



## Sherry Jane Howard

April 4, 1940 - January 26, 2024

Sherry Jane Howard, 83, of Walnut Hill, passed away at 12:09 a.m., Friday, January 26, 2024, at St. Louis University Hospital.

She was born April 4, 1940, in Centralia, the daughter of Alvin and Martha Margaret (Owens) Melton. She was a graduate of Centralia High School, and was a member of First Apostolic Church in Centralia.

Sherry is survived by her children, Lonnie Howard and wife Reba of Walnut Hill, Julia Curtner of Walnut Hill, Connie Alderdice of Westmoreland, Tennessee, Gayla Harnacke of Havana, Illinois, Jason Howard of Walnut Hill, and Jeremy Howard and fiancée Chandra Dame of Walnut Hill; twelve grandchildren, Adam Curtner, Josh Curtner, Sherry Kwapinski, Justin Riddle, Zachary Riddle, Comalea Riddle, Emmanuel Riddle, Brannon Harnacke, Mariscia Fairow, Dillon Howard, Brittany Pitts, and Emily Howard; 26 great-grandchildren; three brothers, William "Junior" Melton, Steven Melton, and Lloyd Melton; and three sisters, Shirley Troutt, Caroline Hill, and Louise Tate. She was preceded in death by her parents; two grandchildren, Andrea Carter and Tiffany Carr; great-granddaughter, Victoria Rheam; brother, Robert Melton; and two sisters, Phyllis Toroum and an infant sister.

Funeral services for Ms. Howard will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 1, 2024, at the Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, Illinois, with Pastor Jonathan Urshan officiating. Burial will follow at Zion Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorial gifts may be made to the family of Mrs. Howard, and

will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at [www.osbornfuneral.com](http://www.osbornfuneral.com), or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

# Cemetery Details

## Zion Grove Cemetery

Kell, IL 62853

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home  
322 North Main Street  
Dix, IL 62830  
(618) 266-7231  
office@osbornfuneral.com  
<https://www.osbornfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TA

“ *The Goodnight family and Virginia Archer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherry Jane Howard.*

**The Goodnight family and Virginia Archer** - January 30, 2024 at 12:53 PM

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“ *The Goodnight family and Virginia Archer purchased the [Your Light Shines](#) for the family of Sherry Jane Howard.*



**The Goodnight family and Virginia Archer** - January 30, 2024 at 12:53 PM

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“ *The Foehner Family purchased the [Florist Choice Bouquet](#) for the family of Sherry Jane Howard.*



**The Foehner Family** - January 29, 2024 at 12:17 PM

MP

“ *Melinda Pacheco purchased the [Full Of Love Bouquet](#) for the family of Sherry Jane Howard.*



**Melinda Pacheco** - January 29, 2024 at 10:47 AM

JF

“ Aunt Sherry was a great hostess!  
She and Uncle David had our big family many times on Sunday lunch!  
We all had a great time when we all got together! I have warm memories of us all sitting around the table with family !  
My first hot dog was at their home!

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**Janice Foehner** - January 28, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sherry Jane Howard.



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January 28, 2024 at 05:28 PM