



Mr. Donald Lee Wade

January 22, 1938 - January 19, 2025

Donald Lee Wade of Sardis passed away on January 19, 2025, three days before his 87th birthday. He was born January 22, 1938 in Milledgeville to the late Cletus and Vernice (Edgin) Wade. He was older brother to Linda Austin, who preceded him in death, and Ted Wade (Betty), who survives. He graduated from Sardis High School in 1956 and married his high school sweetheart and love of his life for 67 years, the former Gail Wylie, in 1957. He was a member of Center Point Holiness Church. Donald and Gail moved to Memphis shortly after marrying, where Donald worked nights in the payroll department of Hull Dobbs and would often see Elvis Presley driving past on his motorcycle. The Wades returned to Sardis in 1958, and Donald began his career at Garan in Adamsville. He enlisted in the US Army in 1959, where he served at Fort Hood, Texas, and Lawrence, Indiana. After a medical discharge in 1960, he returned to Garan, where he stayed until 1987. He continued his career at Jackson Madison County Health Department and retired from West Tennessee Rabies Control in 2005. Outside of work, he enjoyed working with antique cars and maintained a collection of antique John Deere tractors. He also loved attending and watching NASCAR races, tracking down and collecting unique clocks, and talking with friends on CB radio, where he was known as Shadow. He also made great memories and friends at his lot on the Tennessee River, a source of pride and enjoyment for many years. Donald's greatest joys were his wife, Gail, daughter, Beverly Ivy, son-in-law, Jimmy, and grandsons Kade and Kamden, who all survive him. He loved supporting them

in whatever passions they pursued and was enormously proud of their successes. As their husband, dad, father-in-law, and Popa, he was a constant source of love and advice. His family loved him dearly, and they will miss him terribly. They are very thankful for the many years they were able to spend with him.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 PM, Thursday, January 23, 2025 in the chapel of Pafford Funeral Home in Scotts Hill. Interment will follow in Sardis Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, 3 – 8 PM and on Thursday, 10 AM – 1 PM at Pafford Funeral Home in Scotts Hill.

Cemetery Details

Sardis Cemetery

Highway 104 South
Sardis, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Scotts Hill, TN
Highway 100
Scotts Hill, TN

Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Scotts Hill, TN
Highway 100
Scotts Hill, TN

Chapel Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Scotts Hill, TN
Highway 100
Scotts Hill, TN

Tribute Wall

CT

“ *Chastity Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Wade*



Chastity Thompson - January 23, 2025 at 08:21 PM

MB

“ *MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Wade*



MICHAEL BATES - January 23, 2025 at 10:28 AM

JM

“ *Joyce Redding Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Wade*



Joyce Redding Mitchell - January 21, 2025 at 10:44 PM

LF

“ *Love the voeffray family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Mr. Donald Lee Wade.*



Love the voeffray family - January 21, 2025 at 08:06 PM

SC

“ Sharen Cypress lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Wade



Sharen Cypress - January 21, 2025 at 04:31 PM

BB

“ Donald I know you cant hear me but have missed your visits to my shop since I have moved ,keep those gates open for me when its my time R.I.P. my old friends and make sure jimmy takes good care of that 40 ford from Bob and Linda Baldyga and Gail we plan on a visit this summer hopefully !

Bob and Linda Baldyga - January 21, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ 106 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pafford Funeral Home - January 21, 2025 at 01:12 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Wade*



Barbara Willis - January 21, 2025 at 12:39 AM

DT

“ *Donnie&Phyllis Tubbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Wade*



Donnie&Phyllis Tubbs - January 20, 2025 at 09:57 PM

JP

“ *Our sympathy for his family !*



Junior and Paulette Pugh - January 20, 2025 at 08:53 PM

AH

“ *Angeline Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Wade*



Angeline Hudson - January 20, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ *Mary Sego lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Wade*



Mary Sego - January 20, 2025 at 07:15 PM

MR

“ *From all of us at the channel 20 cb radio club Donald Lee Wade A.K.A Shadow will be greatly missed he was a great man and he loved talking on his cb radio with heavy hearts we will be keeping the tradition going listening for a great man to key up and say the Shadow is back*

Michael Russell - January 20, 2025 at 07:09 PM

WC

“ *Weeks Family/ Roadrunner/ 20 Radio Club purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Donald Lee Wade.*



Weeks Family/ Roadrunner/ 20 Radio Club - January 20, 2025 at 06:44 PM