



Sally Ann Shetler

March 1, 1952 - May 8, 2018

Sally Ann Shetler, 66, of Kalkaska, passed away unexpectedly May 8, 2018. Born on March 1, 1952 in Port Huron to Irene Zook and her late father John Zook. She was raised by her single mom in the 1950's, where they lived in Fairview, MI for a couple years, then in Sturgis, MI for nine years, before moving back to Fairview when she was 13 to finish her school years making close friends for life. After graduating high school, she moved to Minneapolis for a short period of time, then to Traverse City with her best friend Charliss in 1972 where they worked at the Essex factory before becoming CENA's at Solen Nursing Home. Sally met George Shetler during this time at a church communion at the Coldsprings Mennonite Church. George and Sally married the next year on March 31, 1973 and were soul mates for the next 46 years. They lived in Ohio for their first year of marriage then moved to Kalkaska where they eventually bought the farm on Tyler Road in 1979. She worked alongside George, raising their 5 children and helping him run the farm, first as a simple dairy then creating the bottling business into what it is today. Sally enjoyed painting, spending time with her Ya Ya Sisters and Eve's Club, giving her time and energy to anyone that needed her help, sitting in the sun and enjoying her beautiful flower beds, praying to and trusting in her Lord Jesus, finding as much time as possible to attend events and functions of her many grandchildren, and of course planning and going on vacations with her true love George. Sally is survived by her husband George; two daughters: Stacia (Jason) Davis and Annie (Justin) Olds; three sons: G. Kaleb (Traci) Shetler, J.

Jacob (Priscilla) Shetler, and Peter (Darcy) Shetler; 20 grandchildren: G. Gregory (Rachel) Shetler, Ivy Hart, Tyrone Shetler, Elizabeth Shetler, Gabriel Shetler, Bodee Hart, Mariah Shetler, Alexis Shetler, Jadon Shetler, Jenna (Jacob) Verstraete, Kadence Davis, JaeAnn Davis, Luke Olds, Evelyn Olds, Sidney Shetler, Andrew Shetler, Jackson Shetler and Owen Shetler; and three great grandchildren: G. Frederico Shetler, Ronald Shetler, and Greyson Verstraete. Sally is preceded in death by her father John Zook, mother Irene (Gerber) Zook, and grandson Jonathon Shetler. Visitation will be from 5-8 pm on Friday, May 11, 2018 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am, with final visitation beginning at 10 am, at the Kalkaska Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Excelsior Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for charitable donations to be made to KAIR of Kalkaska and the WLJN radio station. Arrangements by Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Final Visitation

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Church of Christ
1725 W Kalkaska Rd NW
Kalkaska, MI 49646
<http://www.kccwired.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Linda Radtke sent a virtual gift in memory of Sally Ann Shetler*



Linda Radtke - October 06, 2020 at 03:48 PM

MC

“ *Mickey Hunt, Craig & Nick Cookingham lit a candle in memory of Sally Ann Shetler*



mickey hunt, craig & nick cookingham - May 29, 2018 at 12:30 PM

MB

“ Sally was a lovely woman with a beautiful smile, fun rippling laugh, and a sweet, sweet spirit. I knew everything was ok when she was around and loved the happy atmosphere she added to the bottling plant and store.



She was easy to please and would tell me to sit down and take a break while I was being paid by the hour to clean her house and she fed me delicious 3 bean salad. I also remember her frying up spelt-floured fish fillets in the kitchen. It was delicious.

She loved her house; she loved the sunshine; she loved her husband; she loved her children and she LOVED her grandchildren. She found love and light in most everything. She looked for the good instead of the bad.

George and Sally made a major impact on my life by their beautiful example of love to each other. I remember her bringing a sandwich out to the barn expressly for George at like 5:30 or 6:00 in the morning. He would come talk to her at random times of the day. It seemed like they just couldn't stay out of each other's presence. Sally adored George and George adored Sally. It was incredible. I went to see them after their house burnt down to take them some goodies and give them my sympathies. I found them as happy as larks in a tiny little camper just thankful to be alive, together, and cooking bacon. It was like intruding on newlyweds and they'd been married for around 40 years.

