



Sally Anne Spaulding

December 24, 2015

Our Sal Gal left us on December 24, 2015 following a lengthy illness. She was the long awaited first child of James and Doris Spaulding, who preceded her in death. She was born in Evanston, Illinois on November 8, 1954, and raised in Glendora, California. She was a graduate of Occidental College and the University of San Francisco law school. Sals lived for many years in St Louis Park, where with her first husband she raised her two daughters.

Sally is survived by her husband, Duncan Moffitt of Minneapolis; her daughters, Robyn Craig (Andrea) of Saint Paul and Mary Radford (Ryan) of Sacramento, California; her two granddaughters; a brother in California, a sister in Nevada, and four nieces and a nephew. Sally dearly loved her family, and with us she greatly enjoyed a lifetime of books, movies, beaches and canine companions. We will all miss her terribly, all of us, including her husband's annoying cats, who refuse to admit it.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to all who have cared for Sally; in particular, to Dr. Martha Nance for years and years of appointments and advice, and more recently to the staff of Good Samaritan Specialty Health Care in Robbinsdale for their extraordinary care and compassion during a most difficult time.

At this time, no services are planned. Memorials are preferred to the Hereditary Disease Foundation and the Huntington's Disease Society of

America.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Oh, I don't know if you'll even still get this note since it's been over a year since Sally died. I just had lunch with a former co-worker of mine, who also worked with Sally at the Kirschbaum Law Office in St. Louis Park, and Sally's name came up. I then googled her name and was so sad to see of her death. I worked with Sally at the law firm in the early 90's. It was my first job after college, and it was while working there that I had decided to go to law school. Sally wrote me a long and passionate note about her views about why I shouldn't go to law school. While I ultimately did decide to go to law school, I so appreciated her honesty and sharing her experience in the law with me. I have many fond memories of working with Sally and her talking about her two girls. I loved her laugh, and I always remember her with a Coke nearby. As is often the case, we lost touch, but I still remember how she took the time to go to my wedding years after we had last seen each other. She was a great lady.

Michelle Lasswell - March 07, 2017 at 02:03 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear of my friend's passing! I just found out today (6 months later!!) I cherish many wonderful memories of our childhood in Glendora. Sending my love to her family - My sincere condolences.
Judy



Judy Haccou - June 14, 2016 at 08:26 PM

JW

“ I have such fond memories of Sally during high school. She was always 'the smart and funny one'. I'm so sorry that I lost touch with her after high school. I do remember her attending a high school reunion in a slinky red dress looking radiant just a week after delivering her first child. RIP Sally.
Janeen Rhodes Whetstone

Janeen Rhodes Whetstone - January 27, 2016 at 03:22 PM

DM

Janeen ~ Thank you for your kind note. I am glad you and Sally had such good times in school. I had not known of the reunion and the slinky red dress a week after Mary was born. Zowie! What a moment that must have been. ~ Duncan

duncan moffitt - January 31, 2016 at 07:39 AM

DZ

“ Sally had a lot of classes together and spent time after school talking, laughing and studying! She was a sweet person with a beautiful heart. RIP Sally and many prayers to her family.

Donna Ziolo - January 26, 2016 at 08:39 PM

DM

Donna ~ thank you for your recollections, prayers and kind thoughts. I am glad that you and Sally had such good times in school. ~ Duncan

duncan moffitt - January 31, 2016 at 07:27 AM

CK

“ *Sally was a really big part of my teen years, most of my high school memories include sweet caring Sally. Unfortunately, distance contributed to us losing track of each other as adults. My thoughts are with her family - I am so sorry for your loss.*

Claudia (Rice) Kostyshak

Claudia Kostyshak - January 26, 2016 at 07:52 PM

DM

Claudia ~ thank you for your note. Sally never forgot you either, and in recent years was delighted to see a 1972 photograph of you and her. I found your facebook page and sent you that photograph. It will be in an obscure message category called "message requests" which takes a bit of a sharp eye to find. Thank you again. ~ Duncan

duncan moffitt - January 31, 2016 at 07:11 AM

“ My most vivid memories of Sally are of the days we were young lawyers together, working at the same law firm in Los Angeles County. Sally was hired by the firm in 1980 ~ she had graduated from law school, had taken the Bar Exam, but was awaiting Bar results. At the time, there were two other "girl lawyers" already at the firm -- Donna (who had been hired in 1979) and me (hired in 1978). We happily welcomed Sally, and the three of us quickly became a fast circle of friends. Donna and I tried to share what we had thus far learned about trying to navigate a law career in what was still very much a man's world.

