



## Donna Jean Dally

May 31, 1942 - March 16, 2026

Donna Jean Dally, age 83, of Sardis, Ohio passed to Heaven on Monday March 16, 2026, at her home.

She was born May 31, 1942, in New Matamoras, OH, the daughter of the late William Lester Price and Ruby Shelda Dye Price.

Donna was a retired teacher and homemaker. She was proud of her Monroe County heritage and founded the Dally Memorial Library in Sardis and sat as the president of the library board. She was a member of the Mount Olive Church of Sardis. She was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling (especially to the ocean), spending time with her beloved family, especially her grandchildren, at the Ohio River and investing in her community.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of over 30 years, David L. Dally; a brother, William "Bill" Price; and a stepson, Stacy Day.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 22 years, Harry Day; two daughters, Dianna (Rodney) Rufener of Sardis, and Dana (Robert) Wilson of Lexington, Kentucky; six grandchildren, Sophia, Samuel, and Ruby Kate Rufener, Carter and Emma Wilson, and Lindsey Blackstone; a brother, David Price; stepdaughter, Chris (Robin) Carpenter of Woodsfield, OH; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Family will receive friends on Thursday March 19, 2026, at Grisell Funeral Home, 37234 Mound Street, Sardis, OH from 5pm to 8pm where funeral services will be held on Friday March 20 at 12pm with Pastor James Ng

officiating.

Burial will follow at Sardis Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Donna's honor to the Dally Memorial Library,  
P.O. Box 37, Sardis, OH 43946.

Sympathy expressions at [grisellfuneralhomes.com](http://grisellfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sardis Cemetery

State Route 255  
Sardis, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Sardis  
37234 Mound Street  
Sardis, OH 43946  
(740) 483-1302  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Sardis  
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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Rufener Family, especially to Diana. May you always remember your mother Donna not as the sickness made her, but as the wonderful person God made her. If Donna was anything like my mom Reda was, she thinks heaven is the bees knees!

Love & prayers. - Linda Hodge

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**Linda hodge** - March 23 at 07:01 PM

KS

“ Donna was a dear and special cousin through Dave and the memories over the years are so very cherished. In recent years Eldon and I totally enjoyed time down by the river with Donna and Harry. Donna's idea of putting in a "She Shed' couldn't have been better! God rest her dear soul and may peace be hers. She will be deeply missed. Our deepest sympathies to you Harry, Dianna (Rodney), Dana (Rob), Chris (Robin), her special grandchildren and all the family. Our love and prayers, Karen and Eldon Sheffer

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**Karen and Eldon Sheffer** - March 20 at 09:52 PM

KM

“ Dear Harry and the Dally family, We are so sorry to hear about Donna. She was a wonderful person and a champion for literacy and community. Please know that you are in our thoughts. Love, Kim Masteller, Donovan Dodrill, and Lois Dodrill--Kansas City.

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**Kimberly Masteller** - March 19 at 12:45 PM

KA

“ Kimberly A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Dally.

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**Kimberly A.** - March 19 at 12:38 PM

KD

“ *Kathy and Dennis Dye purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donna Jean Dally.*



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**Kathy and Dennis Dye** - March 19 at 09:45 AM

MN

“ *Michael, Crystal and Noah purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna Jean Dally.*



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**Michael, Crystal and Noah** - March 18 at 11:40 PM

KC

“ *Kerry, Ellie, Mark, and Cristie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donna Jean Dally.*



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**Kerry, Ellie, Mark, and Cristie** - March 18 at 11:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Dally.*



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March 18 at 10:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Dally.*



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March 18 at 08:00 PM



“ *Aunt Karen, Uncle Eldon, and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna Jean Dally.*



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**Aunt Karen, Uncle Eldon, and family** - March 18 at 05:45 PM



“ *Deron, Tracey Farnsworth & Jessica purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donna Jean Dally.*



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**Deron, Tracey Farnsworth & Jessica** - March 18 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dianna and Dana and families and Harry, We are with you in thoughts and prayers. Your Mother, Grandmother, wife and much more has made a difference in the lives of all who knew her. Many beautiful Mound Street memories held dear in our hearts. Thankful that our paths crossed for many years. God be with you all as you lay your dear one to rest. Love, Bart & Joyce Wiggins*

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**Bart & Joyce Wiggins** - March 18 at 11:55 AM

ME

“ *Monika E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Dally.*

Monika E. - March 18 at 10:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Dally.*



March 17 at 06:36 PM

TF

“ *The Stickrod Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Donna Jean Dally.*



The Stickrod Family - March 17 at 05:33 PM

LC

“ *Donna was a good friend and classmate. She was always so upbeat and positive and did a lot for our community. Would have liked to talk to her one more time!*



Linda Kay Curtis - March 17 at 04:21 PM

MC

*Donna, a beautiful lady who gave so much to Sardis....our town library was created because of Donna's dream.....Bless you in Heaven, "angels sang you to your rest"*

Michele Caywood - March 19 at 09:27 AM

TC

“ *The Corbetts purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Donna Jean Dally.*



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**The Corbetts** - March 17 at 03:23 PM