



Sally Lehr

June 16, 2020

A memorial service celebrating the life of Sally Lehr of Ottertail, MN, and Desert Horizons, CA, and formerly of Wadena, will be held at a later date at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena.

Sally Ann Davis Lehr, AKA Mustang Sally, rides on. Sally passed away peacefully in Ottertail June 16, 2020 in the presence of family at the age of 82. Sally was born March 11, 1938 to Russell and Lucille Davis in Hunter, ND. She is survived by her sister Linda, sons JD (Connie), Tom (Nancy), and Steve (Natalie). She is preceded in death by her husband Jim and brother Gary Davis.

Sally moved to Wadena in 1947 where she attended high school and graduated in 1956. Her father Russell founded Russ Davis Wholesale in 1955 driving back and forth from the Minneapolis fruit terminal in his car back to central Minnesota. Eventually he would purchase the first truck for the operation with proceeds from a settlement for Sally's benefit. Sally's husband Jim and her brother Gary grew the company over the years and would later sell the company to its employees.

Sally attended NDSU after high school and married Jim on March 29, 1958. Sally then began a lifelong career of motherhood and grand motherhood to her grandchildren Alison McIntyre, Mitchell Lehr, Taylor Lehr, Avery Lehr and Will Lehr. She also was a great grand mother to Jimmy McIntyre and more recently to Margaret McIntyre.

Sally was involved in many community organizations including PEO, Meals on Wheels, Madhatters and the Congregational Church. Sally was an inventor of a skate guard, den mother, cheerleader and bus driver to many extracurricular activities of her children. She loved the lake life and boating to Zorbas with her grandchildren. Sally was a competitor who loved playing cards and games.

Sally will be best known and missed by the communities in which she lived including NDSU, Wadena, Ottertail and Desert Horizons. Sally was very social and valued her

friends immensely. Her nickname, Mustang Sally, is indicative of her social life as the dance floors would part for her and her husband Jim whenever the song Mustang Sally was played.

Due to COVID-19 the Congregational Church remains closed. A memorial will be planned as conditions improve to have a safe gathering of family and friends.

Comments



“ Cub Scouts in Sally's basement in the late 70's is a great memory. She was an active and kind den mother to all of us Scouts. RIP Sally.

Robert Peters, Minnetonka - April 08, 2021 at 02:08 AM



“ Dear Sally, my fishing buddy.
"What happens at the lake....stays at the lake!" and "How much is that doggy in the window?" ;-)
Your forever friend, Peace and Love, Margie Silver



Margie Silver - July 03, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ To Sally Lehr's family, We are so sorry for your loss of Sally. Her husband, Jim and my husband Hal were good friends, did business together and played golf, went on trips to Las Vegas. Several years we met them in Hawaii when we were all on vacations. These were special times! We always remember Sally as having a wonderful, happy personality, always so welcoming. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Dottie and Hal Johnson

dottie johnson - July 02, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ I have so many wonderful memories, to numerous to mention, we traveled from West coast to the East coast together, I miss her everyday, no one had a better sense of humor.

joanne Zinda - June 30, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ Sally was a wonderful person. Many years ago when I was working at the Uptown Cafe, my son was in the hospital. I couldn't afford not to work to stay with him. Her son, I think, was in the same room as my son and she offered to stay with him and take care of him while I worked. At the time we didn't know each other at all. I never forgot what she did for me and we had good visits when ever we saw each other after that. She was a very out going person to everyone she met.



Helen Allee - June 28, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Dorothy Teal lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Dorothy Teal - June 28, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ To the Family of Sally Lehr

Lois and I send our very sincerest sympathies to the family on Sally's passing. Sally was a lifelong friend of mine (approx 70 yrs.) That length of time created many many fond memories with her. We shared many great years with Sally, both living on the North shore of Ottertail Lake, and in the last few years staying with her in her home at Thumper Pond, where she was a gracious and welcoming host.

Many words can describe Sally. She was congenial, sincere, energetic, with a great sense of humor, she was a loving person of her family and friends, ambitious, energetic, loved to travel, play cards and celebrate holidays (beautiful decorations in her home at Christmas and fun costumes on Halloween). She was a generous person and sympathetic toward others.

In late November last year Lois and I spent time with Sally at Pelican Landing. We stayed over night in the guest bedroom and spent time visiting about old memories, had pizza for supper , and playing cards . It was a great visit and Sally was her usual energetic self.

