



Marcella "Sally" Schmidt

March 25, 1924 - January 8, 2023

Marcella "Sally" Schmidt, age 98 of Little Falls, formerly of Swanville, MN passed away peacefully with family by her side and earned her angel wings on January 8, 2023 at Highland Senior Living. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 16, 2023, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN with Rev. Kevin Zellers officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery South East of Long Prairie, MN. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 AM on Monday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Sally was so easy to love that it made her deeply loved by many. She will always be remembered by her adoring family and many friends for her heartwarming welcome, ready smile, and the kindness that radiated from her heart. Caring for Sally and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN.

Sally was born on March 25, 1924 in Long Prairie, MN to Henry and Anna (Meincke) Gmeiner. She along with her two sisters and three brothers grew up helping on their family farm outside Long Prairie. After their chores were done, they often enjoyed swimming and relaxing at nearby Lake Charlotte; Sally was known to "swim like a fish". She attended country school through eighth grade, then completed her high school education in Long Prairie. On some days, prior to walking to school in the morning, she helped her father deliver milk to area residents by horse-drawn wagon, no matter the time of year or weather condition. After high school Sally was employed for a few years in the retail industry, first at a local "dime store" and then a department store in Long

Prairie. During this time Sally met her first true love, Erhard William Schmidt, and spent many evenings listening and dancing to his band, The Knights of Rhythm, "Central Minnesota's danciest little band"! Sally was united in marriage to Erhard on June 5, 1946 in Long Prairie, MN. They built their home on Erhard's parent's dairy and crop farm outside of Swanville. Erhard also worked at Larson Boatworks in Little Falls. Sally and Erhard were blessed with one son, Dale, and three daughters, Linda, Rhonda and Brenda. After nearly 20 years of marriage, and at the young age of 47, Erhard suddenly left this world after being diagnosed with a terminal condition. Sally remained on the farm lovingly raising her young children. This strong-willed woman, leading by example, taught them many valuable life lessons. In 1970 she was employed by Swanville Elementary School as a teacher's aide and playground supervisor. She remained there for 28 years where she touched the hearts of many students and developed life-long friendships with many staff members.

In 1980 she met Wade Murray, her loving companion for the next 35 years. They both shared a love of dancing and music, a relaxed country lifestyle, and spending time with family and friends making many new memories together. Sally was known for her love of cooking, baking, flowers, and birds. You would be hard pressed to walk into Sally's home without being offered some fresh baked goods or a good home-cooked meal.

Sally is survived by her three daughters, Linda (Daniel) Mielke, Rhonda (David) Mielke and Brenda (Steven) Klein; Seven Grandchildren, Lee (Christin) Mielke, Kristen (Christopher) Sonju, Bradley (Kara) Schmidt; Alyssa (Miah) Snesrud, Alyson (Jeff) Leno, Bob (Karen) Mielke, and Karly Klein; Thirteen Great-Grandchildren, Payton, Parker, and Cameron Mielke; Ellie, Ethan and Ava Sonju; Braden and Macie Schmidt; Calvin and Davis Snesrud; Berkeley and Winston Leno; and Alexis Mielke.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents, Anna and Henry Gmeiner;

brothers, Lawrence, Ervin, and Elmer Gmeiner; sisters, Esther Claseman and Bernice Diebel; husband, Erhard Schmidt; companion, Wade Murray; son, Dale Schmidt and numerous other family members and friends.

Many thanks go out to the staff at Highland Senior Living for the loving care given to our mother throughout her 12 years there, to Reverend Kevin Zellers for always remembering mom with his visits, to St. Croix Hospice for the helpful and thoughtful care given in recent weeks, and to all for holding mom's hands when we were not there to do so. Sally was blessed to have made many friendships in her time at Highland, and will be greatly missed by them all. Mom was surrounded by so much caring and love it warms our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery-Southeast Long Prairie, MN

21647 281st Avenue
Long Prairie, MN 56347

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville
502 Berkey Avenue
Swanville, MN

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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502 Berkey Avenue
Swanville, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 12, 2023 at 03:17 PM

KF

What a wonderful tribute to Sally.

