



Sarah Margaret Stiffler

April 16, 1932 - May 12, 2010

Sarah "Sally" Margaret Stiffler, age 78 resident of Vancouver, WA passed away on Wednesday May 12, 2010 after a brief illness. Sally was born April 16, 1932 in the town of North East Pennsylvania to John A. Caruana and Sarah Scalia Caruana. She attended North East High School and worked part-time in the record department at G.C. Murphy Company where she met her husband to be, Ray Stiffler. She attended Erie Business College and earned her degree. She married Ray in 1952 and moved to Baton Rouge, LA where he was stationed in the service. Sally and Ray then moved to Erie, PA where they raised their three children, Greg, Karen and Annette. Sally worked in the business office at Doctor's Osteopathic Hospital in Erie, PA for 10 years. After her husband's death in 1975, she relocated to Tri-Cities, WA. She retired after 20 years of service with Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories and moved to Vancouver, WA to live with her daughter. Sally was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Tri-Cities. She volunteered for a number of years at the Tri-Cities Cancer Center as well as the Vancouver Police Department East Precinct. Sally loved painting ceramics and computer games. She loved rock and roll music, anything from Bill Haley and the Comets to The Doors. Her greatest joy was taking care of her family and her little buddy Bosco. She always thought of other before herself, had terrific sense of humor buoyed by an extremely infectious laugh. You couldn't help but join in. Sally is survived by her brother and his wife, Ross and Betty Caruana of Erie, PA, her son Gregory Stiffler of Erie, PA, her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Guy

Winchell of Vancouver, WA, her youngest daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Deven Hansen of Roosevelt, UT and three grandchildren, Kalie Stiffler, Nathan Hansen and Heather Hansen. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends also survive her. In addition to her parents and husband Ray she was preceded in death by two sisters Mary Caruana and Lucille Boicourt. Memorial services for Sally Stiffler will be held at 3:00pm, Thursday May 20th at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. The family invites you to a reception following the service at 814 NE 167th Ave. Vancouver, WA. Interment will be at a later date at St. Gregory's Cemetery in North East, PA. We would like to thank all of the staff at Southwest Washington Medical Center for their valiant efforts and the staff at the Ray Hickey Hospice House for their care and compassion. If you wish, in lieu of flowers friends may send a donation to: Ray Hickey Hospice House 2112 East Mill Plain Boulevard Vancouver, WA 98661

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:13 PM

RB

“ I was sorry to hear about your Mom. I always enjoyed seeing Sallie and having picnics when she came back to visit in Erie. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. You have our condolences from my sister, Michele and I. -- Love, Renee

Renee Boccio - May 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Sally was always a good friend. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Cal Boicourt - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Mom, I know you know what I'm feeling right now. I keep hearing your voice, seeing you everywhere in our home. Even though you always told me "this too will pass" when I was having a tough time, this is very difficult. I may not have told you enough, but you always made me smile, feel safe and oh, so loved. To quote a good friend, "You raised me with a strong work ethic, a sense of loyalty and a foundation that would give me strength through life's tribulations and triumphs. I am who I am because of you, a glowing testament to the woman that you were and the life you led." I'm so glad we were so close and could share each other. I am going to miss the conversations, you inquiring how my day was, letting me know our little buddy was taken care of. You always cared so much and weren't afraid to show it to both Guy & I. I miss you mom. Your loving daughter, Karen

Karen Winchell - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mother/Sister. Please know we are thinking about you.. God Bless

Alice & Richard Davis - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I only had the pleasure of meeting Sally at Ross' home in Erie, (we were neighbors on W. 33 st.) When I got my computer we wrote back and forth. I will miss her and think of her often. Her smile will be remembered forever. May she rest in peace, with the Lord Jesus. May you find comfort

Doris Burger - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ To all of Sally's family: Know that she loved you all. Sending our sympathy, Jack and Vin Marsala

Mr & Mrs Larry V. Marsala Jr. - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ TO THE STIFFLER FAMILY: SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOU MOTHER AND MY SISTER. AS HER BROTHER I AM GOING TO MISS HER DEARLY, ESPECIALLY OUR MANY PHONE CALLS. REST IN PEACE. I LOVE YOU AND ALWAYS WILL. YOUR BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW ROSS AND BETTY CARUANA

Ross L. Caruana - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ We loved and cherished our friendship with Sally and looked forward to our visits to Vancouver. Sally was family from the moment we met. According to the paperwork, Sally was one of my volunteers at the Tri-Cities Cancer Center. In reality, Sally was a confidant, a prankster and at her best when needed by a patient or a family. When Sally first met my husband Rick - I knew there would be trouble if those two could plot anything. We shared our 26th anniversary with Sally and celebrated her upcoming birthday. Memories - the treasures of a beautiful life of a woman who loved her family beyond all boundaries. Sally - your shining smile is the NEW bright star in the heavens - we love you and miss you so much.

Kathy and Rick Kilgore - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *May god bless you and your family Greg, Karen & Annette and of course my Dad Ross Caruana. You are all in my prayers..I was blessed to be touched by Aunt Sally in soo many ways.. She was always my strength..I will never forget all the great memeories I have of her! Please let me know if you need anything at all here in Erie.. Love to all of you! Dee*

Dee Caruana - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *Although we didn't meet your Mom, we heard so many wonderful things about her and felt we had a sense of who she was. She was a tremendously vital woman with a fabulous personality, sense of humor and a gracious, kind character. We know she will be in your thoughts and greatly missed forever. What a lady she was!!*

Wendy and Craig Fiorenzo - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM