



# **SALLY McCORD STANLEY**

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**P**ERRY –

Sally Ann McCord Stanley passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, after a brief illness. She was 84. Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, December 22, 2024. Visitation will be from 1:00 until 2:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center at Perry Methodist Church. Graveside Services will begin at 3:00 p.m. in Perry Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Perry Volunteer Outreach, P. O. Box 1824, Perry, GA 31069, or Perry Methodist Church, 1002 Carroll Street, Perry, GA 31069.

Sally was born on December 28, 1939, in Gadsden, Alabama, to the late Dr. Bert and Mildred Thomas McCord. After graduating from Gadsden High School, she attended Auburn University and Birmingham Southern. While at Auburn, Sally met the love of her life, Ronnie Stanley. They married in 1960 and moved to Perry, Georgia, where they settled and raised their family.

In her early married life, Sally embarked on her life-long dream of teaching dance, setting up “studio” in the Perry Boy Scout Hut on Masse Lane, with a class of six students. As time went on and her number of students grew, she moved her studio behind Stanley Furniture before ultimately purchasing land and building the Sally Stanley Studio, later renamed KidsAmerica, on Macon Road. “Miss Sally,” as she was known to all, was an inspiration to generations of children, instilling in them confidence, self-worth, and perseverance. She celebrated each and every child’s success – no matter how small. No one clapped as loud or as long as Miss Sally. She was the Dale Carnegie for kids.

Throughout the years, Miss Sally gave her all in support of her students, personally prepping them for talent shows, pageants, and recitals. She spent hours developing choreography to fit each student’s needs and desires. She was always positive and fostered a “can do” attitude in the children who looked up to her. No one had more energy and effervescence than Miss Sally.



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Over the years, Miss Sally expanded her business to Fort Valley, Warner Robins, and Macon. She added gymnastics and cheer to her repertoire, positively influencing children of all ages throughout middle Georgia. Always loving a project, Miss Sally directed and choreographed numerous plays and musicals in Perry and Macon. She supported the Macon Little Theater and was a lifetime member of the Perry Players.

Miss Sally was a member of the Perry Methodist Church for over sixty years and a current member of the I.H.S. Sunday School class. She was a charter member of The Beltista Club. The Beltistas became her lifelong friends, as they supported the local community through their philanthropy. She was a longtime member of The Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.

Miss Sally was the “Hostess with the Mostest,” always opening her home for meetings, luncheons, and family gatherings, especially Thanksgiving and Easter. Sally’s Easter egg hunts were as much fun for the adults as the children. She was the “Life of the Party”. If those walls could talk! Many a party was thrown by Sally and Ronnie throughout the years. In their leisure time, Sal and Big Ron enjoyed boating, skiing, and relaxing on Lake Sinclair with Perry and Molly and later with the grandchildren.

Left to cherish the memories they shared with Sally are her loving and devoted husband of sixty-four years, Ronnie Stanley of Perry; her son and daughter-in-law, Perry and Dana Stanley of Perry; her daughter and son-in-law, Molly and Rick Long of Fayetteville, AR ; her grandchildren, Kathryn Stanley, Barrett Stanley, Curt Gentry (Lindsey), Emily Long May (Jacob), and Luke Long; her great-grandchildren, Trey Gentry, Evelyn Gentry, and Adalynn May; and her beloved niece and nephews, Patty Greene (Ernest), Stan Wilson (Jill), and Bucky Wilson (Juanita) and their families.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



# Events

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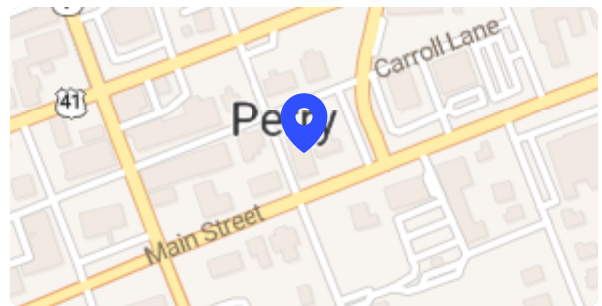
## Visitation Before Graveside

**Sunday**, December 22, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:45 PM ET

**Perry Methodist Church**  
1002 Carroll Street, Perry GA 31069

IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

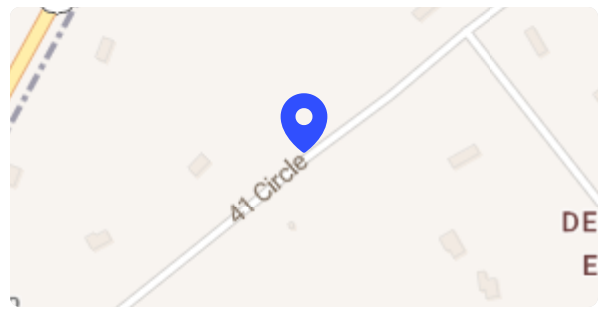


## Graveside Service

**Sunday**, December 22, 2024

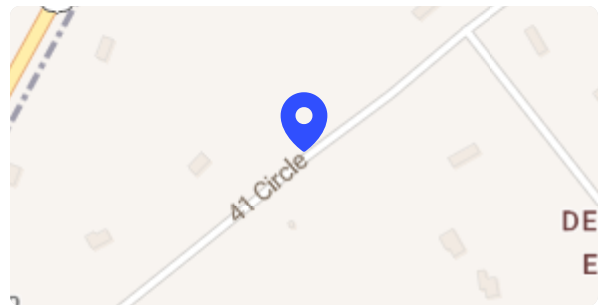
3:00 PM ET

**Perry Memorial Gardens**  
2106 Highway 41 North, Perry GA 31069



## Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

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LD

**Luci Daniel** posted:

She was so much fun. So full of exuberance. My son loved her, too. She taught him to tap, which he loved. I loved her for doing so. Bless you, Ms. Sally. It was so great having you with us.