Karen Finnegan - January 15, 2023 at 10:36 PM



“ *Marcella "Sally" Schmidt*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt.*



January 13, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt.*



January 13, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt.*



January 13, 2023 at 12:33 PM

LG

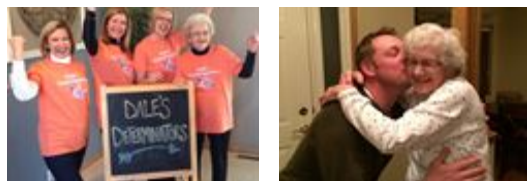
“ Sally was an AMAZING woman..... my mom and she worked together at Swanville School for many years..... After they both had retired.....they still stayed in touch..... My mom and dad would visit Sally at Highland sr Living..... and then years later, my mom moved into Highland.... Sally made my mom's adjustment to Highland SOOO MUCH easier for all of us, Sally was like an Angel on earth for my mom..... I got to really know Sally and her wonderful daughters and I can truly say they are FAMILY to us.... Sally..... you will never be forgotten and your sweet memories and zest for life will live on forever..... I know you are dancing right now....Love you Sally... We are so blessed to have had you in our life on earth.... HUGS and thanks for smiling for the many photos I always wanted to take of you!!!!
XOXOXOX
Leeanne Grosso



Leeanne Grosso - January 12, 2023 at 11:49 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 12, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt.



January 12, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 12, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt.



January 11, 2023 at 02:47 PM

LD

“ Sally was a Beautiful Soul and a Wonderful Lady! We met in Swanville elementary school when I was 5. She thought us how to be kind and follow the rules with a gentle smile. We had moved away for 10 years and when we returned to the area, she picked up with our family right where we left off. She was a dear friend to the Behsman Family and will be missed Dearly. Prayers to the family members- you were truly Blessed with a real Gem. Rest in Peace Sally and Say Hi to the folks in Heaven.

Lori (Behsman) Dittrich - January 11, 2023 at 11:31 AM

LG

“ Sally always had a way about her she could ALWAYS make you smile no matter how grumpy you were. When we stayed with her and the kids the house always smelled so good with fresh baked bread and other goodies, she was a WONDERFUL and VERY KIND person, I never wanted to leave.

LuAnn Gerold - January 10, 2023 at 10:44 PM

VG

“ Vicki Green lit a candle in memory of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt



Vicki Green - January 10, 2023 at 10:18 PM

KK

“ Karen Koester lit a candle in memory of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt



Karen Koester - January 10, 2023 at 08:51 PM

JB

“ Hopefully knowing that your mom is at peace and now getting acquainted with other family members and friends up in heaven will give you peace. Her friendly smile will be missed.

Jean Bohlman - January 10, 2023 at 08:13 PM

BS

“ Becky (Hanson) Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt



Becky (Hanson) Schmidt - January 10, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt.



January 10, 2023 at 06:28 PM

KM

“ *Kim Mielke lit a candle in memory of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt*



Kim Mielke - January 10, 2023 at 09:33 AM

CE

“ *Collette Ehrenberg lit a candle in memory of Marcella "Sally" Schmidt*



collette Ehrenberg - January 09, 2023 at 07:39 PM

BB

“ *RIP Sally sending prayers to family*



Brenda Baum - January 09, 2023 at 07:27 PM

BS

Our deepest sympathy to all of Sally's families

Brenda Schmidt - January 09, 2023 at 10:37 PM

TB

My sympathies to Sally's family. What a beautiful lady I was lucky to know and work with! She was such a blessing during her days in Swanville School!! I can "hear" her smile and laugh! So kind to all! I thought of her often, and sadly missed out on chances to visit her in the layer years. A great life to celebrate! God welcomes her to Heaven with Glory!!

Theresa Bisek - January 10, 2023 at 12:48 PM