



Sally Lee Rindfleisch

January 13, 1941 - January 1, 2026

Sally Lee (Hauschild) Rindfleisch, beloved wife, mom, grandma, mom-in-law, sister, daughter, aunt, sister-in-law and loyal friend passed away at home in St. Paul, Minn. surrounded by family and held in love on January 1, 2026.

Born in Madison, Wis. on January 13, 1941, Sally and her parents, Elaine and Herbert Hauschild, lived there for two years. She then moved with her mom to Appleton, Wis. to live with her grandparents while Herb was deployed as a US Marine to World War II and stationed on Iwo Jima. After he returned from the war, they settled in Owatonna, Minn. where her love for reading and learning first took root. She sang in the school choir, played the cello in the orchestra and loved figure skating on the pond behind her childhood house.

She carried those qualities with her to Mankato State University in Mankato, Minn., where her passion for music and theater grew even more. It was there she met the love her life, Greg Rindfleisch, when the two were cast opposite one another as Nathan Detroit and Miss Adelaide in a college production of the musical *Guys and Dolls*. Their on-stage chemistry sparked a lifelong partnership. That production went on a USO tour, taking Sally and Greg across Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Guam - an adventure she remembered with pride and fondness throughout her life.

Sally and Greg married in 1963 and made their first home in Walnut Grove,

Minn. where they had their son Andrew. In 1966, they moved to Marshfield, Wis. and soon after, twins Amy and Lara were born.

Sally brought her quiet competence and warm presence to both places she worked in Marshfield, first as the office manager for Rogers Cinema and later as the church secretary at Faith Lutheran Church. She served on the Marshfield Public Library Board where she championed access to books and lifelong learning. It would be fair to say that in her lifetime she read more than 10,000 books. Her Kindle was used the day before she passed, as she was reading a book about the SS Edmund Fitzgerald.

A lifelong lover of the arts, the theater always held a special place in Sally's heart. She performed in numerous productions with the Marshfield Campus Community Players, creating memorable and spirited portrayals in roles such as Mama Rose in Gypsy, Mrs. Clackett in Noises Off, Sister Mary Hubert in Nunsense, in The Pleasure of His Company with movie star and Marshfield native Dennis Morgan and most near and dear to her heart, opposite her husband Greg in Love Letters and I Do! I Do!

She loved the following: being Grandma Sally to Sam, Benny, Ethan and Ava; watching sports most especially the Minnesota Twins; summer family vacations at Bambi Resort on Lake Hubert in Nisswa, Minn.; puzzling - crossword and jigsaw; crispy French fries; biscuits and gravy; a cold glass of Pepsi; going to the movies with a special appreciation for "The Deer Hunter" with her favorite actor Christopher Walken; being a member of PEO Chapter AJ; playing the cello in the Marshfield Symphony Orchestra, singing alto in the Central Chamber Chorale, and making 31 trips over the years with Greg to New York City to see friends and shows.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years Greg; son Andrew (Shuai Wang) of Cleveland, Ohio; twin daughters Amy Moeller (Mark) and Lara Hughes

(Brian) both of St. Paul, Minn.; her grandchildren Sam Hughes of Minneapolis, Benny Hughes of Minneapolis, Ethan Moeller of St. Paul and Ava Rindfleisch of Cleveland; sister Pam Desnick of Minneapolis; brother Tom (Kris) Hauschild of Naples, Fla.; nephew Matthew Hauschild and niece Robyn Kemp. She was preceded in death by her parents and her dear brother-in-law Stephen Desnick.

The family deeply appreciates the exceptional care and compassion shown by Sally's loyal doctor for the past 10 years - Dr. Adepero Mettabel Okulaja. A special thank you to Terese and Jane for their special angel care; Allina Hospice; as well as the staff and friends at their Lexington Landing home in St. Paul.

In lieu of a formal service, Sally asked that we think of her when we see a live music or theater performance, read a good book or finish a puzzle and we should make sure to sit around the kitchen table and laugh often.

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“ For ten years, I had the extraordinary privilege of caring for Ms. Sally, and truly, she enriched my life far more than any medical care I could provide.

Sally was a remarkable woman - not just as a patient, but as a soul who embodied grace, wisdom, and an irrepressible spirit that could light up any room. Her elegance was matched only by her compassion, her humor by her articulate wisdom, and her perfect New York bob, characteristic of her sophisticated erudite nature- a truly beautiful soul. She had this wonderful way of declaring herself my “favorite patient,” and I must confess - she absolutely was. She was always cheerful and optimistic, even in the face of challenges. She was a valiant fighter, who knew that she had to lay down her sword when she had finished fighting, but she did it elegantly and on her own terms.

To Mr. Greg, Andrew, Amy, Lara, and all of Sally’s beloved family: thank you for sharing her with me these past years. Caring for her was never work; it was pure joy. She taught me much more about living fully than I ever taught her about health and healing.

I will honor Sally’s memory exactly as she requested - by thinking of her every time I encounter live music, a good book, or witness laughter around a kitchen table. Her spirit will continue to inspire the care I provide to others, knowing that behind every patient is a beautiful, complex story like hers.

Rest in peace, dear Ms. Sally. Your legacy of love, laughter, and gracious living will live on in all of us who were blessed to know you. With deepest sympathy and enduring gratitude,
Dr. O.

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