



Sally McClain

January 17, 1955 - March 6, 2024

Sally McClain, 69, died on March 6, 2024 at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, MO, with her son and loving family by her side.

Sally was born on January 17, 1955. She graduated from Alton High School, the University of Illinois, and Washington University in St. Louis Olin Business School in 1990. She worked at Monsanto for 25 years. She then taught for several years before returning to the pharmaceutical industry and ended her career at Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Jed and Sally were married on August 5, 1978. During those thirty-five years, there was not Jed without Sally or Sally without Jed. They were synonymous. Her son, Hunter, was her pride and joy.

Sally was a devout Christian. She was a very special person who never complained even when times were hard. Sally was always present for her family and friends. She was never judgmental. Just loving and willing to do what was needed. Sally was a faithful prayer partner.

Sally was preceded in death by her husband Jed McClain, her parents Dr. Hood and Jane (Hunter) Harris and her sister and brother-in-law Betsy and Dave Shick. She was also preceded in death by her mother-in-law and father-in-law Ralph and Mary Lou McClain.

She is survived by her loving son Hunter (Trey) of St. Louis, MO. Surviving also are two sisters: Nancy Harris of New York, NY; and Susan Benedict (Bill) of St. Louis, MO. Also, Sally is survived by her sisters-in-law: Pam Youngblood (Jim) of Godfrey, IL; and Tanya Collins (Greg) of Springfield, IL; and her brother-in-law Bart McClain (Louetta) of Cockeysville, MD. She will be dearly missed by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until funeral service at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton, IL. Pastors Andre' Dobson and Christopher Rogers will officiate. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey, IL.

Memorial contributions can be made to Bridge of Hope Ministries (<https://bridgeofhopestl.org>) or The Salvation Army Greater St. Louis. (<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/midland/>).

Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KM

“*Kate (Moffat) and Jonathan Mosier purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Sally McClain.*



Kate (Moffat) and Jonathan Mosier - April 02, 2024 at 09:40 AM

KP

“*What a ray of sunshine Sally was here on earth and what a bright brilliant light she is in heaven now. I look forward to praising our Lord Jesus Christ with her.*

So many swim team memories, so many beautiful prayer group memories, so many BRIDGE memories. We were greeters together on Sundays mornings! We shared the excitement of planting a new church. We laughed and hugged and prayed and cheered on our boys.

Sally was so kind, always loving , she always looked for the best in EVERYONE.

She was so proud of her beautiful son.

Hunter I am praying for your strength and peace. Be at peace because you know where she is and is surrounded by perfect love. Hunter you are cherished.

Kim Pope - March 16, 2024 at 11:18 AM

AL

“ I’m so blessed to have known you Sally. Thank you for your kindness, the laugh's, and for your “Sally” way of seeing others, including me. I miss you. So much can be said, but thank you for being you and for being a part of my life. A salmon salad will never be the same without you. My thoughts are with your family and friends during difficult time.



Allison - March 14, 2024 at 12:31 AM

FQ

“ To Sally's Family, May the LORD comfort you in the remembering of our dear Sally. She was a huge help to me in the days when she attended Northway in TX. We did Biblical counsel training together and I often was the one with the questions of a client and Sally was so gentle with her truth and teaching. I missed her when she returned to you all. I miss her now. Much love, Fran Querio

Fran Querio - March 13, 2024 at 09:41 PM

SD

“ Sandy Dunn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sally McClain.

Sandy Dunn - March 13, 2024 at 01:04 PM

SD

“ Sandy Dunn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sally McClain.



Sandy Dunn - March 13, 2024 at 01:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sally McClain.*



March 12, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ *So grateful for such precious memories from earlier years, so very blessed for your remarkable friendship. Love you so!*

Mary Schrimpf - March 12, 2024 at 05:19 PM



Mary, it is so lovely to hear from you. I wanted to contact you but had no idea how so I'm pleased that you know of Sal's passing. I vividly remember the two of you playing and creating havoc all day all the over Greenwood Meadows. I think of you, Mary, with deep fondness. Nancy

Nancy J Harris - March 13, 2024 at 07:47 PM



So, so glad for your response. Sal and I lost touch but I am as heartbroken as all of you. We were so close for such a long time. As I've reflected, the entire family is on my mind....your mom's references to Sal, Nance, Bets, and it seems like Susie was Sue, not Suse. TV in the family room, the cocktail hour, the bus stop walks, BLOCK's, Fortnightly, Sal's red convertible, the Pepperidge Farm bread in the freezer...I could go on forever. Please give my love to everyone and know that Sally's memory will always be treasured.

