



Dale Edward Donovan

April 14, 1941 - June 24, 2026

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel.

Celebration of Life Service with Military Honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Dale is survived by his loving wife: Shirley Donovan of Salem, MO; children: Chris Donovan and wife Angie of Florissant, MO, Ricky Harris and wife Beth of Texas, Lesa Harris of Sunrise Beach, MO, and Angela Gamblin and husband Jeff of Salem, MO; sister: Eileen Tiesing and husband Mike of South Carolina; grandchildren: Kimmy Rucker and husband Skyler of Herman, MO, Chrissy Donovan of Pacific, MO, Clayton Donovan of St. Charles, MO, Ryan Harris and wife Kelsea of Texas, Raustin Harris and wife Hannah of Texas, Brandon Berry of Macks Creek, MO, Justin Berry of Salem, MO, Cody Berry and fiancé Courtney of Sunrise Beach, MO, Derrick Shaw and wife Emilie of Salem, MO, Aaron Shaw and wife Lacy of Salem, MO, and Cory Gamblin and significant other Dalton of Tennessee; great-grandchildren: Victor, Teagan, Harper, Aubrey, Jackson, Masiyn, Ryker, Levi, Corbin and Kandace, Llayton, Karsyn, Jayden, Trenton, Raelynn, Austin and Viv, Maddie, Braxton, Avery, Wyatt, Kinslee, Blayne, Kolsen, Easton, Trenton, Colby, and Liam; great-great-grandchildren: Addeline and Huntlee; other relatives and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents: Edward and Mildred Donovan.

complete obituary to follow

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Dale Donovan and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Condolences may be left on his tribute page at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-5555
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ One of my favourite memories is the day that you adopted my sister Julie and me. You told me you wanted to be my dad. We spent time learning about all about your trains. spent hours watching your black and white Westerns.

Sara Combs - 34 minutes ago

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“ Grandpa, I miss you more than words can say. I am so thankful for the gift of spending those last three days by your bedside. Those moments will stay with me forever.

I will always cherish my childhood memories with you—spending time in your train room, my favorite room in the house, listening to you play your guitar, and enjoying countless sleepovers. I can still remember sitting on your lap, feeling safe and loved. Those moments weren't just part of my childhood; they became part of who I am.

I love you Grandpa and will miss you forever

Kimmy Rucker - 2 hours ago