



## Sally May

June 15, 1937 - March 17, 2021

Stratham – Sally May, 83, of Stratham, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

She was born in Orange, MA on June 15, 1937 a daughter of the late Harold and Lena (Parker) Wheeler. Also raised in Orange, she graduated from Cushing Academy with the Class of 1955 and went on to graduate from Fitchburg State University in 1960 with her Bachelor's Degree in Education.

She had a successful career as an educator, with a focus on special needs children. She worked for a number of organizations throughout New England, including obtaining a grant for a school in Lisbon, ME for special needs children, which she directed for 6 years. She truly loved her job and took great pride and joy in not only helping the children, but bringing them together with their parents. She made a difference in the lives of so many children, many of whom reached out to her for years with their appreciation and love.

Sally was first and foremost a dedicated and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was also a talented floral artist and hard working woman who loved the outdoors, especially mountain climbing in both the summer and winter, gardening and her multiple visits to the Arctic with her husband.

She shared 65 wonderful years of marriage with her husband and true love,

Joseph “Joe” May of Stratham.

In addition to her husband, surviving family members include her children, Christopher May of Waterville, ME, Melissa May of Limington, ME, Jeanine Gallant and her husband Todd of Stratham and grandchildren, Caleb Harrington and Tucker and Courtney Gallant.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her 7 siblings.

Sally’s family would like to express their gratitude to Evolve at Rye and Beacon Hospice for the extraordinary care they provided during such a difficult time.

Visiting hours will be held from 11 AM to 1 PM on Sunday, March 28, 2021 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association ([https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=47784&mfc\\_pref=T&47784.donation=form1&32112.donation=&\\_ga=2.192396714.1298656377.1616099172-743019132.1616099172](https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=47784&mfc_pref=T&47784.donation=form1&32112.donation=&_ga=2.192396714.1298656377.1616099172-743019132.1616099172)) , 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **28**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sally May*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Joe May,  
I still get the Highlander and I saw the obit of Sally. I knew her via  
EcoVenture and I am  
moved to write you. She was a lovely, so gentle and kind. She  
deserves the moments  
to send my thoughts to you. She wanted to weed the overgrown  
garden at EcoVenture.  
The picture is a fine tribute to her, easy to enjoy and love.  
To Joe best regards and caring.  
George Adams, NH*

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**George Adams** - April 14, 2021 at 08:25 AM



“ *Joe, Chris, Jeanine and Melissa,  
I am so sorry about the loss of Sally. We met in Oquossoc at my  
family's camp and you have all been special to us. The beautiful  
picture of Sally portrays what a bright light she was. Hugs.  
Denise Harlow*

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**denise** - April 05, 2021 at 07:34 PM

KW

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Sally. When I think of Sally the first thing I do is smile. Her gift to me was always making me feel so very special and her smile was contagious. Her and Joe together were a force of inspiration and I miss that. My prayers to Joe, Chris and all the family. Sally was one in a million.

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**kate williamson** - April 05, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ Dear Joe and Family,  
We loved Sally and are very sorry to hear the news of her passing. Sally volunteered for several years while I was working at the Rangeley Public Library. Her gift in sharing her love for reading and children was so beautiful and appreciated. We all enjoyed her pressed flower art, and my Mom “commissioned” her to create a three-panel artwork that hung for many years in her home. My husband and I got to know Sally and Joe quite well through the local hiking group. The many hikes we took with them in the mountains around Rangeley were always filled with the joy of nature and shared interests.  
May you be comforted by family and friends, and the amazing memories from the beautiful life Sally lived.  
Sue and Vic Borko  
Rangeley

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**Sue Downes-Borko** - March 29, 2021 at 10:31 AM

