



Darlene M. Sample

July 31, 1949 - February 28, 2020

Darlene M. Sample, 70, of Carrollton, passed away Friday evening February 28, 2020 at Mercy ICU in Canton.

A daughter of the late Harold and Theresa Zwick Eye, she was born July 31, 1949 in Alliance, Ohio.

Darlene was a member of the Hilliard Tractor Club and the owner and operator of Lakota Racing. Her passion was tractor pulling. She had the distinction of being the first woman to win the National Garden Tractor Pulling Championship and would win this title two times during her career.

She is survived by her husband, Don Sample; a son, John (Jennifer) May of Alliance; daughter, Dawn (Jacques) Pankita of Naples, Florida; seven grandchildren, Dillon, Chloe, Corinne, Andy, Nathan, Lindsay, Vince; six great grandchildren, Guinevere, Kinlee, Michael, Armoni, Alden, Amilliana; Mother in law Polly Sample, Brother in laws, Charlie (Patty), Jimmy (Beth) and Jeff Sample and multiple nieces and nephews,

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by a daughter, Lisa Went, two brothers, Denny and Donald Eye, and a sister, Deborah Santee and her nephew Clint Santee.

Visitation will be Tuesday March 3rd from 5-7 p.m. in Dodds Funeral Home of Carrollton

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Westview Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

Fourth Street SE
Carrollton, OH 44615

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dodds Funeral Home-Carrollton
129 N Lisbon St
Carrollton, OH 44615
(330) 627-5505
<https://www.doddsfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Darlene was a fine lady, always with a smile. We will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers for Donnie and all their family. She was so proud of all of them and it was quite evident the love she had for them.* ”

Patty Sample - March 03, 2020 at 05:12 PM

DF

“ *Darlene was always so upbeat enjoyed being around her at the pulls, She will be deeply missed by all.* ”



DEAN DUBACH & FAMILY - March 02, 2020 at 08:26 PM

FE

“ *So many memories of Darlene. Working at Lakota racing. Darlene's support In some of my hard times. One of the favorite memories is a tractor pull in Columbus that her daughter Lisa and I were supposed to work at. Lisa and I stayed out too late and barely helped. Darlene only smiled and laughed. It makes me smile just thinking of that memory. She was a special person that will live on in our memories.* ”

Fritz Ekstam - March 02, 2020 at 07:02 PM

MD

“ *Worked with her, admired her ambition, she never let on when she felt bad, good strong Lady. RIP.* ”

Mary Dunlap - March 02, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Darlene M. Sample.*



March 02, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Darlene M. Sample.*



March 02, 2020 at 09:21 AM



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Charles, Patty, Jack, Lizz, Rich (and the little girls)

Patty Sample - March 01, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ *Lavender Dreams was purchased for the family of Darlene M. Sample.*



March 01, 2020 at 08:43 PM

EN

“ *Our Sympathy to the family, praying for you. Darlene was a special person & I had the pleasure of knowing her for many years. The pic you used on the obit is beautiful. Love & Blessings.*
ED & Vickie Nign

Ed & Vickie Nign - March 01, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Darlene M. Sample.*



March 01, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Darlene M. Sample.*



March 01, 2020 at 05:50 PM

RL

“ *Even though our loved ones are taken they live forever in our hearts. I am grateful for her letting me in all your lives. We are all blessed for loving her as she loved us. Will miss you Dar .*

Robert Long - March 01, 2020 at 02:54 PM

TF

“ *The Stevens Girls (Becky,Amy, Missy) Dale & Family purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of Darlene M. Sample.*



The Stevens Girls (Becky,Amy, Missy) Dale & Family - March 01, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Darlene M. Sample.*



March 01, 2020 at 01:22 PM

AN

“ *Sorry of the passing of your Dear Mother. You & your Family are in our prayers.
She was such a sweet Loving Caring Lady. Remembering All her Love...,
Friends From Naples Florida..Annie & Francois*

annie - March 01, 2020 at 11:43 AM

CA

“ *Condolences along with my thoughts and prayers go out to Darlene's husband and children and other family members and friends. Darlene was a long time friend who was a hard worker and respected woman to all who knew her. She will surely be missed.*



Charlotte Arbogast - March 01, 2020 at 08:29 AM

AP

“ *Darlene was a bright light that brought joy to our entire family. A beautiful soul filled with goodness. She was also a very strong and wise woman who will be sorely missed. God Bless all who love her and may you be comforted by the Holy Spirit. Love Amy & Dale Powers*

Amy Powers - March 01, 2020 at 08:03 AM

BB

“ *Karin and I are saddened to hear of Darlene's passing. We are praying for Donny and the complete family. Brian & Karin Bittner*

Brian Bittner - March 01, 2020 at 12:26 AM