



## Sally Finkbine Baker

April 8, 1931 - June 9, 2023

Sally Finkbine Baker, age 92, passed away on June 9, 2023.

Graveside services will take place on September 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Storm Lake Cemetery in Storm Lake, Iowa. A Celebration of Life will be held September 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Eugene Country Club in Eugene, Oregon. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Sally was born on April 8, 1931 in Storm Lake, Iowa to Frank and Mae Finkbine. She was the younger of two sisters. She was a high school beauty, an athlete, a cheerleader, and a true social butterfly. She attended Girl's State: a national high school leadership forum. She loved to ice skate on Storm Lake and play with her dog, her sister Sue, and all the neighborhood kids, many of whom she remained friends with their entire lives. Everyone in Storm Lake knew Sally Finkbine.

She attended the University of Iowa and pledged Delta Gamma where she met several of her closest friends...women with whom she traveled, lived, and loved her whole life. She played bagpipes and was a drummer with the Highlanders who performed not only at halftime of the football games, but eventually all over the world. She boasted about still being able to do the Highland Fling long into her old age! She graduated with a degree in

education.

Upon graduation, Sally answered an ad in the local paper for a kindergarten tv teacher. This started her career as Miss Sally on Romper Room. She taught in Peoria, Illinois; Washington DC; and Omaha, Nebraska. As Miss Sally, she made a number of PR appearances, won an award for outstanding TV show, appeared in numerous television commercials, and rubbed elbows with many celebrities and politicians of the time. She received a personal letter from first lady Pat Nixon thanking her for her contribution to children's education and letting her know that Miss Sally was her children's favorite teacher.

After marriage and children, Sally went back to work substitute teaching, modeling, and appearing in TV and print ads. Her heart for volunteering was immense. She worked with MADD and taught weekly classes in 4J schools on drug and alcohol abuse, Junior League as a sustainer member, and Delta Gamma where she served as alumni president and spent years advocating for their philanthropy Service for Sight. She was very active at Central Presbyterian Church as an Elder and a Deacon, she delivered children's services and served on several committees there. She chaired the program to tape sermons and delivered them to those that couldn't attend church. PEO, Make a Wish, Guide Dogs for the Blind...the list goes on and on.

If you met Sally, it didn't take long for her to bring up her family, her Iowa roots, Delta Gamma, or her grandchildren. She was an amazing Nana to Jerry and Samantha. She never missed a game, a performance, or a birthday. She was always ready with books to read and crafts to make. Glitter and finger painting didn't scare her and she was a whiz with Legos and loved to play "school". Her cookies and brownies were infamous...there was always a baked "something" on the counter after school just waiting for a bunch of kids to devour it.

She loved golf, painting, bridge, volunteering, and hostessing. She loved the Ducks, but loved her Hawkeyes more. She passed away peacefully on June 9th at the age of 92. Sally is preceded in death by her Sister and brother in law, Susan and Glen Graves, and her son, Bill Baker. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Jerry Rouleau; her grandchildren Samantha Rouleau, Jerry, and Madison Rouleau; her great-granddaughter Remington Rouleau; great-grandson Redmond Rouleau; and her nephews: Frank Graves and Chris Dugan, John Graves, and Thomas Graves.

# Cemetery Details

## Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **9**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Storm Lake Cemetery  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Celebration of Life

SEP **17**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Eugene Country Club  
255 Country Club Rd  
Eugene, OR 97401

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Thinking of your family today as you celebrate Sally. Sorry we were unable to get to Storm Lake last week but wanted to share a little with you. Always enjoyed visiting with the girls when they would come to the farm near Curlew. Both your Mother and Sue would be so interested in the farming process and crop development. My late husband Dale and prior to that his father, Russel farmed the 80 acres for many years. My daughter Lori and her husband Jerry are now farming the property so it has been (in our family) as well as yours for a long time. We also looked forward to the Christmas cards and notes that we exchanged for years. Telling my age now but I remember when your father would come for the farm visit....that has been alot of years ago. So sorry for your loss but I know you have many, many great memories to cherish that were left behind. God bless!

*Cleo Bohn and family  
Curlew, IA*

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**CLEO BOHN** - September 15, 2023 at 01:28 PM

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“ Cleo Bohn and family from Curlew, IA purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sally Finkbine Baker.



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**Cleo Bohn and family from Curlew, IA** - September 15, 2023 at 01:14 PM

JF

“ *Joni, Ally, Brady and Bob and Judy Fries purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Sally Finkbine Baker.*



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**Joni, Ally, Brady and Bob and Judy Fries** - September 14, 2023 at 11:17 PM

JF

“ *Joni, Ally, Brady and Bob and Judy Fries planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sally Finkbine Baker.*

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**Joni, Ally, Brady and Bob and Judy Fries** - September 14, 2023 at 11:17 PM