George, you both were such gracious people to work with. You were my first employers- I being the young and impressionable age of 15. (I still feel bad about the times I forgot the milking filter:(:)) You are my role models and have a very special spot in my heart no one else can fill.

Pete and Darcy, it's been a pleasure getting to know you in times past. You've been a blessing to me and I just specially want to wish you the best in the coming days and give you my condolences through this time.

Annie, you impacted my life that one morning in the barn. Pete and I had just hooked up all the milkers and were waiting on the cows when he asked me if I had any plans for my life like college or

anything. You overheard me mention nursing and came over to me with a "...Ohhhh... Go for it. There is a huge need for nurses. There isn't enough of them now and won't be enough of them later. You'd make a good. Why, we'll take pitch forks after you if you don't go for nursing." :) Those words never left me and planted the seed that grew to a sapling. I'm currently a CNA working for In-Home-Health-Care considering going for RN. I took a Mission Medical Intensive in North Carolina last March. I love what I'm doing and am so Grateful for God's leading in my life. Thank you for your encouragement.

My heart is so pained by the passing of this loved one. I'm just so thankful I went out of my way to say hi to her and tell her how much I appreciate her the last time I came to get milk. I am impressed again with the fact that we don't know how long we have our loved ones so we need to show our love to our loved ones all we can now. Sally lived such a beautiful life to the fullest with seemingly no regrets. May we follow her footsteps.

My heart is with you all. God be with you and grant you grace and comfort through this time.

Margaret J Bowman - May 11, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Kalkaska Funeral Home - May 11, 2018 at 06:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.*



May 11, 2018 at 10:52 AM



“ *From Your Michigan SBDC Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.*



From Your Michigan SBDC Family - May 11, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.*



May 11, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ *I am so saddened about the passing of Sally... my daughter Taylor works at the farm and she grew to love and respect her not only as a person but as a great boss... prayers to the entire family for this very tough loss...*

rhonda - May 11, 2018 at 06:15 AM

ML

“ Michelle Lingg sent a virtual gift in memory of Sally Ann Shetler



Michelle Lingg - May 11, 2018 at 04:56 AM

ML

“ I'm so blessed to have met her and be hired by her. She truly was like a second mother to me. Always concerned..always caring others. She gave me chance after chance when I was 'sick'. I still had my job, she was just concerned for my health. I talked to her the night before rehab and she was so proud and happy for me. I graduated with Pete in 2000..on that note..Condolences to all the friends and family for your lose. She's missed so much already. Thank you and love you all.
Sincerly,
Michelle Lingg



Michelle Lingg - May 11, 2018 at 04:54 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.



May 11, 2018 at 01:01 AM

PP

“ Sally..... You should see the out pouring of Love that is being sent for you. So many people so much love..... Hard to believe you can really be gone.... I know we didn't see each other often.... but when we did we just picked up where we left off.... You'd brag about your Grandkids..... I'd brag about mine.... We'd laugh and just know that we had the best ones.... And then we even ended up sharing some.... How cool was that? You and George made the perfect couple.. Oh I'm sure it wasn't all sunshine and roses every minute.... But it sure seemed like it was..

George ,I know you will be lost without your best friend and the love of your life not being with you every day... But she will always be with you.... You will see her in your kids and grandkids you will just feel her with you helping you to get through every moment.... You have loads of friends just wanting to help you and to be there for you...

Sally's kids you had one of the best mothers out there... Always loving her family and wanting the best for them...

And like I said the grandkids were her pride and joy....

So happy you can be in Heaven.... Sally.... But so sad that you are no longer physically with us..... But the memories are grand... Love to you.....Polly and Wayne Piltz

Polly and Wayne Piltz - May 10, 2018 at 10:15 PM

FZ

“ Families of George & Dorothy Zook purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.



