



Sally Ann (Galbraith) Melvin

April 20, 1948 - August 19, 2024

Sally Ann was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, in April of 1948. She, along with her brother Earl, was adopted by Winston and Virginia Galbraith of Oklahoma City in May of 1952. When she wasn't at dance class or busy with the youth at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Sally could be found with her friends or with her father at Lincoln Park Golf Course, objecting to the life lessons promised to eventually result from being an unpaid caddy.

Sally attended Putnam City Schools until her senior year when Winston went into business 75 miles northwest and moved the family to Enid, Oklahoma. Sally talked about the difference in the schools and how she gave it a try but soon decided that beauty school would be a more lucrative option than cutting class and smoking with the kids who were, as the EHS new student tour guide described, "low." Sally completed her course of study at Enid Beauty College in August of 1965 and moved into the "Kennedy House" on Broadway with several other girls (and Mrs. Kennedy) to begin her life as a modern career gal. She worked at Hair Designers in the Midwestern Inn until her first child was born.

In 1967 Sally met a ginger soldier on leave from Vietnam. Bill Melvin was tall, handsome, and just as witty as she was. Plus, the magic of cruising Van Buren (the lights, music, and exhaust fumes from those old cars) made it a prime environment for love to bloom. Bill returned to Vietnam where the two

continued their relationship through letters and fell in love, marrying in 1968. The marriage survived Vietnam, two dramatic daughters Angela Dawn and Amy Renae, a major oilfield injury, an oil boom and an oil bust. In the end it could not survive everything altogether and ended amicably in 1981.

During her married years Sally not only made a lovely home but she was also a Blue Birds leader, and an avid golfer, serving as President of the Meadowlake Women's Golf Association (twice!) in the late 1970s -- even winning tournaments hosted by the MWGA and other area courses. She cut and styled hair for many Golf Association ladies at her kitchen table and participated in carpools to get the neighborhood kids to and from school. Just before separating from Bill, Sally re-entered the workforce as a receptionist at Tintype Studio in Enid.

Sally then began work at Meadowlake Golf Course as the Assistant Pro Shop Manager, where she knew everybody's name and had a smile or a joke for all. 13 years later she decided it was time for a change and enrolled in Medical Assisting at Astry Tech, soon working for Parkview Family Practice then for and eventually retiring from Integris Health. She was named Employee of the Month while at Integris and just like the golf course, she knew everyone's name, had a smile for all and a kind word for those who were suffering—which included patients and co-workers!

Sally loved her family and was proud of her daughters, but the ultimate gifts were her grandsons: Jake born in 1995 and Myka born in 2003. She discovered true joy in her time singing and reading to them as little guys and was

always available to help in their care. Grandma was and will always be their favorite. How could she not be with donuts and Dr. Pepper for breakfast if they asked?

After retirement, Sally became active with Garland Road Church of Christ where she volunteered with their Food Pantry and was able to participate in a mission trip to the Philippines. She had some life changing experiences while there, and according to others on the trip she caused some life changing experiences for those on the island. When Sally was 70, she was able to accompany her son in law's 94-year-old grandmother to visit her family who were serving as missionaries in Croatia. From there they took a Mediterranean cruise and drove to Slovenia, which was Sally's favorite for its beauty.

In 2017 Sally decided to move to Oklahoma City. She didn't want to leave the town where she had lived, worked, fell in love, and raised her children but knew it was for the best to be closer to her doctors. She lived independently until moving into Quail Ridge Senior Living in May 2023, where she and mini dachshund Dolly (not pictured above) became quite popular. Sally (with her wheeled walker) zipped around to bingo and puzzles, association meetings and meals until a bout of pneumonia seemed to zap all her energy for good. Two months to the day after a lung cancer diagnosis, Sally took her last breath in Mercy Hospice on Monday, August 19, 2024. She was with family until the moment she ran to The Lord.

