



Sally P. Detloff

August 17, 1935 - March 29, 2020

Sally Polenzani Detloff, 84, of Bonita Springs, Florida passed away at home on Sunday, March 29, 2020. Sally was the firstborn of Joseph and Eily Polenzani in Chicago, Illinois. She met her husband of 65 years, Gerald (Jerry) Detloff, on a blind date and following their courtship married on September 11, 1954.

Sally always had a positive and calm perspective on life and felt it was something to be cherished and lived to its fullest. Sally raised her six children to be compassionate, fun loving, independent and confident in their own abilities. She was a beacon to her family; her light always welcomed them home but also illuminated the road before them. Sally had such love and pride in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was a participant in their lives as much as possible.

Sally was a wonderful cook and loved to entertain. She also loved to sew. Sally started sewing as a young girl making clothes for herself and then for her family. Later in life this artistic talent evolved and she began quilting which brought her much joy. In the early 70's, Sally began working in the travel industry; first, in reservations at Eastern Airlines and then as an Office Manager/travel consultant at a travel agency. Her work inspired her to travel. She and Jerry travelled all over the world, most recently to Ireland with members of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Choir.

Sally had a deep and enduring faith in God. She was very active in her parish community and loved by many. She participated in numerous parish service ministries and social activities. One of her biggest joys in life was praising God through song by being a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Choir and President of the choir board. She also was an active member and Treasurer of the Ladies of Charity of Southwest Florida participating and organizing many charitable events and activities.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Gerald, their six children, David (Josephine), Daniel (Paula), Michael (Susan), Susan Pedersen (Bruce), Joanne Ridge (Doug) and Kristen Decker (David); 14 grandchildren; Scott, Genevieve, Lauren, Jeff, Christopher, Paul, Nicholas, Adam, Daniel, Patrick, John, Rachel, Eily and Alexa, 16 great-grandchildren, brother Robert Polenzani (Linda), sister-in-law, Priscilla Polenzani; and numerous loving and talented nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving parents, Joseph and Eily Polenzani, and her brother, Alfred Polenzani.

A memorial mass will be held at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111TH Avenue N, Naples, FL 34108 on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. Donations in her memory can be made to the Church Choir of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church at 625 111th Avenue N, Naples, FL 34108.

You may also livestream the service at:

<https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/events/online-funeral-mass>

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108-1825
(239) 566-8740

Tribute Wall



“ *Sally P. Detloff*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Cathy (Nehf) Lund purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sally P. Detloff.*



Cathy (Nehf) Lund - May 28, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Ladies of Charity sally*



julie - April 10, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *The last time I saw Sally was in early December. Our Ladies of Charity always give little Christmas gifts to the people whom we visit at the local nursing homes for monthly Masses. Sally met me outside one of the nursing homes in order to share some extra gifts to distribute. Even though she was sick, she still had that beautiful smile and that gentle voice that we will all remember. Sally was lovely and caring and positive and always eager to help, a true example of a Lady of Charity.*

Janet Lomicka - April 08, 2020 at 02:32 PM

PN

“ Jerry, we are so sorry for your loss. Will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Phil Nye and Johann Schwertner

Phill Nye - April 05, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family and especially to Jerry. I have a photo of a lovely wall hanging from our 2009 NQG quilt show. I will try to download this photo.
Sending sympathy from Lake Geneva, SO CLOSE to Camp Lake.
Joanne Gasperik



Joanne Gasperik - April 02, 2020 at 06:16 PM

JG

“ 1 file added to the album Sally's beautiful applique, NQG quilt show 2009



JOANNE S GASPERIK - April 02, 2020 at 06:04 PM

JG

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JOANNE S GASPERIK - April 02, 2020 at 06:01 PM

TP

“ *Detloff Family, for some reason the first image that came to me was Camp Lake Wisconsin, where our grand parents had a cottage. When Sally and a girl friend or two would be up there the whole place brightened up. She was my older cousin who paid attention to us shrimps. I could always tell that she loved the whole bunch of us. When Sally was unable to join us it just wasn't the same.*

But then this young skinny guy in a white T-Shirt and jeans came along. How could he take our Sally away? But you know what, I think they both hit the Jackpot ! What a terrific couple.

I can't be too sad knowing what a wonderful rich life they have had.

Tom Polenzani - April 02, 2020 at 01:49 PM

MM

“ *sally, charlotte, donna, and i to the padicah and houston quilt shows for many years. she was a gentle spirit and will be forever missed*
mary ellen moegling

mary ellen moegling - April 02, 2020 at 01:03 PM

PV

“ Jerry, we are so sorry for your loss and a loss to St. John's faith community. She put up a gallant fight and now is with our creator. God bless you and your family. Saqlly will never be forgotten.
Joann and Phil

Philip Vullo - April 02, 2020 at 08:11 AM