



Sally Ann Walpole

June 18, 1969 - October 14, 2020

Sally Ann Walpole (née Gaskin), 51, of Memphis, Tennessee died Wednesday, October 14, 2020 in her home surrounded by the love of her husband, Kenneth Walpole. When you read this stifle not your tears for the life of such a phenomenal woman, but let them flow freely so that they may carry the love you have for her from this world to the next.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Sally was the beloved daughter of the late Leonard Gaskin. She graduated from Kirby High School in 1986. She would later go back to school to earn her Bachelor's of Science in Psychology from Liberty University in 2011.

Sally was a phenomenal woman, wife, and mother. She was a force of joy and positivity, and she radiated love. She was fierce, strong, and powerful, and she brightened many a room with her smile and wit. Sally married the love of her life, Kenneth Walpole in December of 2012. Together they lived a life filled with love, humor, joy, and laughter. Ken and Sally enjoyed several years in the beautiful Bay Area of California before relocating to be closer to family in Memphis, Tennessee in 2017. Sally followed what she dubbed the "Just Be Philosophy" she learned from Ken, providing them nearly a decade of a life filled with peace, love, and adventure.

Sally was passionate about education, particularly in understanding the

different ways humans process and comprehend knowledge. She loved understanding how the human mind worked, and how to help people learn what they needed and/or wanted to. Throughout her life she was a teacher to many, whether through friendship or trade. She was a certified Montessori head teacher specializing in ages 3-6, spent time as Pre-K teacher at a private school in Okinawa, and homeschooled both of her children through parts of middle and high school. Sally carried this love of teaching into some of her later professions as well, as a patient advocate and Intake Supervisor at DHR (acquired by MedData) in San Francisco, CA and eventually as a Licensed Property and Casualty Insurance Producer at McGriff Insurance Services in Memphis.

Sally raised two children, the lights of her life, Rebecka and Jeremy, with her first husband John Wilson. These years brought adventure and humor in the unique ways only being a mother of two and a military wife can. The family lived all over the globe including Biloxi, Mississippi; Mildenhall RAFB, England; Warner Robins, Georgia; Kadena AFB and Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan; Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota, back to Warner Robins, and more.

Sally manifested her love and joy into a myriad of artistic endeavors that she loved to share, whether she was creating incredibly beautiful, detailed cards by hand, or baking scrumptious cupcakes, or creating stunning quilted pieces, or drawing and painting beautiful pieces that hang in the homes (or on the bodies) of those she loved.

Sally is preceded in death by her loving father, Leonard Gaskin. She is survived by the love of her life, her husband Kenneth Walpole, her beloved children Rebecka Wilson (Rowen Cannon-Monogue) and Jeremy Wilson (Mary Ann), her granddaughters Alex Tatton and Sage Monogue, her stepmother Joan Gaskin, her sister Rachel Swaner, and her nephews and their families.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held Saturday, October 31st at 4pm, hosted at her brother-in-law's. Sally made it very clear that this is to be a bright, colorful party to celebrate the beautiful life she created. Please honor her request that no one wears black. If you like, take inspiration from Sally's favorite colors: purple, silver, and teal.

Tribute Wall

“ I vividly remember meeting Sally for the first time.



We worked together and I had just started and she had been on the team for quite a while. It was her smile, the sparkle in her eye, her fun personal items at her desk, her offer of assistance whenever I needed, and her pleasant demeanor that left an indelible mark on my memory, though our interaction was brief. Due to my training, I didn't see much more of her, and then Covid hit, and we were all sent home to work remotely.

Out of the blue, a few months ago, Sally sent me an email at work and asked me for my address, if I felt comfortable sharing it. I figured it was for an invitation, or something similar, so I sent her my address. She then replied that she was going to send me a handmade greeting card and thanked me for being willing to share my address with her. I replied back that I also made greeting cards and shared with her the products I use - and lo and behold - she also used the same products!

Then her card to me arrived and in it, she quoted one of my most admired influences - Dr. Maya Angelou. In my return card to her, I shared my favorite quote from Dr. Angelou and declared that we must be soul sisters! Then, Sally's act of kindness towards me multiplied, as I felt inspired to send cards to all of my most cherished friends and family. I sent out 18 cards that I would not have, had it not been for Sally's random act of kindness.

Then, again out of the blue and a few weeks after we exchanged greeting cards, Sally contacted me and a couple of other coworkers and invited us to her home to fellowship, enjoy lunch and make homemade greeting cards together. After so many months of isolation, I jumped at this invitation! Sally used to be a demonstrator for the company whose products we both used, and she had a plethora of supplies! She baked homemade lasagna, some garlic

bread, and made the freshest, most delicious salad for our group. There were several other similarities between her and I that I discovered at this meet up. We enjoyed each other's company so much that our little group decided to make this a monthly event.

Sadly, due to Sally's untimely passing, this was our first and only get-together. Hearing the news of her passing hit me like a punch in the stomach. I am so sad that I will not get the opportunity to know my soul sister better. I only had a taste, so to speak, of Sally. I cannot imagine what a blow her passing must be to her family and others close to her.

She was down-to-earth, loving, supportive, kind, intelligent - intellectually and emotionally - and no doubt loved and cherished by many.

I am deeply sorry for your loss. I offer my condolences to each of you. May Sally rest comforted in all the love you have for her. May God give you the strength to live the lives Sally would have wished for you all.

Pebalz Eslahi - October 28, 2020 at 11:02 PM

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**Dr. Maya Angelou*

Pebalz Eslahi - October 28, 2020 at 11:08 PM

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“ *My sincerest condolences to the Walpole family. I was blessed to have worked with Sally for about a year at McGriff Insurance Services. She had an infectious spirit, genuine smile, and sincerely cared about everyone she came in contact with. I will never forget her kindness and thoughtfulness towards me. What an amazing lady! I pray that God gives you the strength and comfort you need during this difficult time.*

Kendra Coleman - October 28, 2020 at 10:38 AM

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“ *I hope everyone sees this, just an important note. As much as mom loved flowers, I know she would rather see those funds as donations to one of her favorite charities: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Habitat for Humanity.*

Rebecka Cannon-Monogue - October 26, 2020 at 12:37 PM