



Sally Jane Miller

January 9, 1936 - November 1, 2023

Sally Jane Miller (Laffen)

Age 87, of Roseville, MN, was born in Minneapolis on January 9, 1936, raised in St. Paul, and passed away peacefully on All Saints day, November 1, 2023. Sally created a legacy in her six children, Bruce (Michelle) Bonine, Steve Bonine, Sue (Dan) Sprick, Patty (Mike) Kirchner, Craig Bonine, Barb (Mark) Newman, 20 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. She loved and was loved by many family and friends, especially her cherished twin sister, Sue Weleczki.

Sally held down two jobs while raising her children in the early 1960s. She worked full time at the Twin Cities Arsenal and part time at O'Gara's Bar & Grill. It was at the arsenal that she met her soon-to-be-husband, Richard Miller. They were married in 1974, and moved to Roseville, MN in 1978. Sally went on to work for Burlington Northern Railroad before retiring in 2001. Sal and Dick lived in their Roseville home for the remainder of their lives.

Sally was a true matriarch with a generosity of spirit and a remarkable way of making each person feel special and seen. She listened with her whole self, asking thoughtful questions and offering supportive advice. While strong in her convictions, Sal respected differing viewpoints. She marveled about how the world has changed, in her own right and through the eyes of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Sally was a wonderful guest and a thoughtful host. There was no place quite as warm as Grandma Sal's and Grandpa Dick's house, especially on holidays.

Family packed into their home and we cherished every moment, year after year. Sal was an avid gardener and enjoyed strolling around her beautiful yard with her guests. She was an active part of her friends' and family's lives and truly enjoyed spending time with each. Her answer was always "yes" to their invitations to birthdays, graduations, baptisms, concerts, plays, card games, trips, school functions, sporting events, lunch dates, picnics. Sal led a full and rich life.

Sally laughed easily and often - giving a smile and a flick of her hand, or an "oh, for heaven's sake" as a comeback. She had a quick wit and a kind sense of humor. This was particularly wonderful to watch with her twin sister, Sue. Sal and Sue had a bond that was beautiful to witness and an absolute hoot to listen to.

We will forever see her standing in her window waving goodbye.

Sal is survived by her grandchildren, Jamie (Ryan) Hanford, Nikki (Adam) DeQuesada, Bobby (Jenna) Bonine, Krissy Bonine, Chad Ericson, Jessica (Chad) Sanders, Danny (Kate) Lukas, (Gretchen Mattson), Jeff (Kim) Sprick, Becky Sprick, Sarah Sprick (Elliot Hass), Crystal (Mike) Swierzewski, Melissa (Mark) Roby, Stephanie (Will) Ruckel, Whitney Kirchner, Timmy (Stacey) Bonine, Tommy (Ashley) Bonine, Katie (Cody) Drobnik, Mark (Christie) Newman, Desirae (Joe) Volner, Amber (Joe) Meschke;

Her great grandchildren, Ali, Cait, Matthew, Jack, Max, Blake, Leighton, Barrett, Sutton, Brionna, Ben, Clayton (Maggie), Nolan, Clairra, Owen, Hailey, Ezra, Lukas, Leilani, Wyatt, Jameson, Levi, Jackson, Isabella, Lola, Liam, Sally, Jayden, Avery, Logan, Leo, Everly, Cameron, Sloane, Olivia, Parker, Austin, and great, great grandchild, Eloise;

Adored relatives the Weleczki, Laffen, Calva, and Lindquist families;

Longtime best friends, Joan and Jim Wicklund, Marsha and Mark Huber.

Sal is preceded in death by her husband, Richard (Dick) Miller, son Steve Bonine, mother Vera Laffen, brother and sister-in-law Ron and Marlene Laffen, brother-in-law Chuck Weleczki, Aunt and Uncle Rosemary and Jaime Calva, Uncle Harry Lindquist, in-laws Marilyn and Larry Kiefner.

Sally Jane Miller will forever be in our hearts and remembered with love and gratitude. May she rest in peace.

A luncheon and remembrance will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 10th, 2023, at Midland Hills Country Club, 2001 Fulham Street, Roseville, MN where friends and family will come together to pay their respects and share fond memories. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to a charity of your choice in Sal's honor.

Tribute Wall

ST

“ Dear Bruce, Craig and Sue,
So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I only knew her briefly from
DQ days, but she was a sweetie!
I am not able to attend her service today, but you are in my thoughts
and prayers.
Heartfelt wishes to you all!

Sal

Sally Tschida-Liberko - November 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ All my love to my Aunt Sue and Cousins. Praying for a peace and
love that transcends all pain.

JBrian Calva - November 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Jay Chapman - November 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Sal was one of a kind. The world is not a
better place without her in it.

Cindy Byrne - November 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *She was my sweet, funny Aunt who graced us with decades of love and so many great family memories. Her love for her siblings and especially my parents gave them so much joy and comfort. I will always be grateful for that.*



Cathy Cather - November 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *My heart hurts for you and the family. I lost my mom 20 years ago and I still miss her. Sally will be missed. ❤️❤️*

BJ Brinkman - November 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear about Aunt Sal, I Loved her so much. I have such great memories. My heart goes out to the entire family❤️❤️. Love and Hugs, Carol*



Carol Spears - November 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Dearest Sue, Sal will always be in the sweetest corner of your heart and Gods heart too. Take good care of yourself at this time of grieving your beautiful twin sister. Love you, Angelika*



Angelika - November 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Sending our sincerest condolences on the loss of an incredible woman. She was always so warm and welcoming. I will always remember Grandma Sally with a smile! Sending love and hugs to the entire Bonine Family. ❤️*

Michele Zernicke and Family - November 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Sally was my beloved first cousin . Many happy memories of our times together as kids at our grandma's house. God bless her as she would s now in a happier place.*



Tom & Judy lindquist - November 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM