



## Sally S. Diehl

September 2, 1938 - February 2, 2023

Sally S. Diehl, age 84, of Holly, MI passed away on February 2, 2023 after a long battle with breast cancer. She was born in East Tawas, MI on September 2, 1938 to her parents Martin and Helen (Squires) McCormick.

Sally was born poor and was raised by a single mom in a house with no running water in the World War II era, and that is where her strong foundation originated. She worked odd jobs in her early years to help support her mother and brother. Soon after graduation from High School she married the love of her life, Jack. They shared 50 years of wedded bliss as they raised their 4 children on the family farm. Her children gave her a lifetime of fond memories as they grew and thrived, and with each new life, the smile we all knew so well could not be removed from her face. Being a creative soul, Sally could sew, knit or crochet an entire wardrobe - who needs store-bought stuff? She had a passion for learning which only grew stronger as the years rolled on. Her favorite books included Autobiographies, Historical works and of course The Bible. Springtime was the time for sowing seeds in her flower and vegetable gardens. The return of the orioles she loved so much brought her such joy, as did the first flowers of the season. Summers were spent poolside with extended family and friends and her face would light up when the grand kids and great-grandkids would perform acts of craziness off the diving board and slide. As fall approached, so did the busy season at Diehl's Orchard where she was involved in the family business since the 1960s. She continued to work at the Cider Mill until 2022 (she was in her 80s) taking only a few short

years off in-between, to travel and enjoy exotic locations like Denmark, Spain and the Holy Land. Winter was a time to rest and a favorite place became Acapulco, where new friends and old would meet and relax in the warm Mexican sunshine. Throughout her life, faith was center stage. Her life was dedicated to our Lord and her resolve never wavered. She lived a purpose-driven life and to the end, she continued to use her time wisely on the things that mattered most to her. She loved singing in the Choir and religiously contributed to several faith-based organizations and missions around the world. After Jack died in 2008, she decided to go on a Mission trip to Honduras (she was in her 70s at the time) and her life became totally focused on helping those truly in need. What began as a one week mission trip ended after 4 years on the mission field in Honduras and Nicaragua. She became the house mother for several years to numerous young girls who had just become mothers themselves. She nurtured these girls until they were ready to be out on their own. Her wish was to continue to support and care for these girls long after her passing, and Jesus be praised, her wish will be fulfilled. God Bless You, Sally Diehl, to which she would quickly reply, "He does, every day".

A visitation will be held on Wed. February 8, 2023 from 3-7PM at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, MI. The funeral service will be held on Thurs. February 9, 2023 at 11AM at the Ore Creek Community Church in Hartland, MI with Chaplain Allan Reiman officiating. Memorial donations can be made to the Ore Creek Community Church. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

More information at the following link: <https://www.caringbridge.org/public/welovesallydiehl>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291  
bgdryer@hotmail.com  
<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ore Creek Community Chruch  
3375 Fenton Rd.  
Hartland, MI 48353

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sally S. Diehl*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - February 08, 2023 at 02:52 PM



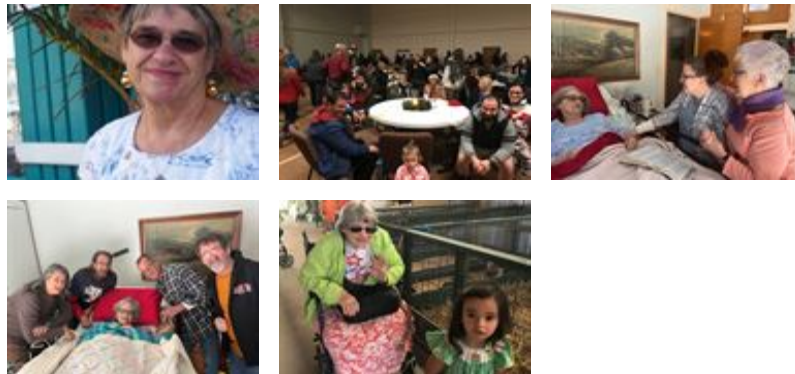
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sally S. Diehl.*



February 07, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ *24 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - February 07, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sally S. Diehl.*



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February 06, 2023 at 03:55 PM



“ *Sally was such a wonderful role model to many. Local kids had their first job experience at Diehl's Orchard. It was such a fun place to be in the fall! Sally was always so patient, a great teacher/mentor to the kids as they learned employment skills working at the cider mill. Sally was always smiling and will be dearly missed by many as generations continue the tradition of visiting the Orchard in the fall. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

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**Debbie Vanderlip** - February 06, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Bob and Sandi Barrett purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sally S. Diehl.*



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**Bob and Sandi Barrett** - February 06, 2023 at 07:45 AM

JA

“ Knowing Sally and calling her a friend is one of the greatest memories and treasure I could ever have. I knew Sally from my age of 7 when she would "play" games with me or just read to me. I thank God for allowing me to have known her and been someone in early days. She was a warm, caring and loving lady,



Judy Gray Van Auken - February 05, 2023 at 09:53 PM

BA

“ Our love and prayers go out to you!  
Brad and Barb Addis

Brad Addis - February 05, 2023 at 12:36 PM

DK

“ Aunt Sally was my second mom. Family time and faith are two thoughts that come to my mind when I think of her. So blessed we are to have known her. My love goes out to my cousins as they grieve, even as we know, by faith, that we will be together again.  
Hugs, Tom and Donna

Donna Krahe - February 05, 2023 at 10:03 AM

LL

“ We moved to highland nearly 40 yrs ago and one of our first finds was Diehls orchard up the road !  
Early memories of taking our young children to the orchard and watch the making of cider through the glass window as well as purchasing apples and donuts from a smiling Sally at the counter!  
What a legacy of a Godly woman has been left for family and friends of Sally.  
Our sincerest condolences from Tom and Laura Lewellen .

laura lewellen - February 05, 2023 at 07:35 AM

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“ Our Holly High School Class of 1979 is in deep sadness and is sending our deepest sympathy and our condolences to our Classmate David Diehl and his family members for the passing of their dear Mother, Mrs. Sally Diehl. Many Classmates worked for Mr. and Mrs. Diehl and have very fond memories of them. We all can appreciate the years of visiting the Orchard with Classmates, Boy or Girl Scout Outings. Then passing this on to our children. David is our friend, we send much love and Big Hug's to him during the very difficult time.  
May you, David and your family hold near and dear to your heart, the memories you've experienced with your amazing Mother.  
Peace 💜🕊️💜



Holly High School Class of 1979 - February 05, 2023 at 12:23 AM

SS

“ Shirley StJohn lit a candle in memory of Sally Diehl



Shirley StJohn - February 04, 2023 at 06:41 PM

JP

“ My sympathy to Sally's family. Such a lovely, caring girl.



Judy Prose - February 04, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Connie Austin-Davis lit a candle in memory of Sally Diehl*



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**Connie Austin-Davis** - February 04, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ *Sally was like a second mom to me. She was always so kind and loving. This news truly hurts my heart. We send our love and many many hugs to all her kids. Rob & Deb Godin*

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**Rob & Deb Godin** - February 03, 2023 at 11:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sally S. Diehl.*



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February 03, 2023 at 04:32 PM