



Sara Bell Rasmussen

May 3, 1942 - March 15, 2025

Mrs. Sara Bell “Sally” Rasmussen (née Lingenfelter), age 82, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2025, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Born on May 3, 1942, in Wheeling, West Virginia, she lived a life marked by devotion to her family and a deep appreciation for the simple joys of life.

Sally attended Pennsylvania State University, where she began laying the foundation for a life centered around learning, love, and resilience. As the devoted wife of Roy Rasmussen, she embraced the unique challenges and rewards of being an Air Force spouse. During Roy’s multiple deployments, Sally raised their three children with strength and grace—Shawn, Leslie, and Mark—instilling in them the values of loyalty, compassion, and perseverance. A loving mother and grandmother, Sally found immense joy in her growing family. She cherished time spent with her grandchildren—Jackson, Zoe, Ben, Emery, and Jake—and took pride in watching them grow into their own lives. Her daughters-in-law Renee and Jennifer, and son-in-law Jeff, were also dear to her heart.

Sally enjoyed playing bridge with friends and could often be found immersed in a good book or captivated by episodes of Law & Order. Her love for beach trips was well known among those close to her; the ocean brought her peace and happiness throughout her life.

Her warmth extended beyond family to friends who knew her as someone always ready for a heartfelt conversation or spontaneous seaside getaway. Sally’s legacy is one of enduring love—for her husband Roy who preceded

her in death, for her children and grandchildren who carry forward her spirit, and for the many friends whose lives she touched along the way.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Oleander Memorial Gardens located at 306 Bradley Drive in Wilmington, North Carolina. Following the service, a celebration of life will take place at the home of Jeff and Leslie Hamilton at 1262 Waterway Court in Wilmington. May Sally's memory bring comfort to all who knew and loved her.

Tribute Wall

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“ I can't believe she is gone. She was such a kind and loving person. I enjoyed the time I got to spend with her and her family. I will always remember her love for plants and law and order. She was like a grandmother to me in so many ways. She will be missed!

Kristina Stclair - January 22 at 02:53 PM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss. My Mom and Sally were sisters but were not raised together. I met Shawn and Leslie when we visited Grandmother Zahn one summer and we all went to Whipples damn. I always heard that Sally was a lot of fun , and it sounds like she had a good life. My Mom also loved the Ocean and I do too.

Poldi Dell - October 16, 2025 at 12:11 PM

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“ Over 12 years ago, Sally and I became close friends after attending a homeowner's event in Marsh Oaks. We loved going to the Airle gardens and buying plants at the Arboretum, sharing gardening tips, walking the neighborhood, attending concerts and musical events, enjoying lunch at her favorite Mexican restaurant, sharing pizzas at Davis, and watching Law and Order together. She always had a welcoming smile, sweet laugh and was so appreciative of everything you did or shared with her. Her favorite expression was "NO Kidding". I will always remember, love and miss our friendship, her tender hugs and laughter.

Susan I. Skoda - April 25, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ *What a beautiful tribute to Sally! My heart goes out to all of you! I love you guys!*
Jen

Jen Leigh - April 14, 2025 at 11:33 AM