We talked with Sally a couple weeks before her passing, by phone, and her voice was strong as was her spirits.

It is said we are who we are by what we leave behind. Sally leaves a wonderful legacy.

Our thoughts and prayers to her family. She will be greatly missed.

Charlie and Lois Kennedy

Charlie-lois Kennedy - June 26, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ My Aunt Sally was so funny, she always had a joke and twinkle in her eye. She went with me to buy my first car in Detroit Lakes. She gave me a good luck charm before the opening of a musical I was in, in high school. #madhatters She taught me some choice words as a young child, which she liked to remind me of frequently, and I will miss her humor and laughter so much. Until we meet again aunt, love to you from Digger.



Darcy Davis - June 25, 2020 at 02:28 AM



“ Gary Ryti lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Gary Ryti - June 24, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ I remember Sally fondly during my early days with Madhatters, in junior high and high school days. She always had a smile and a great laugh. My deepest sympathies for the life you lost, but faith will carry some wonderful memories for you all I am sure. God bless!
Sher Linnes



Sher Linnes - June 24, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ Sally Lehr Family:
Our sincerest condolences on Sally's passing. I've many fond memories of her helping at the Congregational Church when I was growing up. And being a "referee" for the boys when they were young (she didn't call it babysitting). What a gracious lady. Peace.
Dan Sartell
Wadena MN

Dan Sartell - June 24, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ Karen Thomson Munson lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Karen Thomson Munson - June 24, 2020 at 03:09 AM



“ When I moved to Wadena in 1979, Sally was one of the first gals I met. We had the Auxillary auctions together for many years, she was the auctioneer!! of course. Went Halloween in costume many years! Lots of laughs and good memories, she will be truly missed. I have a scrapbook with a ton of pictures of the "Good old" days" Gwen Macklem



Gwen Macklem - June 23, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Carol DeMatteis lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Carol DeMatteis - June 23, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ I met Sally during her stay at Pelican Landing. My husband is also a resident there and we enjoyed many many meals and social hours with her where she told the funniest and best darn stories We laughed until the tears where rolling loved visiting her apartment where she always was the perfect hostess. We will miss her very much and I feel we are blessed just to have known her Rest In Peace my dear friend and our sympathy to your family ... Mary & Art Anderson

Mary Anderson - June 23, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Jim lived next to us from the time I was born. He and Sally married and they lived next to us on Pelican when their kids were born and growing up and played with my kids. Talked to Sally 2 weeks ago and we reminisced about all the fun we had living next to each other. Some stories we can not tell. Jim was in my sister's wedding. They were family going back to Jim's parents Hank and Nina. Will miss her like my sister.

Georgia Ells Bakkum

Love you JD, Tommy, Steven

Georgia Ells Bakkum - June 28, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ Bob And Kim Ludovissie lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Bob and Kim Ludovissie - June 23, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ Robert McIntire lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Robert McIntire - June 20, 2020 at 06:01 AM



“ Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Judy Erdahl - June 19, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ I have a lot of great memories of Sally, having shared high school with her and remember chemistry lab. One had to keep your eyes on alert when her and Sandy Prince were at it, they almost blew up the lab with some of their experiments. Also enjoyed Jim and her hospitality at the lake a few times. The nicest garage I had ever seen. She was always happy and fun to be with. I will miss her at any reunions we may have in future. My condolences to her beautiful family, Larry Gallagher MD



Larry J Gallagher - June 19, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ Larry J Gallagher lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Larry J Gallagher - June 19, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ Cicely Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Cicely Johnson - June 19, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ Tom - so sorry for your loss, thinking of you during this difficult time. Your mom was a great lady!

Salli Fischer - June 18, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Mike and Lea Snyder - June 18, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ Old family friend and was MY babysiter over 60 years ago



Jim Stoneman - June 18, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ Jon And Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Jon and Patty Johnson - June 18, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ Dorie Sweere lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Dorie Sweere - June 17, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ Sally was a neighbor and church friend when we were raising our families. Always glad to share a recipe with a smile.

Bob & Phyllis Wilkening - June 17, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Bob & Phyllis Wilkening lit a candle in memory of Sally Lehr



Bob & Phyllis Wilkening - June 17, 2020 at 08:05 PM