



Sally Murphy

May 17, 1936 - February 9, 2016

Sally J. Murphy, 79, a long-time resident of Clare, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at her home in Florida. Sally was born the daughter of James and Leta (Beebe) Gillespie on May 17, 1936 in Clare. She graduated from Central Michigan University in 1970 with a Bachelors of Science in Education. Sally was a proud and dedicated teacher (fifth grade and music), an active member of the St. Cecilia Catholic Church and school, as well as the BPW, Eagles and Moose Lodge.

Sally thoroughly enjoyed dancing, music and entertaining. She was a talented musician with a flair for the piano and singing. Her distinctive & vivacious laugh, along with her giving and determined spirit will be greatly missed by her many friends and family.

Sally is survived by her children: William James "B.J." (Erin) Murphy of Brighton, Amy (David) Teddy of Dexter, Becky (Rick) Slater of Farwell and Greg Murphy of Midland; a sister Margaret Rose (Keith) Robinson of Georgia; grandchildren Chase and Charlie Murphy of Brighton, Rylan and Kellin Teddy of Dexter and Allison (Tyler) Hubbard of Lake Isabella; a great-granddaughter Henley Hubbard of Canadian Lakes and countless nieces, nephews and dear friends. Sally was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene, in 1986 and sister, Vena Lee Hardesty, in 2013.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 P.M. Funeral Services will take place on Friday at 11 A.M. at the Clare United Methodist

Church with pastor John Kasper officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sally's family to be used towards a memorial to be determined at a later date. Contributions may be made C/O her son, William Murphy, 9211 Hamburg Road, Brighton, Michigan 48116.

Cemetery Details

St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery

411 Schoolcrest Ave.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanhf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Visitation

FEB 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Clare United Methodist Church
105 E. Seventh Street
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

VR

“ My son Steven Carpenter, myself and our families would like to send our deepest sympathies to Sally Murphy's family. We have many memories of Sally and BJ. My son and myself were blessed with their company and friendship.

Victoria Rogers - February 18, 2016 at 09:22 AM

VD

“ My favorite memory: Aunt Sally singing "O Holy Night" at Midnight Mass

Vicky Wentworth DeVinney - February 18, 2016 at 05:33 AM

MH

“ A classy gal, great laugh and gentle spirit! Til we meet again

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg & Renee Holbrook - February 17, 2016 at 07:16 PM

LC

“ Mrs. Murphy was my 5th grade teacher and my music teacher. She was one of my favorite teachers. She told me that I could sing anything and to never let my hearing disability or anyone dictate otherwise. To this day I love to sing. She will be greatly missed. Prayer go out to her family and friends. Leisa Kile Carnahan.

Leisa Kile Carnahan - February 17, 2016 at 06:22 PM

DR

“ I so enjoyed Sally's company and friendship when she lived here in Clare. As with so many people we lost track when she moved but did send Christmas cards and updates over the years.

Denise Roe - February 17, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Sally Murphy.*



February 17, 2016 at 01:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sally Murphy.*



February 17, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ *LYDABELLE BICKNELL lit a candle in memory of Sally Murphy*



LYDABELLE BICKNELL - February 17, 2016 at 07:59 AM



Thank goodness for FB !!!!! Somehow her photo "sparked" a memory... Sally and I were great friends as little kids growing up together in Clare. My condolences to her entire family.

LYDABELLE BICKNELL - February 17, 2016 at 08:04 AM

JS

“ *She was an amazing choral director. Always pushing to get just a little bit more, stretch a little farther, showing me I could be better than I thought I was. She's leading a choir of angels in heaven now. Looking forward to joining that choir someday.*

Janet Sowle - February 16, 2016 at 09:57 PM

JH

“ *Janet Huntoon lit a candle in memory of Sally Murphy*



janet huntoon - February 16, 2016 at 09:36 PM

MW

“ *Sally was a big part of my childhood growing up on Summerton Road. There were a lot of great memories and definitely a lot of laughs:) The Murphy family will always be dear to myself and our family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all...much love...as always...Mary Wood*

Mary Wood - February 16, 2016 at 09:21 AM