



## Sally Louise Michael

August 29, 1945 - July 2, 2020

Sally L. Michael, 74, of Rensselaer, passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2020. Sally was born on August 29, 1945, to the late Kenneth and Jean (Wagner) Hasty.

Sally enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom while her children were young, but later established her Wee Wisdom Preschool and taught for nearly 30 years to an estimated 1,000 children.

In December of 1964, Sally married John Michael, a local educator, and they shared 55 wonderful years together. They enjoyed dancing, traveling to many of the national parks, and spending time with their family.

After her retirement from teaching in 1998, Sally was active in the Rensselaer community as well as the winters in her retirement community in Winter Haven, Florida. Sally was a very social person, and one of her loves was hosting meals and parties, small and large, in both Rensselaer and Winter Haven.

Sally is survived by her husband, John; two sons, Jeff (Cheryl) Michael and Greg (Katie) Michael; seven grandchildren, Rainey, Maddie, and Emmy (daughters of Jeff) and Sophie, Jimi, John, and Rowan (children of Greg); three sisters, Susie (Hasty) Riggs of San Antonio, TX; Marcy (Michael) Busse

of Twin Lakes, WI; and Gayla (Michael) Tilton of Coatsville, IN.

Due to the on-going pandemic, the family has chosen a private service. However, please visit [www.jacksonfuneral.com](http://www.jacksonfuneral.com) to leave condolences and celebrate Sally's life.

# Tribute Wall

CO

“ Cheryl Schultz Oreskovich lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael



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**Cheryl Schultz Oreskovich** - July 11, 2020 at 10:34 AM

CO

Marcy, may many happy memories you have of Sally replace the sadness you feel in your heart now. Wishing you peace. Cheryl Schultz Oreskovich

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**Cheryl Schultz Oreskovich** - July 11, 2020 at 10:37 AM

PL

“ John, Jeff, Greg & families-My heart is so saddened to hear of Sally's passing. She was truly one of the sweetest, kindest ladies I have ever known. I remember her starting her preschool & inviting Heather to be in her first class, followed by Stacie & Missy. She touched the hearts of so many children that passed through her "school". May she rest in peace.  
Phyllis Lanoue



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**Phyllis Lanoue** - July 08, 2020 at 10:28 AM

DI

“ With deepest sympathy to all the family. She always had a kind word and a smile.  
Peter and Diane Fish

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**Diane** - July 07, 2020 at 07:28 PM

DT

“ I was privileged to spend "quality " time with Sally just days before she left us. She told me I was a " good sister-in-law", but I paled in comparison to her. She was also a dear friend. My late husband Chuck preceded her, she promised the two of them would have a " party" and share good memories on my behave. I love you and will miss you

Gayla Tilton

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Debbie Tilton - July 07, 2020 at 12:54 PM

KP

“ Sally had all three of my sons at her pre-school. She was one of the most kind and patient women that I have ever met. I always knew my sons were safe with Sally. She taught them how to tie their shoes, how to mail a letter, how to stand in line and not always have to be first (Ben had a little issue with that, so his father got to have that visit with Mrs. Michael). Our youngest son was the very first class that she had that was all boys! The stories she told of that special group of seven (7) little fellas are some of the best. Sally, may you rest in peace. I truly believe there is a special place for you. The lives you touched are forever changed.

With much love and respect,  
Kristina M Phillips

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Kris English Phillips - July 07, 2020 at 11:47 AM

JH

“ Janice HopkinsMalchow lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael



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Janice HopkinsMalchow - July 07, 2020 at 10:56 AM

BJ

“ *My sincere sympathy for you all! Such a nice lady and wonderful family.*

*Beth Pigford Jacobs*

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**Beth Jacobs** - July 06, 2020 at 02:32 PM

MS

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Sweet Mrs. Michael. She taught me in preschool and our family still talks about her as of this day over 30 years later. Such a sweet soul. Truly one of a kind.*

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**Misty Struble** - July 06, 2020 at 02:27 PM

PB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all may you feel God's loving arms around you full of strength, comfort and peace. Sally was the most wonderful person a pure delight!*

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**Phyllis Britt** - July 06, 2020 at 11:32 AM

JB

“ *Janet Brown lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



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**Janet Brown** - July 06, 2020 at 07:08 AM

JB

*So sorry to hear about Sally. Our deepest sympathy to all of the family and our thoughts will be with you at this difficult time.*

*Mike and Janet Brown*

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**Janet Brown** - July 06, 2020 at 07:13 AM

SK

“ John we are so sad to hear about Sally's passing. Our mom spoke highly of her cousin and loved their summer family visits. You and your friends are in our prayers.

*Demetra Wagner Kennedy's children.*

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**Shana Kennedy** - July 06, 2020 at 06:46 AM

VB

*Sympathy In the loss of your beloved Sally.*

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**Valerie Brunton** - July 08, 2020 at 08:27 AM

RL

“ Ron and Connie Lowman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sally Louise Michael.



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**Ron and Connie Lowman** - July 05, 2020 at 02:48 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Dot Demyan** - July 05, 2020 at 02:43 PM

EL

“ I am so sad today to learn about Sally. She was the kindest and most giving person. She taught me how to make the best potato soup with dumplings. I still make it and think of her each time. We were neighbors when they lived on McKinley street. She was always helping someone. I am so sorry John and Jeff and Greg for your loss. Elaine Zacek Sanders

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**elaine** - July 05, 2020 at 12:07 PM

MP

“ our deepest sympathy and prayers and hugs to John and family. Many great visits and family love ,shared and appreciated in Sally. A true inspiration of God's giving love to all. So many stories!

*Cousins Margie (Wagner) & Larry Pixey*

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**margie wagenr pixey** - July 05, 2020 at 10:07 AM

JK

“ So shocked and saddened to hear about Sally's passing. Sally was such a sweet person her whole life through. We went to school together from St. Augustine's Grade School and Rensselaer High School. Sally was never without a smile on her face. She was a wonderful person to be around. Our deepest condolences to John, Jeff, Greg and family.

*Mike and Janett Kingman*

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**Janett Kingman** - July 04, 2020 at 05:55 PM

DS

“ Sally was always smiling, and it was that way from the time we were all kids until we were all senior citizens. The picture of John and Sally walking around town holding hands will indelibly be in our minds. She was a special person.

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**Dave and Kathy Staddon** - July 04, 2020 at 05:29 PM

NC

“ Words fail me, everything seems so trite. Sally was a breath of fresh air, and always had a genuine smile for everyone. She was my “little sister”my volunteer baby sitter, my help mate, when I had four little ones in five years. She loved the little ones. Actually, I believe she loved everyone. My deepest sympathy to you, John, Jeff, Greg, and Susie, and all the grandchildren. Rest In Peace, Sal. You will certainly be missed.

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**Nancy Murphy Chapman** - July 04, 2020 at 04:25 PM

LC

“ So sad to hear this news. But thankful to have Mrs. Michael as my first teacher and an ongoing presence growing up with Jeff and Greg. She was such a special person to so many people. Thinking of the entire family. Especially Mr. Michael, as "John and Sally" were considered one word in Rensselaer. She will be missed but never forgotten.

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**Lance Crowe** - July 04, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sally Louise Michael.



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July 04, 2020 at 07:59 AM

LB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Michaels Family. I enjoyed babysitting for your boys way back when.*  
*Lorie Brand*



**lorie brand** - July 04, 2020 at 05:00 AM

EY

“ *Many fond memories of Sally and John and the boys when we were neighbors. She was a sweet, loving person, who had a kind worthy of everyone and never forgot one of "her kids" Heaven gained a real treasure.*



*Eunice Yeoman-Franke*

**Eunice Yeoman-Franke** - July 03, 2020 at 10:24 PM

BB

“ *Bill & Lolly Bruce lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



**Bill & Lolly Bruce** - July 03, 2020 at 09:09 PM

LK

“ *Liz Kanney lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



**Liz Kanney** - July 03, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ 8" Angel holding Dove was purchased for the family of Sally Louise Michael.



