



Alfred "Fritz" Christian Rentschler

July 20, 1923 - February 25, 2018

Alfred Christian Rentschler (fondly known as Fritz)

Fritz passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2018, at 94 years of age. He was born July 20, 1923, to Alfred J. and Clara (Feldkamp) Rentschler in Lodi Township on Ellsworth Road, the same home where he lived his entire life. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline. He graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1941. He met Elizabeth (Betty) Blaess at the Pittsfield Grange and they were married at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor on November 24, 1945, where he remains a member. They raised three children: Donald (Mary Robison) of Ann Arbor, Brenda (John) Finkbeiner of Chelsea, and Lyle (Beth Ann Roughton) of Saline. He is survived by eight grandchildren: Amy Rentschler (Tod Whipple), Ryan (Natalie Weidmayer) Rentschler, Chad (Jillian Stallsworth) Finkbeiner, Jill (Dusty) Turner, Caryn Finkbeiner (Jonny Fairplay), Angela (Nic) Shirey, Eric (Chrissy Bingham) and Abigail Rentschler. He is also survived by seven (almost eight) great-grandchildren: Blake, Nathan, Benjamin and Christian Rentschler, Cal and Reese Turner, and Madilyn Finkbeiner and the 8th due in May, little one Shirey, along with many nieces and nephews and their families. Fritz was a dedicated life-long farmer. His relentless passion for the farming profession never wavered. He was a member of Michigan Milk Producers and Farm Bureau. He was a former director of the country school, Dold School (Wagner and Ellsworth Roads). Fritz loved playing fast pitch softball in his younger days and in later years he enjoyed restoring historic cars and

tractors. He made many happy memories with family and friends attending parades, trips to get ice cream, or supper at Bridgewater Bank in his favorite antique car, his 1941 Ford Convertible, with Betty at his side. A game of euchre (pepper, too) was his favorite card game. He was a longtime member of the Wednesday Night Euchre Club. The saddest day of his life: when Betty predeceased him on May 16, 2015. He was also predeceased by his parents, two sisters and their husbands: Doris (Earl) Perkins and Alice (Laddie) Boychuck, two brothers-in-law and their wives: Julius (Jean Carter, Betty Scherdt) Blaess and William (Geraldine Randall) Blaess, and a nephew, David Blaess. Visitation will be held at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline on Friday, March 2, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. with service to begin at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association (in honor of Betty) or Bethlehem United Church of Christ and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. The family would like to thank St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Linden Square Assisted Living, and Heartland Hospice for their compassion and kindness. To leave a memory you have of Fritz or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAR 3. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery
227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Tribute Wall



“ Alfred "Fritz" Christian Rentschler

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your Father, Grandfather, and GreatGrandfather. With sincere sympathy and prayers for your family at this difficult time, we will remember the wonderful neighbor and friend he has always been.

Fritz and Betty were very good neighbors and farmer friends of our parents, Erwin and Luella Weber, for many, many years.

Your family has been richly blessed to have had a very special father.

He will be missed.

May he Rest In Peace,
Norm and Kathy Cole



Norm and Kathy Cole - March 02, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred "Fritz" Christian Rentschler.



March 02, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfred "Fritz" Christian Rentschler.*



March 01, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alfred "Fritz" Christian Rentschler.*



March 01, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *Fritz was a great person who I got to know when I was just 14 and learned so much*

from him about farming and especially how to work hard, which I did for him and his

father for three summers. Fritz and Betty were special, a wonderful couple Gary

Gary C. Peck - February 28, 2018 at 09:47 PM

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“ *Brenda,*

Sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. May the many memories of the past help you through these difficult times. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Please contact me. Would love to catch up.

*Kitty and Larry Adkins
Jupiter, FL*

Larry Adkins - February 28, 2018 at 08:31 PM

 Robyn Robison

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family, we wish we could be there. There was not a nicer couple or harder workers on the face of the earth than Fritz (a.k.a. Pimmy) and Betty.*

Robyn Robison - February 28, 2018 at 12:09 AM

 Robyn Robison

“ *Robyn Robison lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Fritz" Christian Rentschler*



Robyn Robison - February 28, 2018 at 12:06 AM

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“ *Sending prayers for the Rentschler family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.*

Carol Eberle (Glen Jedele Family)

Carol Eberle - February 26, 2018 at 05:03 PM

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“ *Our Sympathy to the Rentschler family. May the message of Salvation bring you peace.*

Scott, Carlene, Ryan and Blake Rogers

Carlene Rogers - February 26, 2018 at 10:40 AM