



## Morris Dean Wells

June 20, 1933 - April 27, 2024

Morris “Dean” Wells, 90, passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday, April 27, 2024, after a period of declining health. A lifelong resident of Carroll County, he was born in Carrollton on June 20, 1933, to the late Morris J. Wells and Ethel “Jane” (Foster) Wells. Dean shared his childhood and many adult memories with his only sibling, his brother Bill (Cyndy) Wells of Carrollton.

Dean attended Dellroy School through 8th grade, and then attended and graduated from Carrollton High School in 1950. Growing up, always eager to work, he started hauling coal in his wagon for neighbors when he was just a young boy. As a teenager, his first official job was at Clint McCort’s gas station. Dean worked various jobs in his early years, but his three favorite jobs were working as a Sheriff’s Deputy, the Resident Manager for FFA Camp Muskingum (1964-1968), and finally as a Truck Driver for SOHIO/BP, from which he retired with 33 years of service in 1999.

A legacy follows Dean with his legendary love for anything with tires and wheels, always giving each vehicle his unique look. He was most passionate about Jeeps, which he enjoyed racing, trail riding, extreme rock climbs, or daily driving. His second legacy was his ability to bridge the generation gap from his generation to the generation of his great-grandchildren and everyone in between. Dean was a member of Pleasant Hill Church in Carrollton and Tire Town Offroad Club in Akron.

In addition to his brother, Dean is survived by his wife of 26 years, Marilyn J. (Preston) Wells, daughters, Debra Smith of Canton, Pam (Alan) Duff, and Landa (Don) Kurtz; sons, Troy (Marilyn A.) Wells, and Daryl (Susan) Wells, all of Carrollton; step-daughters, Sandi Grim (Sean Wilson), Amber Riggs, and Carisa (Aaron) Jones; step-sons, Bill (Danette) Grim, and Aaron Escott (Crystal West), all of Carrollton; grandchildren, Traci Lumley, Trevor Maple, Jennifer Bryant, Seth Dolvin, Alexis Breedlove, Adam Kurtz, Sheena Gallop, Taylor Ranalli, Hailey Wells, and Braden Wells; step-grandchildren, Ashlee Kurtz, Kyle Kurtz, Alexandra Miller, Samantha Carroll, Bryan Carroll, Katy Townsend, Brandon Riggs, Brian Riggs, Bray Jones, Gage Escott, and Abby Escott. He is also survived by a large family including many great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and a much-loved niece and nephew.

Preceding him in death, along with his parents, were two grandsons, Travis Maple and Nathan Baker (infant) and Donna J. Wells, former wife and mother of his five beloved children, who passed away on August 29, 2021.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at Dodds Funeral Home in Carrollton with Pastor Dixie Hendricks officiating. Burial will follow in Leavittsville Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dean was incredibly blessed with an adventurous life, enjoyable employment, responsible, loving children, extended family, great friends, an extremely sharp mind up to his last words, and a caring touch from Jesus. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to any Children's Hospital, Aultman Hospice, or the Caring Hands of Carroll County.

# Cemetery Details

## Leavittsville Cemetery

Antigua Road  
Leavittsville, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

APR 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Sorry to hear about Dean's death. We remember family picnics at your house with great pleasure.* ”

**Betsy & Vern Ketchum** - May 04, 2024 at 07:19 AM

KM

“ *Dear Wells Family, My heartfelt sympathy. Prayers and thoughts are with you all. I worked at Smith & Nephew Perry with some family.* ”



**Kathy Mack** - May 01, 2024 at 09:35 AM

JP

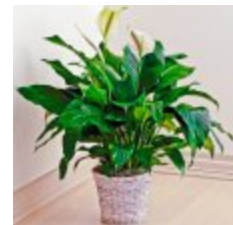
“ *Jeff, Emily, Delaney and Grace Preston purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Morris Dean Wells.* ”



**Jeff, Emily, Delaney and Grace Preston** - April 30, 2024 at 07:14 PM

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“ *Cale, Cole, & Jett Russell purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Morris Dean Wells.* ”



**Cale, Cole, & Jett Russell** - April 29, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Morris Dean Wells.*



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April 29, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ *To the family of Dean Wells, My dad was John Kumbera who drove tanker with Dean at the Sohio/BP terminal in Canton. Dad enjoyed sharing stories of driving with Dean and attending events for the terminal. May the family find comfort in knowing the friendships, memories and good times shared with others brought much joy to the "old truckers" as they reminisced together. This adds yet another driver to the heavenly highway -- the guys will welcome Dean with open arms. God bless you at this difficult time.*

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**Diane Kumbera Phillips** - April 29, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *Dean and I had a life long friendship for over 75 years. We were CHS classmates in Class of 1951, fellow members of Tiretown 4-Wheelers & attended many 4-wheel drive events together. In recent years, we enjoyed sitting in his garage talking jeeps and reminiscing our many experiences we shared through the years. Dean will be greatly missed! My sympathy to his family,*  
*George Householder*

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**George Householder** - April 29, 2024 at 11:24 AM

MP

“ Dean shared 26 of his best years with my sister Marilyn, although I knew Dean for nearly six decades.

One of my first memories of Dean comes from when I was a teenager and wrecked my first car. Dean gave me cover by telling my dad it appeared I was hit by a drunk driver. He figured the other guy was drunk because he was driving a tree.

Dean always approached things with perspective and humor, and was incredibly resilient.

He was a Great Guy!

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Mark Preston - April 29, 2024 at 11:19 AM

TF

“ The Embree Family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Morris Dean Wells.



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The Embree Family - April 29, 2024 at 10:53 AM

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“ The Embree Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Morris Dean Wells.

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The Embree Family - April 29, 2024 at 10:53 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Morris Dean Wells.



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April 29, 2024 at 09:42 AM

HH

“ Good memories of Dean! Condolences to his family and friends! 🌹

Harry - Dee Ann Horstman - April 28, 2024 at 09:49 PM

RM

“ I've known Dean for a lot of years, met him through our 4 wheel drive club Tiretown 4 wheelers. Raced with him. Camped with him. Tril road with him. Always had a great time. Dean was a great guy and a lot of fun to be around condolences to all his family.

Roger Miller - April 28, 2024 at 08:32 PM

LS

“ Love, Meghan Preston & Joe Sanctis purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Morris Dean Wells.



Love, Meghan Preston & Joe Sanctis - April 28, 2024 at 08:31 PM

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AL

“ Alan and Deborah LaFromboise purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Morris Dean Wells.



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**Alan and Deborah LaFromboise** - April 28, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ We will miss him but heaven gain a great Angel

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**Sandy DeBertrand-Newbold** - April 28, 2024 at 05:32 PM

BL

“ Condolences from Michigan for Dean! He was a great guy! Barbara Laizure!

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**Barbara Laizure** - April 28, 2024 at 05:08 PM

JR

“ So sorry for the loss of Dean. He was a great guy. Prayers for all his family.

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**Joel H. Rogers** - April 28, 2024 at 04:35 PM