



Long time resident and Heather Ridge advocate Tom Bentz passed away Feb. 4, 2013. Tom was born June 16, 1934 in Akron Ohio. He was active in the Big Car Racing Association (BCRA) and was inducted into its hall of fame in 2012. After serving 13 years as a lieutenant with the Aurora police department, Tom worked as a HOA/property manager for a number of years representing several HOAs in the Denver area including Cobblestone, Chimney Hill and Heather Ridge South. When the threat of Heather Ridge losing the open space began, Tom represented Chimney Hill becoming active and determined to help save the golf course. He is survived by his loving wife, Terri; daughters Karen & Jill (Gregg); grandchildren Kurt, Ashley, & Dustin; one great grandson. A memorial service was held March 14, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 11500 E. Iliff Ave., Aurora. Terri said, "Tom and I moved here in 1978. Heather Ridge has always been a big part of our lives and he was thankful the community voted to buy the open space." Contributions in Tom's memory to the Heather Ridge Open Space Foundation are appreciated. Please send donations to Heather Ridge Foundation, 13521 E Iliff Ave, Heather Ridge, CO 80014.