JE

“ Joe and family, my deepest condolences, the world has lost a bright light. Sally taught me what it was to be a good neighbor. Sharing joy, love and flowers. She always had a smile for us and you couldn't keep the neighborhood kids away. I think about Sally all the time as I work on my own garden, I still haven't managed to grow poppies as beautiful as hers but I try to be like Sally as I share my flowers with all the neighbors, smile even at the people who don't pick up the doggie droppings and show all the kids in the neighborhood my plants. I think most often of my favorite spot in her Scarborough garden, the small winding path that led to a secret corner planted with bleeding hearts. I've tried to capture the joy and wonder I felt following her down that path in all of my own gardens, that moment as we turned the corner to find a secret nook in the garden was absolutely magical. My heart bleeds a little today hearing this news and tomorrow I'll drive out to my friends house to walk a little path in her backyard that I planted with dicentra, my own attempt to spread and perpetuate the joy and magic of Sally's gardens. I hope your family can find some happiness and comfort in such a difficult time, please know how deeply Sally touched the lives of even those little neighborhood rascallions who just loved to run over and bother Sally and Joe.

With love and sadness,  
Julie Endrizzi

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**Julie Endrizzi** - March 23, 2021 at 02:44 PM

JG

Thank you so much for sharing such wonderful memories of my mom. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. She loved your family and enjoyed your time together so much. I included a picture of some of your family in her beautiful garden in the video we will share at her visitation Best to you and yours.

Sincerely, Jeanine

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**Jeanine Gallant** - March 26, 2021 at 10:42 PM

SM

“ Dear Uncle Joe, Melissa, Jeanine and Chris:  
I will always remember Aunt Sally's brilliant smile, her warmth, and her caring and positive nature. Her presence would light up a room. She no doubt always felt the deep love you all had for her, even throughout her illness. May God bless you with happy memories and the knowledge that she is in heaven and at peace. You have my sincerest sympathy. Love, Sharon

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**Sharon May Mrakovich** - March 22, 2021 at 12:24 PM

JG

Dear Sharon, thank you so much for such kind words. I will pass your message to my dad and family. She loved you so much! She always talked about your grace and kindness.  
Love to you all, Jeanine

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**Jeanine Gallant** - March 26, 2021 at 10:45 PM

MA

“ Dear Joe and family,  
  
Love Sally's photo! She was a beautiful person both externally and internally! So glad that we got to know her.  
  
Condolences to you and your family.  
  
Margaret & Normand

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**Margaret** - March 22, 2021 at 09:40 AM

JG

Dear Margaret and Normand,  
Thank you so much for your kind words. I will be sure to show this to my Dad in the morning and it will mean so much to him.  
Sincerely, Jeanine

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**Jeanine Gallant** - March 26, 2021 at 10:46 PM

MR

“ Dear Joe, Chris, Melissa, Jean and families,  
We were so sad to learn of Sally’s passing as she was such a light  
in so many lives for so long. Her love, passion, and light are a  
wonderful legacy she leaves for many.  
The lives of so many young children and their parents in Olde  
Millbrook are enriched by having known Sally.  
Reaching out to you with love and hugs,  
Marianne and Mike Russo  
Scarborough

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**Marianne Russo** - March 21, 2021 at 10:21 PM

JG

Dear Marianne and Mike,  
Thank you so much; I will share this beautiful message with my dad  
and family.  
She loved your family and your times together.  
Best to your whole family, Jeanine

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**Jeanine Gallant** - March 26, 2021 at 10:48 PM

SH

“ Dear Joe, Chris, Jeanine, Melissa and family,  
So very sorry for your loss of Sally. She was a wonderful, fun, giving  
person.  
My husband, Charlie, and I spent many memorable times with Sally  
and Joe  
in Oquossoc. I truly miss those times. God bless all of you as you  
celebrate her great life.  
Love and Prayers, Sylvia Harlow

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**Sylvia Harlow** - March 20, 2021 at 07:02 PM

JG

*Dear Sylvia,  
Thank you for this beautiful message. She loved you both and appreciated the times you had together.  
I will show this message to my dad and it will mean so much to him.  
Love to you, Jeanine*

