



Sarah Bess "Sally" Powell

December 27, 1930 - October 19, 2015

Sarah Bess Hothan Powell, 84, Topeka, passed away Monday, October 19, 2015.

Sarah Bess, known as Sally, was born to Fred Charles and Ruby Mings Hothan on December 27, 1930, on a farm in Scranton, Kansas. She had an older brother, Ted, whom she adored. Her mother died when she was 13 and they moved to Topeka when she entered Highland Park High School, where she met the love of her life, George Powell. They were married on April 24, 1949, and five children were born to their union. They celebrated 66 years together this past April. They built their home together on what was then the west edge of Topeka and raised their family there.

After graduating from high school, Sally worked for the Kansas State Highway Department. She invested most of her life in loving and training her children, but later worked at the State Department of Revenue and then was the secretary for Crestview United Methodist Church for 18 years. George and Sally have been members of Crestview since 1954.

Sally is survived by her devoted husband, George, and her five children along with their spouses: Kathy and Greg Andler, Jeff and Tammy Powell, Keith and Dianne Powell, Mike and Karon Powell, and Ruby and Rod Bunde.

Her grandchildren are Ryan and Jessica Devlin with their children Wren and Wilder; Heather Steinkamp with her daughter Jordan Devlin; Trent and Kay Andler with their daughter Raegan; Jesse and Liz Kutina; Josh and Ruth Powell with their daughters Halleigh and Hayden; Jaymie and Casey Moore with their daughter Clara; Jenna and Jonathan Runyan with their children Emma, Thomas and Luke; Joy and Billy Davenport with their sons Liam, Colton and Marshall; Jeriel and Keith Fine with their daughter Charley; Joanna and Josh Powell; Abby Powell; Faith and Dawsyn Birtell; Caleb Powell; Jesse and Sara Powell with their children Jack and Maggie; Jennifer and Adam Tuck with their children Aidan, Averi and Ella; Melissa Powell; Sarah Powell; Ridge and Brandy Bunde with their son Kiyzer; Rebekah Bunde; Riley and Ashlyn Bunde; Reid Bunde.

Sally and George enjoyed square dancing with the Swinging Squares and camping with the Wagoneers. She and George also enjoyed some memorable trips to both Alaska and New England. She was a wonderful cook and gardener, but her passion was her family. When her children were young, all of the neighborhood kids played at the Powell's. Sally welcomed them even though it meant no grass could grow in her yard and her fresh wash on the clothesline might end up spotted with mudballs.

Sally has been characterized by many who knew her as one of the sweetest, most loving people they have ever known. Each of her grandkids felt like they were the most important person in the world; her selfless, giving example challenges each of us to think of others first and to desire to leave a heritage like hers.

A Celebration of Sarah's Life will be held Friday, October 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at Crestview United Methodist Church, 2245 SW Eveningside Drive. Family will greet friends one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Crestview United Methodist Church, 2245 SW Eveningside Drive, Topeka KS 66614.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crestview United Methodist Church
2245 SW Eveningside Drive
Topeka, KS 66614

A Celebration of Life

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Bess "Sally" Powell

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Sally Powell - Mrs. Powell to me - was a second mother for me growing up as one of Keith's best friends since third grade. She was always kind, gentle and patient. I will truly miss her. Our deepest condolences to her entire family.

Curt and Stacy Puderbaugh

Curt P:uderbaugh - October 22, 2015 at 09:13 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah Bess "Sally" Powell.



October 22, 2015 at 07:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sarah Bess "Sally" Powell.



October 22, 2015 at 06:33 PM

TM

“ Mrs. Powell was among the most kind, gentle and genuine ladies I had the great fortune to grow up with. My sincere condolences to family as my thoughts and truly wonderful memories are with you all.

Tim Morehead - October 22, 2015 at 05:12 PM

TP

Thank you so much, Tim! It was such a blessing to see the flowers you sent. They are beautiful! Jeff and I have many fond memories of you, too.--Tammy

Tammy Powell - October 24, 2015 at 10:36 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to the family.I enjoyed styling Sally hair for many years a wonderful person and loved her family.

Debbie Brady - October 22, 2015 at 06:52 AM

SP

“ In sincere sympathy to the family. Sally was a wonderful lady.

Sandy Powell

Sandy Powell - October 22, 2015 at 04:56 AM

BB

“ I send my condolences to the family, you guys are in my prayers.

Brandon Barnette - October 21, 2015 at 09:39 AM

CD

“ We are praying for you in this loss. Charlie & Cheryl Davis

Charlie & Cheryl Davis - October 21, 2015 at 09:34 AM

NE

I am sad to be unable to attend the visitation or service on Friday, having just learned of the timing. I will always honor her memory as a part of the "cousins" of which my mother was a part. We enjoyed wonderful reunions across the country beginning in Buena Vista in '89. The love she shared was a special gift to me and to all with whom she came in contact. Rest in Peace, Sally. You will be remembered warmly and reunited in love with family and friends. Nancy Ellis

nancy Ellis - October 22, 2015 at 01:54 PM

RD

MIKE AND FAMILY, DAVID CALLED US AND TOLD US ABOUT YOUR MOM. WE ARE SO SORRY ABOUT YOUR LOSS . ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T EVER GET TO MEET HER DAVID THOUGHT VERY HIGHLY OF HER. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

RAY AND DARLENE DAUDET

RAYMOND AND DARLENE DAUDET - October 22, 2015 at 05:02 PM