



Sallie Rose Highstreet Spreen

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Sallie Spreen age 91, passed away Sunday, October 23, in her home, looking at "her" river and surrounded by so much love and her family

Sallie was born in Algonac at her grand-parent's house on January 30, 1931

The first child of Earl and Virginia Rose and the 1stgrandchild of William and Anna Schram

Sallie is survived by her sons " John (Brenda) Highstreet, Scott Highstreet, daughter-in-law Leslie Highstreet and a stepdaughter Betty Spreen.

Grandchildren " Stefanie (Paul) Chasse, Jay Highstreet, Jessica Highstreet, Jacob Highstreet, Jacquelyn (Daryn) Schluentz, Heidi Highstreet, Brad Highstreet, and Pam Highstreet.

Great grandchildren " Boston Chasse, Bristol Chasse, Amirah Highstreet, and Noah Highstreet

Also, the many nieces, nephews, cousins and the 100's of people who called her Aunt Sallie.

Sallie was preceded in death by her son Steven Highstreet, husband Johannes Spreen and her only brother Larry Rose.

Sallie grew up during the depression and moved with her family to several places as her dad looked for work. But she always ended up living with her Grandma and Daddy Bill in Algonac. Where she graduated from Algonac in 1949.

She married George Highstreet on September 13, 1951, and raised her 3 boys on High Road. Sallie was very active in her boy's lives " Cub Scout leader, never missing any sporting event, and youth group leader at the Algonac Church of Christ. Sallie was an automatic chaperone for any school or church event. Her boys were her life.



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After 33 years of marriage she went through a divorce. Sallie found strength in her family and in God.

She became program director at Council on Ageing she started a late-life divorce support group, a senior citizen prom, a yearly variety show "Off Your Rockers" and traveled around the world with her senior citizen group. Sallie lived by the motto "it is not what happens to you in life, it is how you react to it" and Sallie's reaction was to give to God, trust in His strength, His mercy, His grace and His love.

On December 28, 1988, Sallie found love again, when she married Johannes Spreen

For the next 21 years she shared a wonderful and beautiful life with a very special man.

Summers on the St. Clair River, winters in Sun City, Arizona she travelled wherever she wanted to go providing her with whatever she needed. Johannes gave her love, support and happiness.

One of Sallie's biggest thrills came on October 14, 1998, when she was crowned "Ms Senior Michigan" for 1999. And from that moment on we had to refer to her as "Queen Sallie"

Sallie aged positively to the very end, always looking for the best in everyone. She never had a lack of words and spoke her mind but it was always with a loving and caring heart. She was a prayer warrior and a letter writer to anyone that needed support. And an active member of the Algonac Church of Christ to the very end.

Sallie lived a life of no regrets and unconditional love for family and was the perfect example of how a Christian woman should live. As she said "of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important"

And her favorite verse was from Psalms 118:24 "This is the day the Lord has made, and I will rejoice and be glad in it"

Sallie will be truly missed - she left this earth surrounded by love and now she is in heaven surrounded by unimaginable love and she wanted everyone not to be sad that she is gone but rejoice that we had the time together to share a life.



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A celebration of life will be Sunday, at 3:00, October 30, 2022, at the Algonac Church of Christ "1601 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac Michigan. Arrangments by the Gilbert Funeral Home, Algonac.

In lieu of flowers "1 memorial donations can be made to the Algonac Church of Christ



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FF

Fernandez Family posted:

The world has lost a beautiful bright light, Sallie. We will miss seeing her lovely smile at the Memorial Day parades. We will never forget the effort she made to attend our brother Dave's funeral to offer our mother her condolences as she also knew the pain of losing a son. The world was a better place because of Sallie. Now Heaven is lucky to have her. With Love, The Fernandez Family

April 11 at 8:00 PM

TC

Tom Cassady posted:

John & Scott thank you for sharing your mom with me. Sally was my second mother growing up. She was a strong positive influence on me, and I will never forget her. My deepest sympathy to you both for your loss and the entire Highstreet family.

April 11 at 8:00 PM

CB

Chris Basney posted:

So sorry to hear of Sallie's passing. I just saw her recently in a hospital lobby. She remembered me from 10 years ago and gave me a wonderful hug. She was a spectacular person. I will always remember her and how happy she made me feel whenever she was near. I learned much from her and pray I can be half as kind as she was.

April 11 at 8:00 PM

AR

Angela Andino Rochon posted:

Sallie Rose Highstreet Spreen has always been a model of kindness in my life. She and my mother and my Aunt Fannie George (neighbors on High Road) were good friends. Sallie faced many challenges with strength. Sallie was an innovator, enhancing the lives of senior citizens, fellow Toastmasters, and her church community. Sallie was a force. I shall miss her.

April 11 at 8:00 PM

DD

Dorothy Deboyer posted:

I'm sure when Sallie sees Jim she will kiss him on the cheek and he will blush. ❤️

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Annetta Halkias posted:

Sally was such a sweet, kind lady who lived and enjoyed life so much. I remember her well from my childhood days. She was always smiling. She will be missed. John she will continue to watch over and the rest of the family. I know you know how very Proud she was of you,rest assured she will continue to watch over you and your family.

April 11 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sallie Rose by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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