



# Dana Marie Brown

SEP 12, 1960 - JUN 28, 2025



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## **Dana Marie Brown**

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**D**ana Marie Brown, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2025 surrounded by her family from the comfort of her own home. Dear daughter of the late Don and Jacqueline Reiland; loving sister of Donna (the late Don) Thompson, Tom (Linda), Jim (Becky), Bob (Bonnie), Denise (Joe) Trapp, Debbie (Jeff) Mason, Doreen (Dave) Ostroske and Danita (deceased).

Dana was married to Al for 43 years; a bond built on deep friendship and love from the moment they met. Dana and Al were inseparable partners, involved parents, and appreciated life's adventures, challenges, and blessings. They loved camping trips, biking, and being outdoors with family. She and Al traveled often, visiting Florida, California, Mexico, and spending time in their camper. She especially cherished the Rocky Mountains and wildlife on their trip to the Tetons and Yellowstone after retiring. One of Dana's greatest joys was being near the ocean where she could spend hours with her goggles, watching the world beneath the water and hunting for shells.

She knew the value of family and carried that forward as a true matriarch. She was the devoted mother of Ken (Providencia), Karen (Seth), and Nick (Alexa), each of whom were the light of her life. Dana was immeasurably proud of the people her children grew to be and the families they built. She cherished the special relationship she held with each of them. She celebrated their milestones, supported them through challenges, and was always present. She welcomed their spouses with open arms and was profoundly grateful to have attended all her children's weddings, welcoming the wonderful people they married into her heart and family.

Spending time with her grandchildren, Ama, Wesley, and Theo brought Dana deep joy. She held a special place in their lives, sharing countless moments of laughter, play, and love.

Dana brought joy, magic, and warmth to every occasion. She ensured birthdays and holidays were memorable by adding her own special touches and creating traditions. Her family loved partaking in all the silly competitive games she made up. She built a life rich in memories and



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connection. Her caring spirit extended far beyond her immediate family. She was also a dedicated friend and second mother to many.

Animals held a special place in Dana's heart. She volunteered with dog and horse rescues and always made sure the birds and wildlife in her backyard were fed and watched over. She passed this deep care and respect for nature on to her children.

Dana retired from her successful career in banking technology after being diagnosed with cancer. Throughout her illness, Dana faced each challenge with remarkable courage, grace, and resilience. Even amid treatments and trials, she continued to support and care for those she loved, radiating positivity and light. Her strength and spirit were an inspiration to all who knew her.

Dana's faith guided her deeply. She prayed often and leaned on God throughout her life, especially during her cancer journey. Though she didn't understand why it happened, she believed God never left her side and felt uplifted by the prayers of others. She often expressed how blessed she felt by the love and prayers of friends and family, and she wanted to thank all those who supported her and held her in their hearts.

Dana's spirit lives on in the hearts of those who knew her through every act of kindness, every shared memory, and every moment of joy we carry forward.

A memorial service will be held at Sunset Memorial Chapel, 6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 on Friday, July 11, 2025. Visitation 10:30am-12:00pm, Memorial Service 12:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join Dana's Celebration of Life at Tony K's Bar & Grille immediately after the service from 1:00-4:00 pm at 841 W Bagley Rd, Berea, OH 44017.

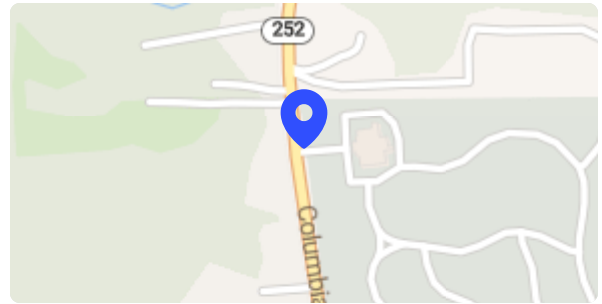


# Events

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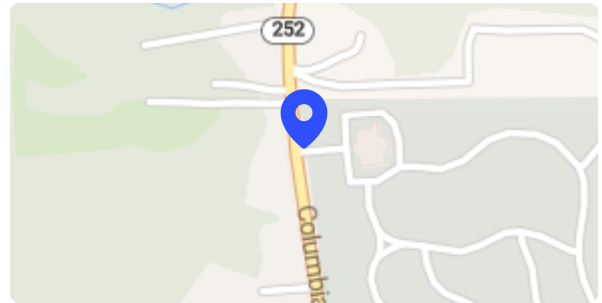
## Memorial Visitation

