



M. Dale Grooms

September 10, 1936 - May 10, 2026

M. Dale Grooms, 89 years of age, of Peebles, Ohio, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2026, at the Hospice of Hope Ohio Valley Inpatient Center, in Seaman, Ohio.

Dale was born in Peebles, Ohio, on September 10, 1936, the son of the late Virgil and Gladys (Young) Grooms. Dale was retired from his work for the Adams County Rural Electric company. He attended the Peebles Church of Christ. Dale will be remembered as the founder of the Southern Ohio Draft Horse Association. He was also involved with the Peebles Masonic Lodge #581, the Adams County Democrat Club, the Jerusalem Grange, the Adams County Historical Society, the Peebles Lions Club, and the REA Board of Directors. He served as a 4-H adviser for many years, as well as serving as a former Meigs township trustee.

Dale is survived by his son, Jon (Lynn) Grooms, of Goshen, Ohio; and his daughter, Joy (Rich) Lazor, of Canal Winchester, Ohio; as well as his brother, Harold (Shirley) Grooms, of Peebles. Dale will be missed by his seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dale was preceded in death by his wife, Glenna (Roush) Grooms, whom he married on September 13, 1959, and who passed away on April 18, 2020. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Jim Grooms and Jerry Grooms.

Family and friends may pay their respects during visitation on Friday, May 15,

2026, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Peebles Church of Christ. Masonic services will follow the visiting hours, beginning at 8:00 pm, at the Peebles Church of Christ.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, beginning at 11:00 am, at the Peebles Church of Christ. Jason Bohl will officiate the service. Dale's burial will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery, in Peebles.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Dale's name to the Peebles Church of Christ Building Fund, 6050 Steam Furnace Road, Peebles, Ohio 45660.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home. Please visit us at www.wallacethompsonfuneralhomes.com to leave words of comfort for the family in our online guestbook.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Peebles Church of Christ
6050 Steam Furnace Road
Peebles, OH 45660

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Peebles Church of Christ
6050 Steam Furnace Road
Peebles, OH 45660

Graveside Farewell

MAY 16. 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Evergreen Cemetery
Steam Furnace Road
Peebles, OH 45660

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Mark and Mary Estep purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of M. Dale Grooms.*



Mark and Mary Estep - May 15 at 08:56 AM

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“ *Mark and Mary Estep planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of M. Dale Grooms.*

Mark and Mary Estep - May 15 at 08:56 AM

PH

“ *Mr. Grooms seems to have a life well lived. While I never met him personally, I knew about him via my friendship with his daughter, Joy, who talked about him lovingly. Losing a family's patriarch is difficult. I am sending love, hugs and prayers to Joy and others who are his legacy while feeling a huge void.*

Patty Huston-Holm - May 12 at 05:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of M. Dale Grooms.*



May 12 at 04:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of M. Dale Grooms.

May 12 at 04:25 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Sincere condolences for the family.

Sandra K Reed & family - May 12 at 03:52 PM



“ As a kid I had the honor of going to a few square dances where Grandpa played the fiddle with his band! I felt so lucky to be able to see him play and dance the night away. A couple years ago I was gifted with a couple cds of his music that I will forever hold close to my heart. I share his love for music and horses and always wanted more time with him to learn how to play!

Erin Morris - May 12 at 10:11 AM



“ Dear Jon, Joy, Harold, and All Grooms Families,
So sorry to hear of Dale's passing. Many memories of him playing music at various Granges and other venues, also as a 4-H advisor, through his work in various capacities at REA, and through Draft Horse Days at Fawcett. He will be missed by all; Adams County has lost a true son.
Sincerely,

Phil and Vicki Rhonemus - May 11 at 09:57 PM

RS

“ So sorry for your loss. I still remember passing the house on the corner in Fawcett where the draft horses always were in the barnyard.



ReSheena Shiveley - May 11 at 08:46 PM

KW

“ Kaye Whaley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of M. Dale Grooms.



Kaye Whaley - May 11 at 06:59 PM

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“ Kaye Whaley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of M. Dale Grooms.

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