



Sally Ann Reid McFarlane Bassett

October 19, 2019

Sally Ann Reid McFarlane Bassett died October 19, 2019 at the home of her courageous daughter some months after a recurrence of cancer. She maintained her independence throughout all but the last months of her 87 year life, which she credited to long walks, Lutheran judgment and stoicism, exercise, and always having washed organic vegetables on which to snack in her refrigerator. She contradicted her own experience by often making double marshmallow Rice- Krispy treats for her grandchildren, Isaiah Wilson-McFarlane, and Aaron Benjamin Wilson-McFarlane. We joked that she would live forever and at the same time was trying to kill us with love, ladies' aide casseroles, and marshmallows.

Sally was a teacher for 41 years, the longest stretch in the Sandusky Schools at Maple Valley Elementary School where she took great pride teaching children to become readers. She was a lifelong member of Beta Tau, a service organization of teachers who focused on literacy and service throughout her life, to which we encourage memorial contributions in lieu of flowers.

Sally was a pioneer, a skilled teacher with a master's degree, who pursued her craft to the benefit of learners. She had two children, Patrick McFarlane, of Orono, Maine and Lesli McFarlane-McCarthy (Kevin McCarthy) of Davenport, Florida. She was born on a farm in Deckerville, Michigan to Freida and Clifford Reid. She attended Concordia College in Illinois and then Eastern Michigan University for graduate school. Her elder sister and brother, Betty Reid-Scott and Walter Reid predeceased her. She was a steady sender of birthday and

holiday cards, was renown and beloved as great and/or great-great Aunt Sally to many nieces, nephews and cousins among the children of her siblings, as well as to her adult step children Judy, Jeannie, and Jim Bassett, to whom she took like a pig in a poke, and to whom she fed prodigious holiday meals all in the service of family. She was a life-long a Missouri Synod Lutheran, often mimicking Martin Luther's list of demands by leaving her own list for those she loved. She lived most of the last part of her life in Naples and then Winter Haven, Florida perches from which she seemed to relish contrasting her weather with those of us in a more northern latitude.

She is to be interred with her partner, Evert Bassett at the Christian Memorial Cemetery in Peck, Michigan. A brief service to celebrate her life will be held at the Pomeroy Funeral Home Friday November 1, 2019 at 1pm, with a viewing starting at 11am that morning. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Beta Tau either at the memorial or written to Beta Tau, %Betty Brown, Treasurer, 50 Dell Street Sandusky, Michigan 48471.

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Cemetery

Peck, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington
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Service

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Tribute Wall

SA

“ My earliest memories of Great Aunt Sally are rooted in Christmas gatherings at her sister, Betty’s house during the 80s and 90s. These events were usually filled wall-to-wall with family....adults and children alike. It was there where both Great Aunt Sally (and Great Uncle Ev) often brought their child-loving spirit to the room and sweetly shared many boxes of Life Savers with greeting cards containing their wishes and \$5 bills for each of their many great nieces and nephews. I especially love that memory....to think about Great Aunt Sally’s beautiful smile combined with all the time and thought she put into us children in that space over the many years still warms my heart. Even recently, with all of her health struggles, her love for children still shined brightly. My own children were blessed to be able to meet her occasionally on FaceTime to read storybooks aloud together. Their last story being shared just last month when we read *Goose Goes to the Zoo*. This too is a special memory we will always hold near and dear. We find peace in knowing her faith rested in the Lord and will miss her beautiful soul dearly. Sending warm thoughts, prayers, and condolences to Great Aunt Sally’s immediate family and friends.

Sabrina and Joshua Auden

Sabrina - October 28, 2019 at 12:33 PM

JD

“ I am one of the “pig and a poke” step children, Jeanne. Yes, she fed us lovely meals. Speaking on behalf of all of us, we loved walking into their home in Peck and smelling the aroma of turkey, mash potatoes and gravy. Always the first turkey of the season it was beyond delicious. Then came the deserts, especially the puppy chow, of which we all learned how to make and future grandchildren have all enjoyed. The grandchildren loved her special projects and went home with many memories. Sally was a good woman and we are ever so grateful for the way she took care of our dad, especially in his later sickly years. We visited her in Winter Haven and she seemed so at peace and relaxed after giving many years to his service. Rest In Peace Sally, we think of you often and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Judy, Jim and Jeanne

Jeanne Dawson-Collins - October 24, 2019 at 08:40 AM

PM

You all are great siblings once removed and I'm glad it all worked the way it did. My best to you all and I hope you smiled at the obit, and know the affection is real. Funny how this family thing works and expands and contracts with the rhythms of life. Mom always spoke affectionately of you all.

patrick mcfarlane - October 25, 2019 at 09:50 AM

JD

“ Sally and I became next door neighbors years ago in Holiday Manor in Naples Florida. She was so sweet and kind to everyone. She made many friends here and we will all miss her so!! Our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

JoAnn Dickey - October 23, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ Patrick, Lesile & family members, I am so sorry to hear the news of Sally's passing. I will keep you all in my prayers and thoughts. Sally was a wonderful friend !! Have many great memories!!
Agnes C Benedict, 250 Wallace Hill Rd, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Agnes Benedict - October 23, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Reid McFarlane Bassett.



October 22, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ Sally and I met when our pastor called me "Sally" one Sunday morning as I was leaving church. I asked his mother why and of course she asked him why. It seems my name is Sally Ann Hassett and we were in the hospital at the same time and he had confused our name because I am known as "Ann". We were introduced and became fast friends, going to lunch together and celebrating birthdays. We sat together on Sunday mornings and already I miss my "bench" mate. She was a wonderful considerate person who was faithful to her religious beliefs and shared these beliefs with others. God has another angel in heaven today.

Ann Hassett

Ann Hassett - October 22, 2019 at 12:06 PM