Sally is survived by her daughters, Angela Dawn Melvin of Enid, and Amy Renae Nichols (husband Kevin Nichols) of Oklahoma City; Grandsons Jacob A. Melvin of Edmond, and Myka W. Melvin of Enid; sister-in-law Anita (Melvin) Readnour of Yukon, as well as many nieces and nephews. Those who were waiting for her with open arms, tears of joy and cries of "there she is!" include her parents, brother Earl Galbraith, sister Susan (White) Scroggins, grandparents Earl and Merle Galbraith and Frank and Esther Ruppel; biological parents J.D. McCullar and Elta Juanita Travis; biological sister Elta

Elizabeth McCullar; ex-husband turned good friend Bill Melvin and his wife Myra Melvin.

Sally was also preceded by too many friends, loved ones and co-workers to count or name because she made such deep connections with so many. The family is comforted knowing that Sally has not only seen Jesus' face and heard God's voice but also because she has donned her winged roller skates and is tearing it up to the sounds of worship, laughter, and love. All her world is love now. And for that her family can rest and be grateful.

A Celebration of Sally Ann's Life will be 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 6, 2024, in the Anderson Burriss Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation with the family will be Thursday, September 5, 2024, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

SEP 5. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory
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Celebration of Life

SEP 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ Amy, I'm so sorry to just now find out your mom has passed away. She was always so much fun when we had game night at Freda's house. She had such a fun kind spirit.

Cindy Presa - October 14, 2024 at 02:08 PM

SN

“ Sally was such a sweetheart, so beloved by her friends and her family. Sally was always happy and smiling. Sally was always so genuinely interested in your story. I believe her life was one well lived and I'm so fortune to have had the opportunity to know her. A few of the many things we had in common were a love of golf, a love of OU and love for our wonderful furry friends. She would absolutely gush over our bulldogs always hugging and kissing on them. I love you Sally and will miss you and the happiness you spread to others all along the way. Please know you left this world so much better by being a part of it and I'll always think of you with the fondest memories. Love you always! Sharon Nichols



Sharon Nichols - September 05, 2024 at 08:20 PM

JR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you Amy, Kevin, Jake, Angie and Micah. Sally (O’ Malley) as we sometimes called her was so much fun to be around. We could laugh over the silliest things. One time I remember complimenting her on her new teeth and she said, “So you don’t think I look like those dogs on the TV commercials with false teeth?” She had a wonderful sense of humor and a quick wit. She is really going to be missed. Loved her and all of her family. Prayers in the days ahead.

Love, Lee and Jeannette

Jeannette Redman - September 03, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sally Ann (Galbraith) Melvin.



September 03, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sally Ann (Galbraith) Melvin.



September 02, 2024 at 06:55 PM

TC

“ Loved this lady! Sally was more like a sister to me than a sister-in-law. She will be missed dearly. My deepest heartfelt condolences to my nieces Angie and Amy, and also to Myka and Jake.

Terri Melvin Carpenter - August 29, 2024 at 12:57 AM

CH

“ We had lots of laughs when we were around each other she was a great person and she will be missed my condolences to you all. ❤️
Sending love and hugs,
Chantel & family

chantel - August 27, 2024 at 08:06 PM

PW

“ My prayers and thoughts are with, Angie and Amy, and the rest family as you celebrate your mother's journey here and beyond. My favorite memories of Sally include Enid High Band Activities, half-time shows, and band trip sponsorships, supporting Jake and all the kids. She was always positive and so very kind to all.

Pat Ward - August 26, 2024 at 09:31 PM

GP

“ Sally had quite a life before I met her many years ago. It began at Meadowlake and ended at Integris when I moved back home to Shawnee. Sally was funny and a mess and played some pretty mean golf. I can't ever remember anything cross about her if you knew Sally, you would understand Amy. Amy was also a friend of mine. I love you Sally. I'm sure God allows golf in heaven so we will have a ball Till then——

Glenna Parker - August 26, 2024 at 07:07 PM

LS

“ Love in Christ, Sherry Sweet planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sally Ann (Galbraith) Melvin.

Love in Christ, Sherry Sweet - August 26, 2024 at 06:43 PM

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“ *Love in Christ, Sherry Sweet purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sally Ann (Galbraith) Melvin.*



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