Families of George & Dorothy Zook - May 10, 2018 at 09:57 PM

 Lizzy Shetler

“ I remeber just sitting on that swing outside the house and kust talking. I'd rant about my interests and grandma would always be quick to give me her equivalent. Always talking about elvis and how god would watch out for me. I'll miss those talks

Lizzy Shetler - May 10, 2018 at 09:41 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.



May 10, 2018 at 07:21 PM

RK

“ Roy And Dee Kieffaber lit a candle in memory of Sally Ann Shetler



Roy and Dee Kieffaber - May 10, 2018 at 05:55 PM

RK

“ roy & Dee kieffaber purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.



roy & Dee kieffaber - May 10, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.*



May 10, 2018 at 03:52 PM



“ *Memories of friendship are treasures you carry with you always. Sal and her mother moved in about a mile down the road from my family when we were teens. She was a lot of fun to be with and later was a bridesmaid at my wedding.*

We were so saddened by her loss and extend our deepest sympathy to George and her children and grandchildren.

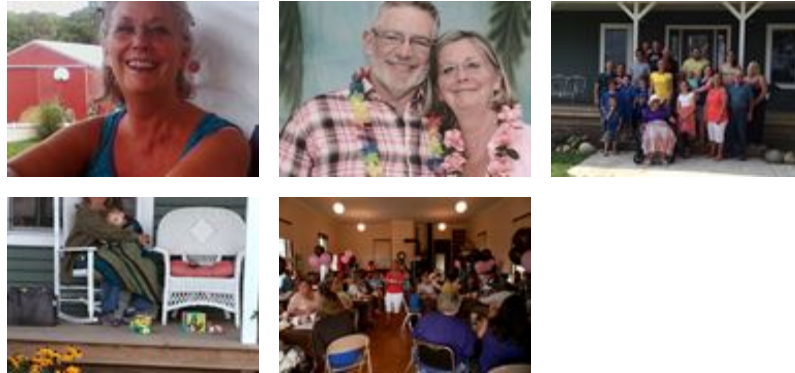
Wende and Carm Crane



Carm Crane - May 10, 2018 at 03:45 PM



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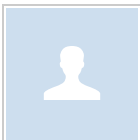
Kalkaska Funeral Home - May 10, 2018 at 02:57 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.



May 10, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.



May 10, 2018 at 11:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.*



May 10, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Full of life, fun, hospitality, and love for her family--that is how I think of this wonderful woman. She seemed unflappable whether dealing with a family reunion of 75 people or the aftermath of losing her precious home. Always so welcoming and gracious. How we loved being with her.--The Bare Family, cousins of Sally*

Lois Bare - May 10, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Shetler.*



May 10, 2018 at 11:15 AM



“ *My deepest condolences on the loss of your mother. My prayers are with you and the family. Janis*

Janis Mueller - May 10, 2018 at 10:51 AM

Cindy Weaver

“ *Cindy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Sally Ann Shetler*



Cindy Weaver - May 10, 2018 at 09:57 AM

Cindy Weaver

“ *I became a part of the Shetler family back in 97 when my dad married Ruth it was a difficult transistion for me. The first christmas we had together as a family was at the farm. Aunt Sally had the kindest soul of anyone I've ever met and she made a point to make me feel loved and included in the festivities. Aunt Sally was the sweetest woman with a huge heart she made that christmas very special to me. heaven gained a very special angel*

Cindy Weaver - May 10, 2018 at 09:57 AM

AN

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about sally..she was a wonderful lady inside and out! I remember sitting at her old house when our kids were in school waiting for the food coop to get there and talking about our dreams hers was to have her little store where she sold her own ice cream and milk...so happy that she made her dream come true..RIP sally..u will be greatly missed*

Annette - May 10, 2018 at 09:05 AM