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July 03, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ Sally was the best she reached all3 of our children's they loved her still talk about her and he is 44 years old. She always stop me and ask about our children she always remember her children's no matter how old they were YOU WILL BE MISSED. BOBBY,BETTY AND PUD MISS YOU ALSO



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**Billie Jean Hofferth** - July 03, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ I'm really sorry to hear this.  
Sally and John were our next door neighbors for many years and were good neighbors and nice people.  
I'm sure Sally will be missed by many.  
My condolences to the Michael family.  
Ed Davisson

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**Ed Davisson** - July 03, 2020 at 05:21 PM

DW

“ *Tour sincere sympathy to all of you.*

*Don and Gloria Waymouth*



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**Don and Gloria Waymouth** - July 03, 2020 at 04:45 PM

DG

“ *Sally was a beautiful person whose smile would welcome all in her presence! She was a great friend in high school and was one of the first welcoming friends when I returned. She will be greatly missed, but Sally is now enjoying the fruit of her caring life. John, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Dick Green** - July 03, 2020 at 01:19 PM

BL

“ *Our Son Kyle was one of Sally's students. He was so shy, he barely spoke to a stranger when she welcomed him to Wee Wisdom. I joked with her years later that she needed to put him "back" in his shell. We believe that she had a major role in Kyle's early development. She was a very Special teacher and caring person. To John and her Family, we pray for God's peace during this difficult time. Bob and Debbie(McIntyre) Linback*

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**Bob and Debbie Linback** - July 03, 2020 at 12:23 PM

BZ

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Sally's passing! She was truly a very special kind hearted person. She was not only my cousin, but also a friend I will dearly miss! Your whole family are in our prayers! 🙏🙏*  
*🙏 Barb and Joe Zimmer*

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**Barbara Zimmer** - July 03, 2020 at 12:11 PM

ML

“ Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael



Martha Langley - July 03, 2020 at 11:51 AM

RS

“ An incredible woman and an incredible family. So many great memories of constantly being at the Michael house growing up - Sally was like a 2nd mom. Always so warm and welcoming. But her singing “Sugar in the Morning” will always be a special memory for me of a very special lady. Love that family! RIP Sally.

Rick Stefanich - July 03, 2020 at 11:33 AM

ST

“ Heaven has acquired a beautiful person. My heart of prayers and love go to all her family and friends. God bless you as you journey through this time and adjustment.

Sandra Todd - July 03, 2020 at 11:31 AM

MJ

“ An enduring memory of Sally and John walking around Countryside; leaning in a little and steps in unison, much as they went through life.

MaryAnn Jackson - July 03, 2020 at 11:25 AM

CW

“ *Our sincere sympathy to John and the family.  
Condolences,  
Jack and Cherol Wahl*

cherol wahl - July 03, 2020 at 11:17 AM

LW

“ *Sending prayers.*

*Louise Wortley*

Louise Wortley - July 03, 2020 at 11:05 AM

PW

“ *Phil & Noelle Weishaar lit a candle in memory  
of Sally Louise Michael*



Phil & Noelle Weishaar - July 03, 2020 at 11:03 AM

PW

*Sally was my preschool teacher and for my children as well. We have such fond memories of her. She was a sincere, kind-hearted person. Our condolences to John, Jeff, and Greg.*

Phil & Noelle Weishaar - July 03, 2020 at 11:05 AM

JH

“ *Prayers for the family!!*

Jeff Hesson - July 03, 2020 at 10:09 AM

RL

“ So very sorry to learn of Sally's passing. Such a wonderful, caring, kind hearted, fun loving friend to so many. Sally left an impact on so many lives and hearts! Prayers for strength and comfort now and in the days ahead.



