



## Sarah "Sally" Schwartzel

January 6, 1947 - June 17, 2014

Sarah "Sally" Schwartzel of Bloomington, IN passed away peacefully on June 17, 2014 after a long and courageous journey with Lewy Body Dementia/Alzheimer's, in Autumn Hills Alzheimer's/Dementia Residence.

Sarah was born on January 6, 1947 in New Albany, IN, and was one of four sisters to Charlotte (Johnson) Schwartzel and John Cullen Schwartzel. Sarah was a graduate of Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville, IN.

Sarah settled in Bloomington, in the 1970's to attend Indiana University, fell in love with the city and lived here since. Sarah graduated from her beloved Indiana University with a Bachelor's Degree in English and Master's Degree in Education. Sarah went on to have a varied career - she drove a city bus, taught English and Math at Ivy Tech College, and for the last 20 years of her work life, was a wastewater treatment operator at Dillman Road WasteWater Treatment Plant. Sarah retired when she was 60.

Sarah was the owner of several

residential properties in Bloomington. She worked on the renovations of these, doing much of the work herself. She was always a caring and kind landlord to her tenants.

Sarah loved reading, dancing, music of most varieties, walking, travel, fishing, and enjoyed good cooking and a good stout beer. She particularly loved just sitting and talking, and often laughing, on her back porch with loved ones, friends, and her beloved pets.

Sarah is survived by her long-time partner, Theresa Thompson; beloved dog Dixie; sisters Mary, Alice and her husband Bernie, and Margaret and her husband Walter; dear friends Amy, Becky, Charlotte, Greg, Jeanna, Mickey, Murat, Pam, Sandy, Stevie, Suzanne, and Teri; and many other dear relatives and friends too numerous to list. Sarah was a loving aunt to seven nieces and nephews, who remember her as fun-loving and kind. All of these people meant the world to Sarah and made her very happy while on this earth. She thanks each of you for your enduring love.

Special thanks is extended to the staff at Autumn Hills Alzheimer's/Dementia Residence and Season's Hospice for their compassionate care of Sarah. We also are grateful for the love and support Sarah's caregivers shared with her, especially Becky Johnson - an angel on earth. Finally - we were blessed to have incredible family and friends surround us with love, laughter, and compassion these past few years and for this we are most grateful.

Please do not send flowers. If so

inclined, please make a contribution in Sarah's memory to the Monroe County Humane Assoc. - <http://www.monroehumane.org>., or The Lewy Body Dementia Assoc. - <http://www.lbda.org> .

A celebration of life/memorial service will be held Sunday, June 29th at 3pm at the Bloomington, IN Unitarian Universalist Church at 2120 North Fee Lane. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will be held after the service.

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ My deepest sympathies to Theresa on the passing of Sally. She was a kind and gentle soul who has my love. We were friends during the time we both attended I. U. She lives on in the memories of all those who were fortunate enough to have known her in this life.

Warmest regards to her life's partner,

*Barbara*

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**Barbara Rainey** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

PA

“ Theresa, we just learned of Sarah's passing; our hearts are so saddened. We do celebrate her life. May the many memories of the wonderful years you shared bring you comfort and peace. We'll give you our hugs in person when next we see you. Love you, P & M

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**Pat and Maryann** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

SU

“ Sarah was a beautiful soul. She was one of the most gentle, kind women I have ever known. My deepest sympathy to "T" and to Sarah's family at this difficult time. I pray she is now at peace and we can find comfort in her release from a cruel disease. Love.

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**Susan Logsdon** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

PE

“ I am very saddened to learn about the death of Sally. My sister and I grew up with Sally and her sister in New Albany. The Schwartzel girls were so much a part of our childhood and teen age years. In the 60s I roomed with Sally in Bloomington while a student at IU. Sally was very cool with her crazy, 60s-style long curly hair which she was always unsuccessfully trying to tame by ironing it prior to setting out for her job as a school teacher. Sally was always an interesting, caring and self-contained woman who had the courage to live life on her own terms. Love to her sisters and to her partner, Theresa.

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**Penny Hess** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

BE

“ Sarah was very special to me. She taught me so many things. As much pain and confusiion she endured through out her disease she was still filled with so much compassion and love for others. It amazes me. It was not about her but who she could help. My heart goes out to Theresa and the rest of her friends and family. Until we meet again I will never forget Sarahs Smiles!

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**Becky Johnson** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

BP

“ We are very sorry to learn of the passing of Sarah. Our father, Bob Daniels lived across the hall from Sarah at Autumn hills. Our deepest sympathy to your family and loved ones during this difficult time.

--Brett, Peggy, and Bob Daniels

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**Brett & Peggy Daniels** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

ED

“ *To Theresa and all of Sarah's family--*

*I am saddened to hear of Sarah's passing. Sending you all much sympathy and wishes for the happy memories that keep her legacy alive.*

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**Edith Millikan** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

SA

“ *Theresa,  
I am Phyllis Jeskewich's daughter, and my entire family offers there sincerest condolences. I have fond memories of conversations with Sarah at Autumn Hills.  
Take care.  
Sally Jeskewich Meridith*

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**Sally Meridith** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

TO

“ *Dear TT,  
I am so sorry to hear of Sarah's passing. I send you my love and thoughts.  
I always enjoyed talking to Sarah when she came through the Bagel Company -- and you too -- and always wished that our paths had crossed more often.  
Tonia*

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**Tonia Matthew** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

AH

“ Joli and I wish to thank Sarah/Sally, Becky and family for making our visits to Autumn Hills such fun and happy times. We looked forward to seeing the excitement of Sarah when she spied us coming down the hall, into her room or through the entrance door. Joli, as I, fell in love with her loving spirit immediately and although not herself in mind, she emitted a kind, caring, and fun personality. Sarah has touched our lives and we feel privileged to have spent time with her. We will dearly miss her while visiting Autumn Hills.

*Joli, the big black Newfie, and "Finney"*

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**Andrea "Finney" Aufder Heyde** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM

SU

“ I worked w/ Sarah at the Dillman road plant in the early 90's. We would talk about many things and laugh at silly things. When I took another job at city hall, anytime Sarah was in the building, she would stop and say hello. She will be missed by many friends and relatives.

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**Susan Truelock** - October 26, 2015 at 04:05 PM