



## Sally R. Schlager

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Sally Rich Schlager, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully on December 27, 2024, at the age of 93.

Born on June 21, 1931, to Katherine and Henry Rich Thompson, Sally grew up in Detroit, Michigan, and attended Denby High School. In 1951, she married the love of her life, Gerald “Jerry” Schlager, embarking on a journey together filled with love, laughter and devotion. Jerry preceded her in death in 1998, but their almost 47 years together were a testament to enduring partnership and love.

Sally and Jerry started their married life while Jerry served four years in the U.S. Airforce. In 1955 they settled in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, where they built their home and raised their five children. Sally was a pillar of strength and joy in her family, creating a warm and welcoming home for all who entered. She was preceded in death by her sons, Edward “Buddy” Schlager (wife, Mary Schlager) and Douglas Schlager (wife, Nancy Schlager). She is survived by her daughters, Robin Crawford (husband, Bill Crawford), Colleen Bohn (husband, John Bohn) and Elizabeth Elgert (husband, Jeff Elgert). Sally was the proud grandmother of 13 and great-grandmother of 14, who will forever cherish her memory and the love she shared with them.

Sally was a devoted friend of Bill W. and a guiding light to many as a Sponsor., offering support and wisdom to those on their journey to recovery.

She found immense joy in playing cards, dancing and cooking for family and friends. Summers were especially treasured, as she hosted her family at “Camp” in the Upper Peninsula, where generations of her family created cherished memories, filled with laughter, adventures, and togetherness. Sally’s kindness, warmth and unwavering love for her family and friends leaving a legacy that will endure in the hearts of all who knew her. Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home-New Haven.

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“ *What an outstanding person she was. Sally and Jerry Schlager raised terrific children who grew up to be exceptional adults. She and her husband were important parts to a childhood filled with 20th century middle class privilege-- which was a calm, quiet patience for all of us in their care. I knew Mr. and Mrs. Schlager my whole life and I never heard them speak ill of anyone. Those of us who grew up on Share Street were so fortunate to have been brought up by the Schlagers, Denolfs, Harwoods, Torrentos, Tatorises, the Flattery family, oh, the list goes on. We will miss Sally Schlager always, but our love for her and all those wonderful neighbors in that perfect American community will be carried with each of us for all times.*

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