Rita J Layton - July 03, 2020 at 10:00 AM

JW

“ Sally was such a sweet lady. She will be missed! My deepest condolences to the family.



Jill Wilson - July 03, 2020 at 09:56 AM

BP

“ John and family,  
So shocked to hear the news of Sally's passing. She was a beautiful person inside and out! Her loss is a loss to many who knew her as family, friend and teacher. May the Heavens enjoy this wonderful person as we did here on earth for 74 years!  
George and Bernice Post and family

Bernice Post - July 03, 2020 at 08:22 AM

KF

“ Love, hugs, thoughts, prayers and our deepest sympathies to John, Jeff, Greg and families. Heaven has gained a true angel!❤️

Kryshak Family - July 03, 2020 at 08:18 AM

GW

“ *Glen And Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



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**Glen and Linda Wood** - July 03, 2020 at 08:10 AM

TH

“ *So Sorry John and family, Sally brightened the world with everyone she met. Her hugs and smiles and compassion will be missed by us all.*



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**Trudy Henry** - July 03, 2020 at 07:59 AM

DB

“ *Awesome lady and wonderful preschool teacher.*

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**DEBBIE BALTES** - July 03, 2020 at 07:41 AM

RW

“ *Sally was a wonderful and caring lady. She will be missed. Condolences to the family.*



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**Regina Warfel** - July 03, 2020 at 07:38 AM

DH

“ *Denny And Susie Healey lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



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**Denny and Susie Healey** - July 03, 2020 at 06:50 AM

CD

“ *John and family: We are so sorry to hear of Sally's passing. Sally will sure be missed by so many. May your memories bring only smiles. Love you (((hugs)))*

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**Connie and Dave** - July 03, 2020 at 06:49 AM

CD

“ *Connie And Dave lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



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**Connie and Dave** - July 03, 2020 at 06:44 AM

JL

“ John and Family, We are so sorry to learn of the passing of Sally. She was a beautiful lady who had a smile for everyone. Our daughter Laura was fortunate to have had her as her first teacher, at the great place called Wee Wisdom Nursery School. Our hearts go out to you in love and sympathy. Sally was representative of what made Rensselaer such a great town to live in. Wish there were more people like her. This world would be so much better if there were. Rest in peace, Dear Lady, Jim & Dorothy



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**Jim & Dorothy Lefler** - July 02, 2020 at 11:49 PM

RP

“ Ralph And Lisa Pizer lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael



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**Ralph and Lisa Pizer** - July 02, 2020 at 11:38 PM

CM

“ Chuck And Jackie Malchow lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael



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**Chuck and Jackie Malchow** - July 02, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ *John-My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sally was such a sweet lady. God grant you strength and comfort. From my heart to your's-----Kim Mount*

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**Kim Mount** - July 02, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ *Janice Odom lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



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**Janice Odom** - July 02, 2020 at 10:13 PM



*My heart is so saddened to hear this news. Sally was a friend for year"@s and a teacher to 3 of my family members who also adored her. Her beautiful smile & personality were so magnetic. My sincere sympathy goes out to John & the boys and all of the family. Fly high with the Angels sweet Sally.*

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**Janice Odom** - July 02, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ *John - Prayers to you and your family from Jacquie and I. Sally was a special person*

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**Jay Covill** - July 02, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ *OMG! This shocked me. What a wonderful person she was. I don't think there is one preschool Wee Wisdom student that won't remember her with love. Rest in peace dear lady😭*

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**Karen Brunton** - July 02, 2020 at 09:34 PM

CB

“ Oh my Dear God. I can't hardly believe this. Loved her. I remember very early years of cheerleading when she would lead us at practice. We also shared many laughs. May she Rest In Peace 🙏💕

Chris Pass Bormann - July 02, 2020 at 09:11 PM

DE

“ George and I are so sorry for your loss. Sally will be missed by many.



