



## Sally Ayer Rossetti

June 21, 2024

Sally Ayer Rossetti, 92, passed away on June 21, 2024, in Hartford, CT. Born on January 2, 1932, in Bedford, NH to the late Demerritt and Esther (Nordstrom) Ayer, Sally spent her lifetime nurturing the minds and hearts of many, most notably through her over-25-year tenure as a kindergarten teacher in the Rocky Hill school system. Her dedication to education was profound, as Sally was often remembered for her incredible ability to recall the names of countless former students with whom she joyously reconnected in later years via Facebook.

When she turned 90, she received over 100 cards, many of them from her former students. Sally was adventurous; she would get in her car and drive. She never met a lobster roll she did not love (always cold!). Sally had friends far and wide. She loved a good book but also loved a good sitcom. Sally always hated to admit it, but she loved the sitcom *Two and a Half Men* (as she thought it was a little racy). She loved the ocean and in her retirement was lucky to have lived almost 27 years on her beloved Cape Cod. She also spent a month every year in Bermuda - which she equally loved. Then, there were the years she spent the month of August at Small Point in Maine, where she got the name Sunset Sal. Sally loved to bird watch and was a fantastic gardener. Even when her physical limitations started to affect her, she found a way to make some smaller, closer beds! She, indeed, was a warrior.

Sally was a longtime member of Memorial Baptist Church in Hartford and later at First Congregational Church at the Cape in Harwich, MA, reflecting her

commitment to her faith and community. She was immensely proud to tell how she was a member of the Justice and Peace committee at the church.

She was predeceased by her husband Patrick Rossetti, Sr., and her fiancé Jim Nolan. Sally's memory is treasured by her son, Patrick Rossetti, Jr.; daughter Marilyn Rossetti and her husband, Greg Rose; her bonus daughter, Jennifer Nolan Asadow and her husband, Howard, and her beloved grandsons Nolan and James Asadow. She also leaves her brother Jack Ayer and his wife Maryanne Bertram, her niece Katy Ayer and her husband Steve Beadle, and nephew David Ayer and his wife Elise Huneke-Stone.

There will be a service on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford CT. Calling hours are Tuesday July 2, 2024, from 4-6 p.m. at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Open Hearth, 150 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford, CT 06106-5102. Sally's legacy of love, education, and adventure will forever be remembered by those fortunate enough to know her. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Memorial Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Asylum Hill Congregational Church  
814 Asylum Ave  
Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking of special cousin, Sally. She'll be with me on some level forever. She touched my life in so many ways for so many years. I tried to find an appropriate canned eulogy but nothing can convey the value of having had a close relationship with Sally, especially in our later years. The overwhelming words escape me. Sally was one of a kind.

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**SUZANNE LAFRANCE** - July 06, 2024 at 12:04 PM

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“ Sally always brightened up the room whenever she was around at my grandparent's (Russ and Olive Webster) house on Murray Road in Montpelier, VT. I fondly remember her smile and laughter and infectious energy. The rest of us tended to be a little quiet and reserved, but Sally was having none of that! I was a bit too young to follow and understand the stories/jokes though I could tell the adults were all having a grand time whenever Sally was present. Even to this day I've met very few people so full of life. I'm so very sorry to hear of her passing and offer my deepest condolences to her family and friends.

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**Kipp Savoie** - July 03, 2024 at 12:14 AM

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“ Our family has fond memories of Sally on our visits to Cape Cod- Sally even cared for our puppy Jeter while we were at the beach, and took care of him overnight (our hotel did not allow dogs). My mom and dad (Fred and Lindy Slocum) cherished their visits to the Cape to see Sally. Such a warm person- always smiling!! May God bless you and your family Marilyn and Ricky- I do remember visiting you in Hartford as well. Bill, Lynn , Shannon and Kristi Slocum

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**Bill SLOCUM** - June 27, 2024 at 08:36 AM

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*Marilyn, I have fond memories of Mom on W Preston St and how funny she was and especially kind to me and my family. I'm so very sorry for your loss. My sister Barbra, my brother Danny and I are keeping you and Ricky in our prayers. RIP Sally. Patti Reilly*

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**Patti Reilly** - July 01, 2024 at 11:49 PM

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“ *I don't remember all the details 'cuz it was many, MANY years ago. I think it was when I was a whiny little brat and I was staying with my grandparents in East Montpelier VT. I was excited to meet cousin Sally for the first time. She arrived and announced that she wanted to fix manicotti for us in true Italian style. So she started pulling together all the necessary ingredients. Fennel seed was the one she couldn't find. This was in the early 1970s and Montpelier wasn't as, uh, sophisticated as it is now. We went to so many different stores but I think we finally found something acceptable. And it was so good. Much as I do now, as a kid, I loved to eat. Manicotti, garlic bread and salad. Yummy.*

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**Darren of LaFrance** - June 26, 2024 at 07:30 AM