



## Sally S. Waterman

December 18, 1950 - March 30, 2024

It is natural to be saddened by the loss of such an active spirit and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Sally accomplished great things and impacted many people, so it is impossible not to grieve this person who lived life to the fullest. Anybody who knew Sally would know that she would want this process to be short. She would want the focus to be on the memories we all have and what new memories we will make in her honor.

Sally Sue Waterman, 73, passed away on March 30, 2024, in her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on December 18, 1950, in Toledo, OH to Virginia and Lloyd Whitaker. She was preceded in death by both of her parents along with her brother Lloyd (Ruth) Whitaker, and stepfather Arthur Semler. She is survived by her husband Tom Waterman; daughter Jacqueline (Jay) Smith; step-children Jennifer (Bill) Beattie, Michael (Maureen) Waterman, Nancy (Jim) Fitzgerald; grandchildren Preston Smith, Sam Beattie, John and Jacob Kingzett, Kieran and Declan Waterman. She graduated from Start High School in 1968 where she was actively involved as a cheerleader. She continued her education at Ohio Northern University where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and a cheerleader. She had a lengthy career in the insurance industry, which began at Roemer Insurance. She worked hard, rose quickly, and caught the eye of Community Mutual, where she worked as a service representative. After gaining more experience, she became a sales representative at the King Insurance Agency. She excelled in this position and was highly regarded by clients and fellow

workers.

Retirement provided an opportunity for Sally to embrace her passion for golf. As a member of Inverness Club and Bonita Bay, she enjoyed participating in several leagues, and tournaments and generously volunteered her time at numerous events including the Solheim Cup. Championships soon followed and she became commissioner of various ladies' groups at both clubs. She always had a fresh game to play for the daily event. Throughout her battle, when the doctors presented the latest challenge, she always wanted to know if she would be able to play golf. She golfed the world with many of her great friends. She always had a smile on her face and a bottle of birdie juice for the group to celebrate. The friendships she developed were an integral part of her life and provided an invaluable support system in recent years. She also enjoyed playing pickleball, bridge, traveling and was an avid reader.

During Sally's battle and journey, she was cared for by the most remarkable team of physicians and assistants. Care which began in Toledo in the office of Dr. Judis and Dr. Phibbs was expanded to Florida to include Dr. Rubin and Dr. Nakfor and their teams. She knew no better treatment was available anywhere in the world. Finally Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs was added to care for her in the final stages. What a team to complete the journey. She would want to thank each caregiver personally if she could.

While cancer cut Sally's life short, many of her friends will say she is the toughest person they know. Her grit, resilience, and determination were on full display. She approached her battle with cancer with the same class and resoluteness with which she lived her life. No doubt, our great lord will welcome her with open arms, expecting her to have those golf games ready for all of the golfers who are waiting for her to arrive.

Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, April 19th at 11:00 A.M. A celebration will follow immediately at Bonita Bay Club. For those northerners who are unable to attend, an additional celebration will be held at the Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio on June 14th in the early afternoon. In lieu of flowers, for those wishing to donate in Sally's name, please consider the

Pastoral Leadership Development fund of First Presbyterian Church/Bonita Springs or the First Tee of Lake Erie. Their websites are

[fpcbonita.org/leadership](http://fpcbonita.org/leadership) and [firstteelakeerie.org/donate](http://firstteelakeerie.org/donate) respectively.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Cemetery Details

## First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs Resurrection Garden

9751 Bonita Beach Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

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

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Bonita Springs, FL 34135

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ TERRY SORENSON lit a candle in memory of Sally Waterman



TERRY SORENSON - April 19, 2024 at 08:10 AM

SM

“ Sandra McQuillin lit a candle in memory of Sally Waterman



Sandra McQuillin - April 18, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sally S. Waterman.



April 17, 2024 at 10:18 AM

LJ

“ Love, Bobby & Kathy Jorgensen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sally S. Waterman.

Love, Bobby & Kathy Jorgensen - April 17, 2024 at 10:18 AM

NF

“ Nancy F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sally S. Waterman.

Nancy F. - April 15, 2024 at 01:10 PM

LB

“ Landon, Tami and Bob Beattie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sally S. Waterman.



Landon, Tami and Bob Beattie - April 10, 2024 at 10:27 AM

SM

“ Tom, we send our kindest thoughts and deepest sympathy on the loss of your wife, Sally. These last few years were not the easiest of journeys but you faced it together. God's blessings for you and your family.  
Charlie and Sally Marlowe

Sally Marlowe - April 09, 2024 at 09:45 AM

CK

“ My thoughts and prayers to Sally and family. She helped me feel comfortable when I felt out of place in surroundings and people I was not comfortable with. I will not forget when she introduced me to the coffee carafe in her kitchen. Family and friends of Sally find comfort in your memories of her, that's where she will always be for you. God Bless.

Charles Kingzett

Charles K. Kingzett - April 08, 2024 at 08:17 PM

MM

“ *Such a lovely person to have known.*

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**Mary Maynhart** - April 07, 2024 at 12:00 PM

JB

“ *Wonderful cheerleader memories of my high school friend. Rest peacefully.*

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**Jan Fought Brown** - April 07, 2024 at 08:37 AM

YS

“ *Your EK Sisters purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sally S. Waterman.*



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**Your EK Sisters** - April 05, 2024 at 08:40 PM

SC

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Sally's passing. She put up a valiant fight until the very end. Our thoughts are with Tom and his family.  
Susan and Mark Coccozza  
Waterford neighbors*

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**Susan Coccozza** - April 04, 2024 at 07:59 PM