



Sally Ann Jennett

February 21, 1932 - June 16, 2025

Sally Ann Jennett died peacefully at Methodist Manor on Monday, June 16, 2025. At the age of 93, she no doubt walked briskly with clear vision into the arms of God.

Funeral services will take place Monday, June 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, Iowa. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, June 22, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. with a Time of Sharing at 7:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the BVRMC Mary Jo Dellwo Nursing Scholarship at <https://www.bvrmc.org/give/>. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Sally Powell was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, to Sally (Houlihan) and William Powell on February 21, 1932. She was the second oldest of 11 children. At an early age, Sally was often responsible for the caretaking of her younger siblings while her parents worked. She graduated from Meyers High School in 1949, and began training to become a nursing assistant, furthering her caretaking skills.

While working as a CNA in a skilled care center, a handsome young salesman from Iowa walked through the front door asking to speak to the director. Sparks flew and months later, Russell Jennett proposed to Sally Powell and she said yes. They married on September 27, 1952, and moved to Schaller, Iowa to start their lives together. Sally was 20 years old and had never been to Iowa, but despite the slim odds predicted for their “mixed marriage” – she was Irish Catholic and he a Methodist - they were in love, and neither was afraid of hard work.

Sally, known for endless energy and being busy, set to work creating a home and family for them, where her caretaking grew to an elite level. Four little boys arrived in the first five years, followed by four more children in the next 15 years. The family moved to Early and Sally was active in her community as a Girl Scout leader, a member and officer of the Catholic Church Guild and Early Women’s Club, as a hospice volunteer, and a helping

hand in almost every community event or fundraiser. She sewed costumes, made a million pans of scotcheroos, fed hundreds of school teams, and did all of this while raising her children and supporting her husband in his work.

Later, with her children grown, Sally began her career as a paraeducator in special needs classrooms first in the Sac Community School District and later in the Storm Lake Community School District. Her patience and determination in advocating for her students made her a valuable partner to the classroom teachers. She finally retired at age 80.

Sally's caretaking roles included arguably her favorite title – Grandma. New babies were snuggled and serenaded, bounced and patted – she had the magic touch. She and Russ loved spending time with their grandchildren and dusted off their bleacher seats to cheer them on in their various activities. Sally was known for bringing treats for the whole team to ensure no one left hungry. Family holidays were events with great food, sparkling seasonal decorations and surprise presents that she had hunted for at auctions or garage sales, saved for by tucking away money in her freezer, or creating herself on her sewing machine.

After Russ' death in 1996, Sally moved to Storm Lake in 2001 and started her life in a new way – making new friends, attending a new church, and creating a new community. After losing her vision and drivers license to macular degeneration, she became Storm Lake Taxi's best customer and knew every driver and their entire life story. When she moved to Methodist Manor, she quickly became a favorite of the nurses and staff, zipping around with her walker and making friends. She was a woman of deep faith, attending mass, receiving communion, and routinely saying multiple rosaries a day for her children, grandchildren, and anyone else who made her prayer list.

Preceding her in death was her beloved Russ, her son Russell Mark, her parents, four siblings, several brothers- and sisters-in-law and two great granddaughters.

Left to celebrate her memory are her surviving children: David and Denise Jennett, Steve and Shirley Jennett, Bill and Kay Jennett, Sara Jennett, John and Cally Jennett, Ann and Mike Appleseth, and Adam and Ali Jennett, along with 22 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. Sally will be fondly remembered by her surviving siblings and their families: Patricia McKeown, John Powell, Myrna and Joe O'Brien, Jane and John Sileski, Gretchen Norton, and Richard Powell; and her sisters-in-law Margie Jennett and Barbara Jennett, along with many nieces, nephews, friends, and community members.

In lieu of flowers or plants, the family requests memorials be directed to the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center Mary Jo Dellwo Nursing Scholarship, to benefit caretakers in the

nursing profession seeking to advance their careers.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery -- Early, Iowa

Church St.
Early, IA 50535

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Time of Sharing

JUN **22**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa
501 Church Street
Early, IA 50535
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sally Ann Jennett*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 20, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Jennett.*



June 22, 2025 at 01:15 PM



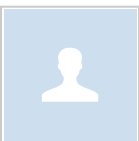
“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sally Ann Jennett.*

June 22, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *Blake and I are saddened to share the passing of Grandma Sally. Though our relationship changed with time, the admiration and respect for the remarkable woman she was never wavered. I was lucky to know her for her fun spirit, her unwavering dedication to family, and her deep sense of kindness that touched everyone around her. Her influence will long be remembered by those who were fortunate to know her.*

Cherise & Blake - June 22, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sally Ann Jennett.*

June 22, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sally Ann Jennett.

June 21, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Jennett.



June 21, 2025 at 11:53 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 20, 2025 at 05:11 PM

TN

“ Condolences to the Jennett family. A lot of good memories of the Jennett Family back in my young days growing up on our farm in Early.

Tim and Barb Vonnahme; Henderson, NV - June 19, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Jennett.



June 19, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sally Ann Jennett.

June 19, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Jennett.*



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June 19, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Jennett.*



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“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Jennett.*



June 18, 2025 at 05:49 PM

MO

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort.*

Matt Ohm - June 18, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Jennett.*



June 18, 2025 at 03:36 PM

KM

“ Kay Snyder Marvin lit a candle in memory of Sally Jennett



Kay Snyder Marvin - June 17, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Sally was one of most gracious woman I know.

Christina Frank - June 17, 2025 at 06:16 PM

LB

“ We only knew Sally for a short time, but what a nice friendly lady, always refreshing to visit at MM with her. I'm sure she is walking and seeing excellent now. Sorry for the loss of her to family and friends while we are still here on earth.
Lloyd & Nora Boettcher

Lloyd Boettcher - June 17, 2025 at 05:35 PM

LH

“ I am remembering driving mom and sally around with them sitting in the back seat. I called them Miss Daisys. they are making up for lost time now. I bet russ and dad can not get a word in as usual. Loved her like she was my mother. Linda Hinkeldey

linda hinkeldey - June 17, 2025 at 12:22 PM

AM

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother, we will keep you and your families in our prayers. You have our heartfelt sympathy.



Anne & Dan Menke - June 16, 2025 at 08:28 PM