- Friday, July 11, 2025**
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Sunset Funeral & Cremation Services**  
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**Ellen Fries** posted:

There are too many memories to post. Dana was my best friend as a child. She and her family were a wonder to me. So full of life and adventure. She and her family filled their life with love of animals and nature. There was never a dull moment with Dana. I am so sorry for your loss. Sending loving prayers to her family and those who were blessed to know her. With deepest sympathy, Ellen Nortz Fries

July 13 at 10:29 AM

DG

**Derek G.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dana.



July 11 at 10:21 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Brown family.



July 11 at 7:54 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Vivid Recollections to the Brown family.



July 10 at 11:56 PM



**Emily Lasko** posted:

I will never forget chatting with Dana in Nick and Alexa's kitchen during what I believe was Alexa's birthday party a couple years ago. We were talking about the wonderful crazy people who are Nick and Alexa and it was so lovely. Fast forward to watching her watch Nick marry Alexa and then dancing the night away surrounded by her friends and family. Pure and complete love and joy. I feel lucky to have had the chance to know Dana through knowing Nick all these years. I know how loved she is and amazing she will always be. I'm so very sorry for your loss. But I know she is at peace and watching down on you all now and forever. ❤️

July 10 at 7:41 PM



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**Emily Lasko** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Brown family.

July 10 at 7:35 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Brown family.

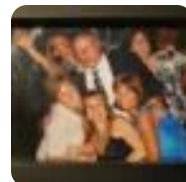
July 10 at 3:28 PM



**Margie Younker** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dana was always joyful! She knew how to be happy even when she was sad and sick, and that made all the difference! She will be missed by many. As cousins growing up and as grown ups, we always had fun when Dana was around.

July 10 at 10:11 AM



**Love, Kim&Bob, Nikki&Mindy And The Boys** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Brown family.

July 10 at 8:20 AM



**Love, Kim&Bob, Nikki&Mindy And The Boys** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dana.

July 10 at 8:20 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Brown family.

July 9 at 2:07 PM





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**Toni Lawson (Vespucci)** posted:

One of the many memorable times we had with Dana was our visit to Ohio just a few years ago. We met Al for the first time, what a sweetheart. He volunteered to drive us all over Lakewood so we could reminisce where we lived. He passed our house and Dana's house, but the best was visiting Lakewood High School and we spotted their store and decided that we must go in and check it out. Al and Cheryl waited in the car laughing at the excitement of how thrilled we were to see all the memorable items. Dana, JoAnn & Toni were laughing and picking out sweatshirts and water bottles and pom pom's. We had so much fun! Al and Cheryl told us how comical we looked in the store. We didn't know they could see us, which made it that much funnier when we got back to the car. After driving around a bit more Dana & Al recommend a casual place for lunch. We couldn't remember the name, but the food was delicious. It was a special memory spending the day with Dana and Al. He was such a good sport about driving us all over. We ended our day by stopping in at Dana & Al's house to chat a bit.

July 9 at 12:19 PM



**Joann, Toni, And Cheryl Vespucci Family** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Brown family.



July 9 at 10:05 AM



**Joann, Toni, And Cheryl Vespucci Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dana.



July 9 at 10:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Tender Tribute to the Brown family.



July 8 at 6:41 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dana.



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**Anonymous** sent a Your Light Shines to the Brown family.

July 8 at 3:48 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dana.

July 8 at 3:48 PM



**Bob Renz** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Brown family.

July 8 at 3:44 PM



**Bob Renz** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dana.

July 8 at 3:44 PM



**Bob, Bonnie, Melissa And Christie** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Brown family.

July 8 at 1:31 PM



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July 8 at 1:31 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Brown family.



July 8 at 1:09 PM



# Media

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July 10 at 10:11 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Dana by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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