Deb & George Ellis - July 02, 2020 at 09:06 PM

JS

“ June Simmons lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael



June Simmons - July 02, 2020 at 08:51 PM

JS

Sally has been my friend for such a long time. I will miss her so much and love her always. June Simmons

June Simmons - July 02, 2020 at 08:57 PM

LE

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Michael's family.*



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**Lynda Edwards** - July 02, 2020 at 08:50 PM

RA

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Sally. I have many great memories of growing up in Rensselaer when we were kids and being at Grandma Wagner's.*  
*Robin Askren*

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**Robin Askren** - July 02, 2020 at 08:31 PM

CE

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Michael family and her sister Susie. Heaven gained an angel. Connie Byron Elliot*

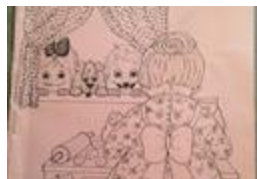
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**Connie Byron Elliott** - July 02, 2020 at 08:21 PM

AF

“ *Mrs. Michael's was my preschool teacher. I always loved going to school at her house. I still have my Wee Wisdom Cookbook we made. She was a wonderful teacher and lady. All my sympathies to the Michael family.*

*Anne (Chapman)Findley*



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**Anne Findley** - July 02, 2020 at 08:11 PM

ES

*John, my sincerest condolences to you and your family. I have such fond memories of Susie's little sister. I am very sad for all of you.*

Ellen Blumenthal Searles - July 03, 2020 at 02:28 AM

KB

“ *Kim Berenda lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



Kim Berenda - July 02, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *I remember when Sally would come to visit Jean in the nursing home. Such a good person who always had a smile for everyone, residents and staff.*

*Deepest sympathy to John and family.  
Cindy Ransford*

Cindy Ransford - July 02, 2020 at 08:05 PM

AN

*What a wonderful lady. She always had time to stop and talk to me. Her smile was contagious. Prayers to John and the boys. You will be missed by all.*

andy nagel - July 03, 2020 at 08:33 AM

GK

“ Greg Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael



Greg Kaufman - July 02, 2020 at 08:00 PM

JE

“ Sally taught each of our children where I know she was every bit of angel on earth as she will be in heaven. Much love and our heartfelt condolences Jeff and Greg and her beloved, John.

Judy Egan - July 02, 2020 at 07:55 PM

JM

“ Sally was a classmate. I have only happy memories of many events we all attended. She and John hosted a class reunion at their house, and were always so friendly and fun to be around. She had a heartfelt testimony for Jesus. Rest in peace, my friend. You will truly be missed. Judi Arnott Manns.



Judi Manns - July 02, 2020 at 07:43 PM

MS

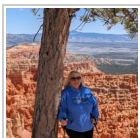
“ John and family, sally was one of the kindest people I have ever known. Hold her in your hearts and know she made a difference in this world. Michele Eger Sanfilippo

michele sanfilippo - July 02, 2020 at 07:40 PM

PN

“ *Such a sweet and wonderful lady. She will be missed by so many. Prayers for John and all the family.*

**Pam Nelson** - July 02, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ *John & Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I always enjoyed visiting with Sally and have fond memories of her teaching both our girls. Prayers for comfort and peace for all of you.  
Susan (Darnaby) Straw*

**Susan Straw** - July 02, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sally Louise Michael.*



July 02, 2020 at 07:12 PM

DE

“ *Denny and I are very sorry for your loss. I am sure Sally will be missed by all. She was a very special lady. Love, cousins Denny and Barb*

**Dennis. edley** - July 02, 2020 at 07:05 PM

GA

“ *She was my daughters pre -school teacher, she was the sweetest soul always had a smile. My condolences to her family. 🙏*

**gail** - July 02, 2020 at 06:52 PM

KA

“ Thinking of you all. Sally was one of the nicest ladies. She will be missed.