In those pre-Internet (and pre-cell-phone) days, the State Bar of California would announce the results of its Bar Exam by posting long sheets of paper outside of its downtown L.A. office. As the day approached for Sally to learn her results, the three of us hatched a plan for our approach to that morning: Sally would go to the State Bar office by herself, look for her name on those long sheets, and then come to my house ~ Donna and I would be there, preparing brunch, and waiting for her arrival. We all decided that -- no matter the results -- it would be good to be together to either commiserate or celebrate (whether tears or cheers). I remember standing next to Donna on the porch as we watched Sally walk up to the house ~ she finally broke out into a huge smile and nodded to us. We were able to have a wonderful celebration! Sally subsequently wrote a letter to the editor of the Los Angeles Times about her experience of passing the Bar -- and the newspaper published her letter. That letter talked of the wet and stormy drive home from the office the first day after her results had been announced, and included her description of the dozen red roses strapped into the car seat behind her, and the feeling that she had made it through the rain.

She was admitted to the State Bar of California as a fully-licensed lawyer in December 1980.

Sally, Donna, and I had a number of adventures practicing law together (and dealing with the "boy lawyers" at our firm). And we

had such fun in each other's company. Sally had a lot to juggle -- after all, she was a working mom (of daughter Mary) with a demanding job, and a very long commute. On one occasion, she went to make a court appearance -- she walked up to the counsel table, set down her briefcase, started to pull out a file, and a slip (i.e., an undergarment) came flying out and onto the table. I cannot quite recall how that slip had made it into her briefcase in the first place, but the three of us had a good laugh ~ we all agreed that it was hard enough getting the male judges to take us (as young women) seriously. . . throwing underwear around the courtroom wasn't going to help.

Sally, Donna, and I shared several important life events during those happy days ~ Sally was thrilled when she learned that she was expecting a second baby (Robyn), and immediately went around to everyone in the firm to "spread the news!" Within a few months, I learned I was also expecting -- so Sally & I got to be pregnant together (I particularly remember hauling ourselves around to court appearances and depositions during that hot summer of '82). I visited Sally in the hospital when Robyn was born, and she visited me when my Michael was born. Two months later, we both attended Donna's wedding.

When Sally's family made the decision to move to Minnesota, I was surprised. After all, Sally had made it through law school, had passed the Bar Exam, and had a job working as a lawyer at a well-respected law firm. In California, she was a licensed attorney -- in Minnesota, she would not be. She nevertheless explained that she was doing what was best for her family.

Sally was fiercely proud of her daughters and grandchildren, and we were so glad that she found happiness with Duncan.

She was a lovely friend, and will be forever missed.

*With love,
Mary Abbott*

Mary Abbott - January 03, 2016 at 05:43 PM

RC

Thanks for the kind words Mary. I know my mom had a lot of fond memories with you too.

Robyn Craig - January 03, 2016 at 08:04 PM

DU

Thank you, Mary.

Duncan - January 04, 2016 at 10:13 AM

MA

“ *Sal was one of those moms that was always so welcoming and supportive. Even if you weren't her kid. She rarely missed a softball game and she cheered for everyone.*

I'm sorry for your lose Rob rob + family

Mattea - January 03, 2016 at 05:13 PM

RC

Thanks T Dogg. My mom always loved seeing you at TGI Fridays :)

Robyn Craig - January 03, 2016 at 05:50 PM

RC

“ *I'll miss my mom who always loved chocolate, Coke and cheese.*

Robyn Craig - January 03, 2016 at 04:09 PM