Mary Schrimpf - March 13, 2024 at 08:49 PM



Sweet sweet Sally-- Her photo next to this comment is exactly how I will always remember her. She looks the exact same as when we were both 5yo. So TRULY sad.

Michael Blakely - March 26, 2024 at 08:41 AM

TF

“ The Dooley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sally McClain.

The Dooley Family - March 12, 2024 at 02:43 PM

TF

“ The Dooley Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sally McClain.



The Dooley Family - March 12, 2024 at 02:43 PM

TL

“ The Dragons (Carrie, Stac and Laurie) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sally McClain.



The Dragons (Carrie, Stac and Laurie) - March 12, 2024 at 12:15 PM

SP

“ Steve Emer, Ed Crader & Bobby Pitaya planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sally McClain.

Steve Emer, Ed Crader & Bobby Pitaya - March 12, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sally McClain.*



March 12, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ *Sally was a beautiful and kind soul and I will truly miss my friend. Memories of Sally will forever remain in my heart and memory. The McClain family is in the Crews family's thoughts and prayers during this sad time.*
~Gladys Crews and Family



Gladys Crews - March 12, 2024 at 01:53 AM



Gladys, my name is Nancy Harris, Sally's oldest sister. When I spent time with her this last Xmas she spoke of you often in glowing terms about your work ethic and how connected she felt to you personally. I thank you for what you did with and for her. Sally cared about you Gladys. Take good care of yourself and your lovely daughter. Nancy

Nancy J Harris - March 13, 2024 at 07:27 PM



Thank you Nancy. Sally and I would laugh and talk about how much we were on calls together that our families knew each of our names. Sally and I got to work on many projects together but our during a trip to AL we really discovered how many similarities we had and one big one was that we had one son and our love for our sons. Besides work we'd talk about our babies and laugh. Sally was such a sweet friend. Nancy you take care too.

Gladys Crews - March 14, 2024 at 04:16 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sally McClain.*



March 12, 2024 at 01:44 AM



“ *Bart, Louetta, Morgan, Anna K & families purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Sally McClain.*



Bart, Louetta, Morgan, Anna K & families - March 11, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ *Love- The Schuessler Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Sally McClain.*



Love- The Schuessler Family - March 11, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ *Love- The Schuessler Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sally McClain.*

Love- The Schuessler Family - March 11, 2024 at 04:34 PM

MR

“ Each time I greeted Sister McClain she was warm and very soft spoken. It was during Sunday School at First Baptist Church of Chesterfield that she expressed how excited she was about the lesson that was presented that day. I smiled and said “Thank you, my husband will be encouraged by your kind words”. When I shared that “we pray you will join us again,” she gently smiled and said, “I plan to. “

We appreciate the short time God allowed Sister McClain to be a part of our faith family. To the McClain family, May God comfort you in your time of sorrow and May you find strength in knowing that you will rejoice with Sally again one day. 1Thessalnians 4:13-18.

Minister Darryl Redmond and Sister Loretta Redmond 

Minister Redmond - March 11, 2024 at 04:17 PM

ES

I know it's been nearly 6 months since Sally went to be with Jesus. I heard about her home going about 2 months ago. I was so surprised and still my heart misses her. She truly was a very special lady and friend. I pray for Sally's family and ask the Lord to comfort your hearts. We met Sally at our church in The Woodlands, TX. My husband was the Senior Pastor at the time of our meeting. Sally was always faithful to attend Bible Study in our home. I miss this Dear Dear Lady so much!
Elaine & Kerry Skinner

elaine Skinner - August 13, 2024 at 04:15 PM