Ken & Carla Anderson - July 02, 2020 at 06:40 PM

MA

“ Oh what tragic news! I am so very sorry to hear this; she was such a lovely lady with a truly lovely smile. The world is a lonelier place without Sally; special prayers to those left behind. God bless you all!



MaureenJungblut - July 02, 2020 at 06:38 PM

LP

“ Sally was a grade ahead of me all through school. Always friendly and helpful. Always had a smile on her face. She will always be remembered. May God give comfort to the family at this difficult time, Rest in peace!



Lib Prohosky - July 02, 2020 at 06:36 PM

JB

“ I can't imagine Rensselaer without Sally....😭  
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Judy Burvan - July 02, 2020 at 06:25 PM

MO

“ *When I lived on Home Avenue in Rensselaer,, all the neighborhood kids use to gather at Sally’s House to play KICK THE CAN AND MANY OTHER GAMES. We all loved Sally and she was the best neighbor ever! RIP my friend!!*



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**Mitch Ockermann** - July 02, 2020 at 06:20 PM

CR

“ *Our community has lost a beautiful lady, so sorry to John an family for you loss*

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**Connie Reyes** - July 02, 2020 at 06:04 PM

SD

“ *Sally Dobson lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



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**Sally Dobson** - July 02, 2020 at 05:46 PM

SD

*So sorry for your loss, your families are in my thoughts and prayers. She was the best preschool teacher. She will be missed.*

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**Sally Dobson** - July 02, 2020 at 05:47 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jennings-Houston lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



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**Lisa Jennings-Houston** - July 02, 2020 at 05:35 PM

NB

“ *Oh John and family. I am so sad to hear of Sally's passing. She was such a sweet, kind hearted woman. Loved by all who knew her. I feel blessed to have had her in my life in just a small way. Prayers for comfort and peace as you morn her absence. Just remember that you will see her again one day. Most Sincerely, Nancy Bayly*

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**Nancy Bayly** - July 02, 2020 at 05:27 PM

RH

“ *Rich And Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



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**Rich and Dale Huhn** - July 02, 2020 at 05:18 PM

RH

*Our deepest sympathy for the family and friends of Sally. She was a great person always wore a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Rich and Dale Huhn** - July 02, 2020 at 05:21 PM

ML

“ *Marilyn Alberts Lowry lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael*



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**Marilyn Alberts Lowry** - July 02, 2020 at 05:07 PM

SS

“ *Sally was a beautiful woman inside and out! My heart goes out to John and family!  
May The Lord give you strength thur this time of loss..  
Love to you all... Shiela*

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**Shiela Scott** - July 02, 2020 at 05:02 PM

KE

“ *Sally will be so missed here on earth. God took a true jewel home. Prayers to all the family. Sally taught both of my children at Wee Wisdom. I knew her before that as Marcy and I were school friends. Sally was a wonderful lady who set an example for all of us.*

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**Karla Shumaker Eshleman** - July 02, 2020 at 05:00 PM

JE

“ *This saddens me beyond belief. Great mom, great teacher for all of my children and such a genuine sweet lady. My deepest condolences to John, Jeff, Greg and their families.*

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**Jim Earnest** - July 02, 2020 at 04:56 PM

SL

“ Stan & Hedy Larson lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael



Stan & Hedy Larson - July 02, 2020 at 04:54 PM

LH

“ Sally was such a very special lady, I learned so much from her just in the short time that I helped in her Wee Widsom Preschool. I will cherish the memories I have of our times together, Sally will be missed by so many lives that she touched, both young and old. Love and prayers to her family Rest in the arms of Jesus dear friend.



Linda Hamstra - July 02, 2020 at 04:42 PM

CO

“ Sally was a wonderful lady. She taught all four of our little ones in her Wee Wisdom class. She never ever forgot any of them and never knew a stranger. She will certainly be missed by the Tow family. Rest in Peace Sally.

Connie - July 02, 2020 at 04:41 PM

JS

“ Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of Sally Louise Michael



Judy Siegrist - July 02, 2020 at 04:39 PM