



## Donald James Dennis

September 23, 1939 - November 19, 2023

Donald James Dennis, 84, passed away peacefully on November 19th, 2023 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, with his loving wife by his side. He was born in Toledo Ohio to William P and Agnes M (Yager) Dennis.

Don was a graduate of Maumee High School class of 1957. He was a member of the High School marching band where he played the bass drum. He was very proud to say he marched in the halftime show of the Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day game.

Don served in the 983rd Engineering Division of the U.S. Army Reserves for 6 years.

He was an Assistant Scoutmaster with the Boys Scouts Troop 252.

He retired from The Andersons where he worked as a project buyer for 45 years. Don was a proud volunteer firefighter for the Maumee Fire Department for 45 years, retiring as Assistant Fire Chief. He was a long-time parishioner and the head usher for 50 years at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns in Toledo, where his father and his twin brother Ron helped build the brick wall of the altar. Don would always give a helping hand to whomever needed it. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and enjoyed teaching driving lessons to teens.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, twin brother Ronald, brothers Walter, Duane and sister Rose. He is survived by his wife Mary Lou of 59 years, son David (Betsy) Dennis of Dublin, Ohio, daughter Lisa (Dave) Burns of Findlay, Ohio; grandchildren Alexander, Matthew, Michael Dennis and Ambur Burns, who lovingly called him "Pa Chief"; brother Wayne Dennis,

sister-in-law Lynn Dennis and Shirley Raftery and brother-in-law Rick Rankin; many nieces and nephews and his dog Lily.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Monday, November 27 from 3:00 -8:00 p.m. with a Rosary service beginning at 7:00 followed by the Last Alarm Service. The funeral will begin at Coyle on Tuesday, November 28 at 11:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 11:30 at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Maumee. Memorial donations can be made to the St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Education Fund. Please leave a condolence message for the family at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph (Maumee)

104 West Broadway Street  
Maumee, OH 43537

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Vigil

NOV 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral Mass

NOV 28. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns  
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH



# Tribute Wall

GH

“ Don was such a good friend to everyone at Boy Scout Troop 252. I'm glad he was a part of my life. Our Tuesday night Bible study at Shawn's Irish Tavern was always a good time 🙏 If you see Bob Trettin on the other side give him my best. Rest in peace Don. Thanks for everything.

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**Gary Haughian** - November 27, 2023 at 05:56 PM

SW

Mary Lou and family, I am so sorry to learn of Don's passing. Carol and I send you our sincere prayerful condolences. We would join Don at the Maumee-BG Elks Lodge very often. He had great humor and enjoyed our company as we did his.

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**Steve Wayne** - August 15, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald James Dennis.



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November 26, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald James Dennis.



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November 26, 2023 at 02:18 PM

LM

“ Lisa M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald James Dennis.

Lisa M. - November 26, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald James Dennis.



November 25, 2023 at 12:59 PM

WF

“ Wayne Dennis and The Duane Dennis Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald James Dennis.



Wayne Dennis and The Duane Dennis Family - November 23, 2023 at 05:34 PM

GZ

“ Our Prayers are with Don and his Family. RIP Don.

Greg Zeller - November 21, 2023 at 08:27 PM

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Mary Lou and family...my deepest sympathy goes out to you at this difficult time.

Amy(Stanford) Shiffer - November 27, 2023 at 02:42 PM