



Donnie Gray Merrell

February 6, 1948 - April 13, 2026

Donnie Merrell, age 78, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on February 6, 1948, in Frankfort Kentucky to Leroy and Rowena Merrell.

Donnie was one of ten siblings, growing up in a large and close-knit family that shaped his lifelong appreciation for connection and togetherness in highland park, MI area. Later in life, he moved to Toledo, Ohio, where he built a life centered around family, friendships, and simple joys. He was known for his love of scratch-off tickets, bowling and spending time playing cards with friends and family-moments that brought him great happiness and laughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Rowena Merrell, and his siblings James Merrell, Patsy Jianuzzi, Gary Merrell and Lawrence Merrell.

Donnie is survived by his children: Stacy (Chad) North, Donald (Caitlin) Merrell, and Heather (Wes) Mclennan. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren Anthony and Mersadies North, Mason, Charlotte, Owen and Aiden Merrell, Conner Cook, Jesse, Alyssa, Adrianna and Wesley Miller, siblings Brenda Locklear, Charles Merrell, Shirley Lee, Janice Degroff, Teresa Eskilsen, many nieces and nephews, Sandy Piatt mother of Stacy and Debbie Mclennan mother of Donald and Heather who will remember him fondly.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Wood County Hospital for their compassionate care and support during his final days.

Donnie will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, April 19, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and again on Monday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A funeral service will follow on Monday at 12:00 p.m., officiated by his nephew, Jimmy Merrell. Interment will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery in Bowling Green, Ohio.

A wake will be held afterward at the Eagles in Bowling Green, where family and friends are welcome to join in fellowship until 4:30 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Cemetery

Bowling Green, OH 43403

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

APR **20**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

APR **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *DEBBIE lit a candle in memory of Donnie Gray Merrell*



DEBBIE - April 18 at 03:16 PM

HE

“ *Heather lit a candle in memory of Donnie Gray Merrell*



Heather - April 15 at 11:45 AM