



Darlene F. Dalton

March 6, 2025

In Loving Memory of Darlene Frances Dalton

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Darlene Frances Dalton, beloved

mother, cherished educator, and lifelong advocate for the love of language and literature. She

passed away peacefully on March 6, 2025, at the age of 84.

Darlene was born on February 26, 1941 in Delbarton, WV to the late Earl Edward and Ella

Frances (Scalf) Jenkins. She dedicated much of her life to nurturing young minds and instilling a

passion for reading and writing in her students. After graduation from Burch High School in 1959

in Delbarton, where she was honored as her classes' homecoming queen, she continued her

education at Marshall University in Huntington, WV obtaining a bachelor's degree in English.

She began her teaching career at the old Lenore High School in Lenore, WV and completed it

after 25 years at Sheldon Clark High School in Inez, KY. She inspired countless students with

her enthusiasm for literature, her thoughtful approach to teaching, and her

unwavering support.

She was a longtime sponsor of 4-H during her tenure at Sheldon Clark High School.

Throughout her career, Darlene was known for her ability to bring classic literature to life,

encouraging her students to not only understand the written word but to appreciate its power.

Her classroom was a place where ideas flourished, and every student felt heard and valued.

She was a mentor to many, offering guidance that extended beyond academics and into the personal lives of her students.

In addition to her parents, Darlene was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ronnie Lee

Dalton; sisters Mildred (Sissy) Kennedy, Sallie Ann Hall, and Earlene Perry-Hobson; one brother

Earl Edward (Eddie) Jenkins, Jr, and brother-in-law Charles (Red) Dalton.

Left to honor her legacy are children: Ronnie (Tammi) Gilman, Gina (Gary) Cook, Gisette (Tony)

Brewster, Melissa (Jeff) Wagner, Rhonda (J.B. Fraley) Dalton, and Mackenzie (Dennis)

Jackson; grandchildren Jeremy (Melanie) Gilman, Courtney (Jeff) Stout, Sam and Sydney Cook;

Hannah and Alex Brewster, Jayce Fraley, Katherine (Katie) Wagner, and Sophia Jackson;

great-grandchildren Shiloh Gilman and Silas Stout. Brothers-in-law Bernard (Fran) Dalton and

Larry (Carolyn) Dalton, a host of nieces and nephews, as well as her beloved dogs, Homer and

Wishbone.

Funeral services will be held on March 12, 2025 at 1 pm in the Callaham Funeral Home Chapel in Inez, with Maurice Mills officiating. Visitation will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 from 6-9 pm and all day Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Burial will follow at Hinkle Cemetery on Calf Creek Road in Inez, KY.

We will always carry with us the lessons she imparted, the stories she shared, and the love she gave. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and the many students whose

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Callaham Funeral Home, Inez Location
278 West Main St.
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kellycallaham@yahoo.com
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Tribute Wall

LS

“ Lisa Stayton lit a candle in memory of Darlene F. Dalton



Lisa Stayton - March 16, 2025 at 10:44 PM

JC

“ i remember in school 1 boy come in class with a hickie and she got so mad at him told him never come to her class like that again. Janet Jarrett Combs. 1984.

Janet combs - March 11, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Darlene F. Dalton.



March 10, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene F. Dalton.

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BD

“ Bernard D. purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Darlene F. Dalton.



Bernard D. - March 10, 2025 at 01:51 PM

BD

“ Bernard D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene F. Dalton.

Bernard D. - March 10, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darlene F. Dalton.



March 10, 2025 at 08:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darlene F. Dalton.

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DS

“ *Deborah Stepp lit a candle in memory of Darlene F. Dalton*



Deborah Stepp - March 09, 2025 at 06:45 PM

DS

Darlene was a strong lady. She had a big heart filled with love and kindness to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

Deborah Stepp - March 09, 2025 at 06:48 PM

DS

“ *She was a strong but gentle caring lady!*



Deborah Stepp - March 09, 2025 at 06:42 PM

LH

“ *Lorraine Hall purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darlene F. Dalton.*



Lorraine Hall - March 09, 2025 at 06:37 PM

LH

“ *Lorraine Hall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene F. Dalton.*

Lorraine Hall - March 09, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene F. Dalton.



March 09, 2025 at 06:24 PM



“ Darlene Dalton will be missed ,she was a sweet woman know her for years



Teresa Brinager - March 09, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ She was the best teacher I ever had. I even went back to her for help upon deciding to go to college as a non- traditional student. She knew how to empower students who never thought much of themselves. Mrs. Dalton, FATHER willing, I will retire from teaching next year. FATHER knew I couldn't have made it without your tutoring. I am so very thankful HE had me cross your path. You truly were the best!

Mary Fields - March 08, 2025 at 06:05 PM

JW

“ There isn't anything more i can say that hasn't been said about Mrs. D. She was a great teacher and I thought the world of her. If she liked you you couldn't ask for a better person if she had an issue with you she didn't hesitate to let you know. I am happy to say I don't think she ever had a problem with me and I'd like to think I was one of her favorite students back in the day. My condolences to the family she will be missed.

James Ward - March 08, 2025 at 06:58 AM

CG

“ Mrs Dalton was an amazing teacher for sure, but above a teacher she was an amazing woman. I have so many fond memories. I would deliberately fail English class through the year (unless she was my teacher) just to get to have her as my summer school teacher. She always made kids feel special and loved. RIP Mrs. Dalton. The world is a darker place without you here.

Clementine Gibson - March 08, 2025 at 06:54 AM

JC

“ Jim, Jen & Charlotte purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Darlene F. Dalton.



Jim, Jen & Charlotte - March 08, 2025 at 12:10 AM

JC

“ Jim, Jen & Charlotte planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darlene F. Dalton.

Jim, Jen & Charlotte - March 08, 2025 at 12:10 AM

TW

“ *Darlene was my teacher and at that time I considered her a friend she was really good with all of us and I really liked her a lot and the world was a better place when she was in it* ”

Terry weatherman - March 07, 2025 at 10:48 AM

CW

“ *I had her as a school teacher. I really enjoyed her classes. She was a great teacher. May she rest in peace* ”

christine williamson - March 07, 2025 at 04:44 AM

JC

“ *Joannj Chapman lit a candle in memory of Darlene F. Dalton* ”



Joannj Chapman - March 07, 2025 at 02:31 AM

JC

“ *Lit this candle in remembrance of the sweetest lady and a beautiful friend the kids at school loved her she came into so many kids life while she taught school she's going to be missed. Rip Darlene my friend* ”

Joann Chapman - March 07, 2025 at 02:26 AM

JE

“ *She was the sweetest*



Jennifer - March 07, 2025 at 12:01 AM

GS

“ *She was my favorite teacher in high school. Not just my teacher but my friend. She will be sadly missed 🙏*

Geneva slone - March 06, 2025 at 07:24 PM

SJ

Mrs. Dalton was my favorite English teacher in high school. I loved her so much. She was the only one that really taught me well. She was loved by almost every student she had. RIP my dear friend.

Scottie Johnson - March 06, 2025 at 08:15 PM

NK

Sorry for this loss. She was one of my favorite teacher in high school. I also subbed for her after I graduated college. Prayers for her family 🙏 R.I.P.

Norma Kirk-McCormick - March 06, 2025 at 08:20 PM

MM

I loved mrs. dalton she was such a nice per she will always be remembered

Mary Moore - May 16, 2025 at 01:20 PM