



Marlene Sylvia "Molly" Hall

November 6, 1933 - August 14, 2025

Marlene Sylvia "Molly" Hall, 91, died August 14, 2025 in Punta Gorda, FL. She was born November 6, 1933 in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Roland F. and Alice (Vogelpohl) Radecke.

Molly was a graduate of Alton High School, Alton, IL. She attended the University of Colorado (Boulder) for 2 years and transferred to the University of Missouri (Columbia) where she received a Bachelor of Journalism degree and was a member of Delta Delta Delta, social sorority and Gamma Alpha Chi, advertising sorority. After college, she was employed as a television copywriter for the Robert Bradham Advertising Agency in Charleston, SC from 1955-1957 and then, after moving with her husband to Petersburg, VA she was continuity director for the NBC-TV affiliate in the Richmond, VA area. Later, from 1967 until her retirement in 1991, she taught journalism and American Literature classes and sponsored the Redbird Word school newspaper at Alton High School.

In Alton, Molly was a member of Junior Service League, the Junior League of Greater Alton, Community Service League and the St. Louis area Tri-Delta Alumnae Association. She served on the board of the Alton Museum of History and Art, was a volunteer tax preparer for IRS-AARP for over 20 years and served as an election judge for 22 years in the Alton/Godfrey area. Since 1960, she has been an active member of P.E.O. in Alton chapters IL and JZ and Florida chapter HN in Punta Gorda. Molly was a member of First

Presbyterian Church in Alton for most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her grandson Christopher Hanson, and her loving companion for over 30 years, Roland Nilsson.

Surviving are two daughters, Julie Black and husband, Roger, of Punta Gorda, FL and Sally Hanson and husband, Tim, of Ballwin, MO; three grandchildren: Alison Black Scherer and husband, Alex, of Punta Gorda, FL; Nathan Black of North Port, FL, and Sara Hanson of Ballwin, MO.

A gathering to celebrate Molly's life will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 7, 2025 at The Commons Outreach Center, 14885 Clayton Road, Chesterfield, MO. A visitation will be held from 10:15 a.m. until time of memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 8, 2025 at First Presbyterian Church, East 4th St. & Alby St., Alton, IL. Pastor Charles Spencer will officiate.

Memorials may be made to P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education, P.E.O. Executive Office, Attn: Treasurer, 3700 Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50312 or SouthSide Early Childhood Center, 2101 South Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63104. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

The Commons
14885 Clayton Rd
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Visitation

SEP 8. 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
4th & Alby Streets
Alton, IL 62002

Memorial Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
4th & Alby Streets
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I was a student of Mrs. Hall at Alton High School in 1973. She taught journalism and was in charge of *The Redbird Word* which was the school newspaper. She was an excellent teacher and a better person. She touched so many lives!💕💕

Susan Schmidt - September 08, 2025 at 08:44 PM

JM

“ Molly and I foot to know one another when we were on a committee for chapter IL PEO in Alton. Later we played bridge, and she taught our daughter at Alton High School always a gracious lady, kind and sweet, but full of fun. She will be missed. Our sympathy to her daughters and grandchildren. She was so proud and loving for all of you. Judi Mottaz

Judith Mottaz - September 07, 2025 at 07:21 PM

KS

“ Molly was my journalism teacher at AHS. I loved her class so much I went on to college and immediately became involved in the campus newspaper (& ultimately became the editor in chief). Fast forward a few years & I became an English teacher at AHS. Molly was a wonderful colleague & friend. I later had the privilege of taking over the teaching of the journalism classes & newspaper advisor when she retired.
We had kept in touch via Christmas cards & letters over the years.
Molly Hall was one special person!

Karen Propes Shaw - September 02, 2025 at 09:31 PM

ML

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Molly’s passing. Our parents, Sam and Sonja Lundqvist, greatly cherished the visits from Roland and Molly to Sweden. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Molly’s family. Sonja, Anders, Kerstin and Martin

Martin Lundqvist - August 28, 2025 at 04:59 AM

CG

“ Molly opened up her heart and her home for us and we felt so welcome. We share many happy memories from meetings with her and Roland’s families. Love from Sweden: Staffan, Lotta, Rasmus, Jakob and Wilma

Charlotta Göransson - August 27, 2025 at 03:42 PM

JH

“ Julie and Sally, I'm so sorry for the loss of ur Mother. She was a lovely person, when my Mom passed in 2015, she sent a card with a lovely message of her inside. All the way from Southern Florida. I hope ur memories with her will help you with the loss. Love to u both.

Jeri Green Hausman - August 25, 2025 at 09:39 AM

RS

“ Richard S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Sylvia "Molly" Hall.

Richard S. - August 21, 2025 at 08:13 PM

PA

“ Thank you Mrs. Hall for your service and your kindness. You educated with style and class in 1982.

Peter Allen - August 21, 2025 at 09:45 AM

JL

“ *The Law family has lost a dear and caring friend. We were lucky to have Molly and Roland be with us many years. I miss her. She made everyone smile and had a huge heart.*

Julie Law - August 21, 2025 at 07:51 AM

CS

“ *I am saddened to read this. Mrs. Hall was the reason I ended up a journalism major -- she had a major impact on me. Blessings!*

Cathy Weinrich Smith - August 20, 2025 at 06:40 PM

MB

“ *Julie and Sally, your mom was a wonderful person. She was like a second mother to me.*

Martha Bell - August 20, 2025 at 05:47 PM

TJ

“ *Tom Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Sylvia "Molly" Hall.*

Tom Johnson - August 19, 2025 at 09:43 PM

TJ

“ *Tom Johnson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marlene Sylvia "Molly" Hall.*



Tom Johnson - August 19, 2025 at 09:43 PM

AN

“ *Molly meant so much to our family as she was a wonderful friend to our parents and a loving companion to Roland for many years. We have great memories of many dinners and a lot of laughter. Ann and Craig Nilsson*

Ann Nilsson - August 19, 2025 at 06:57 PM