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**Jeanine Gallant** - March 26, 2021 at 10:50 PM

LH

“ *When people pass away their light & spirit over time fades but THAT will never be true with Sally. In the hearts & minds of all the little people who had her as a teacher, her spirit and light will never pass away, it will remain in them for all time. What does it mean to be human? I believe it means to have hope, a distinguishing human characteristic that means having optimism and confidence. She planned her day around the children one by one with silly things, adventures and games; mundane things that showed her gratitude for each moment. That describes Sally.*

*This I know is what my children would say about her today. "You gave us your ear, your peacefulness, you helped us find connection, and to feel content, strong, and appreciated when we didn't understand how to, We also thank you for your positive influence, for awakening our spiritual and creative awareness, for seeing us as unique individuals, to be good stewards of the Earth and for recognizing our talents and to encouraging us to be the best people we could be. But most of all, we thank you for believing in us as the little people we were." Linda Hammontree of Beaverton, Oregon, Jean Hargreaves of Forest Grove, Oregon and Andy Hammontree of West Gardiner, Maine.*

*My kids still remember rainy days as the day they got to make nest cookies. Cookies that came out of the oven warm, then tiny little thumbs made a hole in the cookie where jam would be put. Every rainy day in my children's early life is a warm memory.*

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**Linda Hammontree** - March 20, 2021 at 06:10 PM

JG

*Thank you so much for this beautiful message about Sally! It brings tears to my eyes. I will share with my father.  
Much love, Jeanine and family*

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**Jeanine Gallant** - March 26, 2021 at 10:51 PM

DB

“ *Jeanine, Joe and family, I am so glad I became part of your family. I will always cherish the times I had with Sally, may she Rest In Peace. ❤️*

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**Donna Bouchard** - March 20, 2021 at 09:02 AM

JG

*Donna, thank you for taking amazing care of Sally and for loving her. You brought joy to her life with your compassionate care and love for her.*

*She loved you so much. Thank you for being a part of our family and know we love you and are forever grateful. <3 Jeanine and family*

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**Jeanine Gallant** - March 26, 2021 at 10:54 PM

SN

“ *Joe and Jeanine, although this is such a horrific disease, it brought so many of us together, supporting each other for years, as our loved ones lived together. I will never forget the "family" bond we all made with each other. Our support group was "the best"!! We loved, laughed, cried and prayed together. We shared holidays and birthdays and regular days just being there for each other. Oh how I miss you. I will always remember our "Evolve Family" and what each one of us meant to each other and the loving care that was given to our loved ones. God Bless, she is free at last. Love you!*

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**Stacy & Debbie Noyes** - March 19, 2021 at 08:25 PM

JG

*Debbie, your note brings tears to our eyes. So blessed to have shared this journey with you; the bond we all have is so strong. It is unbearably painful and yet I am so grateful our moms are at peace. We love and miss you so much, be well, Jeanine and Joe*

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**Jeanine Gallant** - March 26, 2021 at 10:57 PM

SS

“ *Uncle Joe, Chris, Melissa and Jeanie, I’m so sorry for your loss. I pray that happy memories will comfort you in this time of sorrow.*

*I have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Sally. She was always so much fun to be with, kind, loving, caring. Up at camp I remember she used to made awesome cakes with everything in it but the kitchen sink. I used to run the opposite direction when she and my mom would ask us to go blueberrying. She taught me how to cross country ski, make bread, and OMG hot molasses cookies baked in Mariah in Littleton! I have so many great memories.... I will miss her but know she is always in my heart. Love to you all ~Stephanie*

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**Stephanie Sanders** - March 19, 2021 at 06:27 PM

JG

*This is so beautiful! She loved you so much! (And I also ran from the blueberry picking! Hahaha)  
Thank you for the beautiful memories, we love you <3 Jeanine and family*

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**Jeanine Gallant** - March 26, 2021 at 10:59 PM

RH

“ *2 files added to the album Memories*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - March 19, 2021 at 01:19 PM