



Sally (Sarah) Reaser Doty Nietz

November 22, 1925 - May 30, 2016

Portsmouth – Sally (Sarah) Reaser Doty Nietz, 90, of Portsmouth, and a former longtime resident of Bloomsburg, PA and Hampton, died peacefully Monday, May 30, 2016 at the Edgewood Centre in Portsmouth.

She was born on November 22, 1925 in Bloomsburg, PA, the daughter of the late George A. and Anne (Reaser) Doty.

Mrs. Nietz was raised as a proud citizen of Bloomsburg and graduated with the Class of 1943 from Bloomsburg High. A love for nursing came calling and Sally honed her craft at the Geisinger School of Nursing in Danville, PA, graduating in 1946. That same year, more excitement followed as she married the late Robert E. Nietz upon his return from WWII. The young couple and their three children moved many times during Robert's Air Force career which included an exchange tour in England. Upon Robert's retirement in 1969, they returned to their home in Bloomsburg. Sally remained in her hometown until Robert's death, after which she lived with her ever growing family, first in Hampton, then Hurricane, WV and most recently in Knoxville, TN. Sally returned to the New Hampshire Seacoast a year ago upon which she remarked how much she had missed the ocean.

Sally was an avid bridge player, loved to read and play solitaire. Her skilled knitting created myriad items for all of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren

and community members. She was a faithful parishioner of the New Covenant Church of North Hampton and the Ascension Church in Hurricane, WV.

Through the years, Sally was devoted to writing and remaining connected to the many friends she made through her life.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Keith of North Hampton; her son, Robert W. Nietz of Lebanon, PA; her daughter Barbara O'Neil and son-in-law, Michael of Knoxville, TN; her brother, James Doty of Lewisburg, PA and her son-in-law, Don Keith of Portsmouth. Sally also leaves her grandchildren, Ian Keith, Sarah Keith Ingram, Emily Keith Mohr and P. Alexander O'Neil and her great grandsons, Cameron and Luke Ingram and soon to be third great grandchild, Christian Mohr.

In addition to her beloved husband and dear parents, Sally was predeceased by her brother, George Doty and her grandson, Andrew Taylor O'Neil.

A graveside service will held at 11 am on Monday, September 26, 2016 at the New Rosemont Cemetery, located off Old Berwick Rd. between Forest Rd. and Madrid Ave. in Bloomsburg, PA. Pastor John Fenton will be presiding over the service. The family suggests memorial donations to The Edgewood Centre, 928 South St., Portsmouth, NH 03801 or to a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Rosemont Cemetery
Bloomsburg, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Sally (Sarah) Reaser Doty Nietz*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *To Sally's entire family, I offer my sincere condolences for the loss of this beautiful and inspiring lady. Although I did not know Sally well myself, I felt like I did my entire life for she and my mother, Pat Parker, were lifelong friends and whenever she was mentioned in our house, it was with reverence and respect. My mother's true passion was playing a good game of bridge and she always looked forward to having Sally in town to elevate the playing field. Her wit and humor were most appreciated and she truly was a faithful correspondent from wherever she was living. My mother passed away 2 weeks before Sally so we know just how difficult this time is. I'd like to think that somewhere in heaven there is a very good game of bridge being played with these two best friends as partners once again. They were a rare breed, these two, and they will be forever missed, but never forgotten. God bless you all. With love, Pam (Parker) Holmes, Bloomsburg, PA.*

Pam Holmes - June 13, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the entire Nietz family on Sally's passing. As a longtime friend and classmate of Barb's from Sunken Heights and Bloomsburg, I have many fond memories of Sally, as does my mom, in working with her. May your memories and your time with her be a comfort to you in the days and years to come. She is loved and missed by many.*

Diane Baker - June 07, 2016 at 09:21 AM