quick to donate his time, and lend a hand as an educator when it came to special needs people who needed extra help learning to drive. Sometimes it was just someone with a terrible fear of driving that avoided the task until they were in their 50's. He helped with school projects like homecoming floats, theater scenery and emergency maintenance at the pool. His second career was at Anheuser Busch which he continued until he was 70, when he passed the baton to his son, Gary and grandson, Max to continue the beer making tradition. Sons John, Paul and Dan will have to settle for drinking the beer. Rudy passed quietly on the 17th after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He's survived by his wife of 67 years, Jean; his sons, Paul (Heather), John (LuAnn), Gary (Theresa) & Dan (Gina); 9 grandchildren and 3 great-

grandchildren. Viewing will be 2 - 4pm and 6 - 8pm on Tuesday, Oct 23 at Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High St., Worthington. Condolences to [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ RUDY C. HITZEMANN

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ One of the best teachers I had in HS.

*WHS had shut down all automotive repair classes by the time I got there. Fortunately he recognized my passion and helped us (Jinx and Myself) to compete on a state level where we represented WHS in State and National competition that took place in Detroit Michigan. We were pretty successful. 1st in Ohio and in top 10 in the nation! There were no other representatives from WHS and if it wasn't for Mr. Hitzemann there would have been none! He worked hard to get acceptance for a boy girl team for the very first time. Absolutely unheard of in 1963.*

*If it hadn't been for his guidance I likely would have dropped out of HS before my senior year!*

*No other educator in WHS went as far out of their way to encourage me. For the most part I was treated as useless by the bulk of my teachers / guidance counselors in high school. There were no books on what to do with a one armed teen with bad feet!*

*Thank you Rudy Hitzemann. Your help and your example helped make my life a good one. You will never be forgotten!*

*Thomas and Jinx Pomeroy  
class of 1963*

Thomas Pomeriy - October 23, 2018 at 09:54 AM

SP

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Hitzemann's passing. He was my driver's ed instructor back in high school.....a very calm, reassuring presence in what I'm sure is a harrowing job!

*I still abide by some of his driving tips ("if you ever hit a child with your car, it will haunt you for the rest of your life").*

*His son Paul (aka Rudy) was my debate partner and good friend, so I had contact with Rudy Sr. long after high school faded in the rear-view mirror.*

*He was always so sweet and kind-hearted.*

*All the best to the Hitzemann boys and Jean!*

*Steve Parsons*

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**steve parsons** - October 23, 2018 at 07:20 AM

RP

“ Please accept my condolences for your loss . I enjoyed working with Rudy for many years at Anheuser. He was one of my best workers. When you asked him to do a job you could be sure it would be done and done right .

*Richard Poole*

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**Richard Poole** - October 22, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of RUDY C. HITZEMANN.



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October 22, 2018 at 12:57 PM

JH

“ 3 files added to the album *Memories of My Dad*



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**John Hitzemann** - October 21, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
**RUDY C. HITZEMANN.**



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October 21, 2018 at 12:52 PM

GY

“ *Mr. Hitzemann was one of my favorite teachers at WHS. One of my favorite memories was being a brand new high school, we had an automotive shop with great equipment. However, there was no auto shop class and no teachers. A group of us car nuts got together and begged Mr. Hitzemann to be the teacher so we could use the shop. After lots of prodding he finally consented and we enjoyed many hours there.*

*Another life long remembrance was in drivers education. I made a left turn way to fast on a country road. After completing the turn, I remarked " Whew, I made it." His comment, " Yes but you drove the cows away from the fence."*

*Best wishes to the family and congratulations for a life well lived. I currently care for my wife, who has been suffering with ALZ Dementia for 9 years. I understand the journey you have been on.*

*God Bless,*

*Gerry Yaeger, San Diego, CA. Class of '56*

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**Gerry Yaeger** - October 20, 2018 at 06:59 PM