



Sally Marie Stefanka

July 14, 1938 - December 30, 2025

Sally Marie Stefanka, age 87, passed away peacefully on December 30, 2025. She was born on July 14, 1938 in Manistique, Michigan.

Sally was the loving wife of the late Robert Stefanka, whom she married on June 20, 1959, sharing many devoted years together. She was a loving mother to Susan Slaughter and a proud grandmother to Jamie and Crystal, who were the joy of her life.

She shared a special bond with her beloved dog, Gigi, who was always by her side. Sally was preceded in death by her dear siblings Philip, Ronald "Cook," John, Gladys, Florence, and Sharon.

She is fondly remembered by her close in-laws, Marian Smiecinski, Debra (Jerry) Zaleski, and Michael (Laurie) Stefanka, as well as many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Sally had a creative spirit and spent many years making pottery, crafting beautiful ceramic pieces that will be treasured by family and friends. She also enjoyed gardening, collecting Precious Moments figurines, and taking family gambling trips. Sally was well known for her "lucky touch," especially when it came to scratch-off tickets, bringing smiles and laughter to those around her.

Sally will be remembered for her warmth, creativity, and love for her family, leaving behind cherished memories that will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Memorial contributions may be made to any macular degeneration research foundation.

A visitation will take place at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. (3Blks. E. of Van Dyke) Utica, on Sunday (January 4th) from 2pm - 8pm. Funeral Service will be held the following day, Monday (January 5th) at 11:30 a.m at the funeral home. Please share a memory with her family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Gardens West

521 E. Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 5. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TE

“ Teresa, Tim, Sarah, Matthew purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sally Marie Stefanka.



Teresa, Tim, Sarah, Matthew - January 03 at 12:05 AM

VH

“ Sally has been in my life ever since I can remember. I was 4 when she and Smokey (Bob) got married. I was given some rice to throw and I remember flinging most of it at their best friends Pat and Joe. I always enjoyed talking to Sally, who by the way loved to talk. Her “ Well, you know...” always offered a different perspective and it was usually correct. Another phrase I heard often was “I’ll bet you...” when we sat around trying to figure out why or what happened to something or someone.
Rest in peace Sally. I’m sure you’re in heaven with Bob. ❤️

Victoria Hornik-Rosinski - January 02 at 11:02 AM

DZ

Sally married my brother Bob when I was 6 years old. So she has been my “sister” for most of my life! I am very sad that God has taken her home, but so happy my brother is reunited with his “babe”! Deepest sympathy to my niece Sue and her 2 children Jamie & Crystal. Sending all my love and big hugs!
Aunt Debbie 🥹

Debbie Zaleski - January 02 at 01:52 PM