



## Sallyann Hudson Johansen

February 11, 1942 - March 3, 2023

At the age of 81, Sallyann Hudson Johansen of New Brighton, MN, passed away peacefully. Sallyann is best remembered as a devoted daughter and sister as well as a beloved mother/mother-in-law and grandmother. She was born to Edith and Oliver "Jack" Richardson in Pittsburgh, PA. Sallyann lived in several cities while growing up, including Philadelphia, Wyoming, OH, and Birmingham, MI, where she graduated from high school in 1960. Sallyann attended Michigan State University and graduated in 1964 with a degree in History. After graduation, Sallyann moved to Minnesota, met and married Tom Johansen, and settled in New Brighton. They welcomed the birth of their son Eric in July 1975. Sallyann worked as a teacher in the Anoka-Hennepin school district; first teaching 7th grade reading/social studies and eventually teaching civics at Blaine Senior High School. During her years teaching, she also earned her Master of Education degree from the University of Minnesota. Sallyann spent her summers visiting her sister Gayle and family in Rehoboth Beach, DE, a favorite place for Sallyann she had been visiting since childhood.

Sallyann's joy in life came from her love and faith in Jesus Christ. She was an important and active member of her congregation at North Heights Lutheran Church. Sallyann shared her faith with many, acting as a friend and mentor to several people in her life. Sallyann opened her heart and home to students from Japan and Ukraine, sponsored many missionaries around the world, and volunteered her time at the Chinese Center for Hospitality.

Sallyann was a loving, doting mother and grandmother. She was never more at-ease and happy than when spending time with her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughters. Her favorite activities included walking in her neighborhood and along Rice Creek, reading books to Haley and Ahnna, attending church and sharing a meal with friends. Sallyann was known for her friendly smile and positive attitude.

Sallyann is preceded in death by her parents, Edith and Jack Richardson. She is survived by her son Eric (Nena); her sister Gayle (Jim) Brebner; her grandchildren Haley and Ahnna Johansen; her nephew Jason Brebner, her nieces Tracey Brebner and Sarah (Adam) Diener, and her great-nephews Henry and Jack.

A funeral service for Sallyann will be held on Friday, March 31, at 11:00 am, at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills. Please use Door B for parking and entry convenience. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am with a luncheon following the service. All are welcome to attend. Sallyann would want to see you at her table. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to The Gathering, a respite day program for people with memory loss and their caregivers, at the Lyngblomsten Foundation in St. Paul. <https://www.lyngblomsten.org/get-involved/foundation/supportthegathering/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ We so enjoyed getting to know Sallyann as she spent time with Eric, Nena and her precious granddaughters. Her love for Christ and her caring example truly impacted us. She believed in making a difference. Sallyann's legacy lives on in her beautiful family and all those she touched.



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**Elizabeth Eidsor** - March 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Deepest condolences to Eric and the family! Prayers for comfort as you walk these difficult times.  
Ann



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**Ann** - March 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Loving wishes to Eric and family for the loss of a wonderful person.



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**Jan Johansen** - March 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will always treasure the many ways that Sally Ann blessed our family and are grateful to God for bringing her into our lives.



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**Kathy Adamsson** - March 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sallyann was a treasured friend. She helped so many students, family and friends. She had a solid faith that gave others the courage to call upon Jesus in good times and hard times. I am thankful that we met at our church in the 1980's, remained close to the end of her life on earth and will be together into eternity.

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**Carol Collins** - March 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM