



Sarah "Sally" Decker

September 2, 1939 - August 27, 2017

Sarah "Sally" Louise Lobban Decker passed away on August 27, 2017, due to complications from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). She was born on September 2, 1939, in Baltimore, Maryland, to Dorothy and Richard Lobban. She graduated from Greenwich High School in Connecticut in 1957 and attended Middlebury College in Vermont.

One week after graduating from Middlebury College in 1961, she married Eugene Decker and moved with him to a log cabin in Montana. As she says, "the only thing he promised me was that life with him would never be dull – and it hasn't been!" She had a kind and adventurous spirit that led her to volunteer in refugee camps in Germany in 1959, to live in Kenya with three young daughters in 1974, and to travel the world visiting her family and exploring new places.

Sally moved to Loveland with her husband about 50 years ago and became a dedicated member of the community. She loved the Rocky Mountains and to volunteer stamping envelopes at the annual Valentine Remailing Program. She also volunteered at the Loveland Visitor Center, Sculpture in the Park, at her daughters' schools, and at her church. During her time in Loveland, she was a preschool teacher, helped to run a trout fly business, and cared for many dogs and cats. She had a wonderful group of friends including her neighbors, childhood and college friends, and members of her book group.

One of her favorite sayings was, "Life is uncertain, eat dessert first." Her sourdough bread and baking is appreciated around the country. After her diagnosis, her motto became "courage and grace." She remains an inspiration and a role model to many. She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Katherine Gayle, Diane Lapierre, and Martha Decker; her brother, Richard Lobban; seven grandchildren; and other loving relatives.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10am on October 21 at the Foothills Unitarian Church. Donations in her memory can be made to the Larimer Humane Society online or in person at 3501 E 71st Street, Loveland, CO 80538.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Foothills Unitarian Church
1815 Yorktown Ave. Fort Collins, CO US 80526
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sally and I were Middlebury friends, carrying on the tradition of our fathers who were in the same class at Middlebury. I am writing to express the sincere condolences of the Class of 1961 at Middlebury as well as my personal condolences.*

*Janet S Reed
Class Correspondent*

Janet S Reed - November 20, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *Katie and I were very close friends when we were young, and I have so many fond memories of being at her house and of Sally chauffeuring us around, leading Brownie meetings, and cooking wonderful food. I can still taste the pancakes with real maple syrup she would make after I'd spent the night. Though Katie and I ended up taking separate paths in life and haven't stayed in touch, I'm very saddened to hear this news, and the whole Decker family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kim Vilkaitis (Ohrns)

Kim Vilkaitis Ohrns - October 22, 2017 at 10:07 PM

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“ *I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Sally. She was a dear friend. She was a lovely, giving woman and I was the recipient of her kindness many times. Sally always had a bright smile on her beautiful face. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends.
Cecilia Bessette (Che-Che)*

Cecilia Bessette - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 PM