



## Sally Marie Ursch

June 12, 1958 - November 9, 2025

Dateline: Godfrey

Sally Marie Ursch was born on June 12, 1958 in Alton, IL to Bernard J. Ursch and Peggy J. Ursch. She passed away on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 7:20 AM at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL at the age of 67. Sally was the kindest person and had the biggest heart. She was the youngest of 4 children and she lived in Alton throughout her childhood and teenage years. As a child she loved sports, fishing, animals, plants and being outdoors. She attended St. Mary's School and then later Alton High School, graduating in 1976. Sally attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for her Bachelor's Degree as well as her Master's, which she finished in 1990.

It was at SIUE that she met the love of her life, Mollie J. Fedor. Mollie and Sally enjoyed travelling in their camper across the country, especially to places like Montana and Wyoming. They also enjoyed camping and fishing trips close to home. Their lives were filled with dogs, cats, gardening, and feeding and watching the birds and wildlife in their yard in Godfrey as well as cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates. Sally worked the majority of her career in nursing homes in the Edwardsville area and took care of her residents as if they were her own family members, which she felt they were. Sally spent her days and many nights with residents, especially when they had no family of their own. She was a patient and calming presence that staff

and residents alike came to rely on.

Sally retired early in order to take care of her mother, and later her step-father Ralph Milford, who preceded her in death. She also cared for her partner Mollie as she battled cancer, passing away in October of 2024. Sally was also preceded in death by her brother Tom Ursch, her sister Ann Rowan, and her brother-in-law John Fitzgerald. She is survived by her sister and best friend Karen Fitzgerald and a brother-in-law Bill Rowan. Also left to cherish her memory are her favorite niece Jeanne (Steve Koopman) MacAinsh, 6 beloved nephews Pat (Jamie) Fitzgerald, Tom (Kristine) Fitzgerald, Mike (Julie) Fitzgerald, David (Emmett) Fitzgerald-Sullivan, Scott (Jill) Monroe, Chad Monroe and many great nieces and nephews, as well as her mother-in-law Betty Fedor and sisters-in-law Jean (Lori O'Bryan) Fedor and Anne Fedor. Sally also leaves behind her life-long friend Cheryl McLagan, friends and caregivers Debbie Martin, Goldie Clarke, and Kristy Burns as well as her helpful and generous friend "24 Hour" Bill Gottlob. Our sincere thanks to her family, friends and neighbors, all of whom have helped out as we navigated some very difficult times.

A one hour visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, IL. Father Don Robers will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey, IL. Memorials may be made to 5A's of Alton or Helping Hands Food Pantry of St. Peter and Paul Church in Alton. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
519 E 4th St  
Alton, IL 62002-2602  
(618) 465-4284

## Funeral Mass

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ *My dear neighbor, Sally, how I will miss you. Rest in peace and tell Mollie how much I miss her.*

ROBIN G BATSON - November 28, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Sally Marie Ursch.*



November 25, 2025 at 08:30 PM

RM

“ *Scott, Chad, Berry, so sorry to hear of another loss in your family! Only met Sally a couple times but seemed very nice. Your in our thoughts and prayers  
Reg and Jack monroe*

Regina Monroe - November 24, 2025 at 12:08 PM

CN

“ *We knew Sally when she worked at University. She was an outstanding & loving Social Worker. She always had a sense of humor, & the residents loved her.  
Dennis & Catherine Nobbe*

Catherine Nobbe - November 23, 2025 at 08:11 PM

KB

“ I've known Sally since she was a little girl. We lived next door to the Ursch Family on Alby Street and I was her sister, Ann's, close friend growing up. The Ursch family always made you feel like you were a part of their family. I spent so many happy hours at their house! Sally was an adorable child - blonde, funny, trying hard to keep up with her brother and sisters - and always keeping us laughing. She was a wonderful person - strong and sure of herself, but with a wicked sense of humor - and she will be missed. I am certain Barney, Peggy, Tom and Ann were glad to welcome her to heaven.

*Kyle Tackwell Ball*

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**Kyle Ball** - November 23, 2025 at 04:32 PM

MS

“ I went to grade school with Sally at St Mary's what a kind Soul. Compassionate and Caring Rest now in Jesus Peace.  
*Mary Ann Corona*

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**Mary Schmieg** - November 23, 2025 at 11:55 AM

JT

“ Heartfelt sympathy....🥹. Rest in Peace, Sally.

*Rick & Jill Trudell*



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**Jill Trudell** - November 23, 2025 at 11:40 AM