May 26 at 8:18 AM

CP

**Cheryl Peavy** posted:

What a truly incredible and delightful lady. Like many many others, Miss Sally had a profound impact on my life. I actually passed my rising junior collegiate exam when given the topic choice to write about someone who has had great influence on your life. I didn't have to think for a moment, I just wrote away! She radiated positivity, putting others first, building others up, doing what's right, never giving up, strong work ethics, believing in yourself, and of course...energy and enthusiasm! Miss Sally has always and will continue to hold a huge place in my heart. I'm sure the "JOY" meter in heaven multiplied and intensified upon her arrival! You will be greatly missed Miss Sally, but with every passing day, we are all one day closer to seeing you in heaven! Sending loads of love and prayers to the family....

December 21 at 3:22 PM

LM

**Laura Maddox** posted:

Miss Sally was one of the kindest and loving person I've ever had the privilege of knowing. My fondest single memory from when I was a child, and Molly and I were playing when all of a sudden we heard a very overenthusiastic Miss Sally in her 1st TV commercial for Stanley Furniture. What a gem she was...as an adult we would play Canasta well into the evening. Miss Sally you are always in my heart.

December 19 at 1:25 PM

MG

**Mia Geiger** posted:

I am so devastated to learn of Miss Sally's passing. Miss Sally was so kind, warm, and inviting to me. She was an excellent teacher and businesswoman. Kids America was my daughter Madeline's all-time favorite place to go! We started there as Tumble Bugs - I think that's right - Madeline is 22 now. Miss Sally was always there, greeting each child by name. She was a remarkable lady. Her passing so saddens me. My prayers and love go to her family. She will be greatly missed. May you find comfort in the many memories from over the years. My sincerest condolences, Mia M. Geiger, mom to Madeline Geiger

December 10 at 7:28 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the STANLEY family.

December 8 at 1:27 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of SALLY.

December 8 at 1:27 PM



**Marsha Hall** posted:

Miss Sally was a client at the CPA firm I worked at years ago. She was a delight every time she came into our office. My girls eventually took dance and gymnastics with her and she was such an encourager to both. I have not seen her in years but there is no doubt she still possessed that beautiful smile! My thoughts are with you all during this time. Marsha McGowan Hall

December 8 at 11:23 AM



**Heidi May** December 9 at 3:43 PM

Prayers and hugs to all the family. I only met Sally briefly at Jacob and Emily's wedding, but I remembered how she lit up the room with her cheerful countenance and presence of joy. What a testimony to her legacy of love for her family, friends, and students she encouraged by her example. Heidi May



**Becky Horton Jabaley** lit a candle in honor of SALLY.

My condolences to her family!!! She was so inspirational in shaping good habits in my life as a young girl, and I thank her for that! I think of her often when I see people draped over their shopping carts.....she taught us the importance of good posture, how to enter a room with confidence and properly take a seat and leave a seat in a "lady-like" fashion!!!!!! She was a "Classy" lady and I credit my ability to "Dance like no one is watching" to her "Love" of Dance she shared with all of us!!!!!!

December 8 at 7:47 AM





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**The Dannenberg Family** sent a European Sympathy Dish Garden to the STANLEY family.



December 7 at 11:58 AM



**The Dannenberg Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of SALLY.



December 7 at 11:58 AM



**Beth (Ware) Rigdon** lit a candle in honor of SALLY.



This awesome lady introduced me to the world of dance when I was young. She lit a spark for the art of ballet, tap, jazz and acrobatics that remains to this day. She was ALWAYS smiling and encouraging! And what a businesswomen! I always admired "Miss" Sally. I will be forever grateful for her dedication and influence in my life. To say she was special is not an adequate description. My DANCE teacher opened doors of opportunities to many "FIRSTS" for me.....included were my first time in a costume, on a stage, looking out at an audience, performing at numerous events, taking an airplane to a New York dance convention, seeing the famous Rockettes live performance, ballet solo in Swan Lake (& with a broken arm!) and the list is endless. Mrs. Ronnie Stanley instilled confidence in me most of all. When I chose to teach dance to children it was because of the role model I had been taught by. (Sure hope she knew what a valuable person she was in this one little ballerina's life.) "Miss"Sally, you've been and will ALWAYS be very exceptional to me and forever in my heart. Thank you for giving me and so many so much. Sincerely with prayers and condolences to this entire family. What a legacy you've inherited. GOD bless.

December 6 at 2:43 PM



**Claudia Starkey Kramer** posted:

I grew up in Gadsden with a close relationship with the McCord and Thomas families. Sally was seven years older than me and as a young teenager I worshiped her. She was beautiful inside and out. Condolences to Ronnie and her family. I know she will be greatly missed. Hold on to those precious memories.

December 7 at 8:31 AM



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**Janis Tripp** posted:

What a fabulous teacher and supporter of kids. I was so fond of her!

December 7 at 8:14 AM



**Bobbie Newton** posted:

Sally will be greatly missed in Perry. Always smiling and happy! Molly and Perry, my heart goes out to you in this loss. Praying for you and your families!

December 7 at 6:15 AM



**Buddy Roper** posted:

Sally was and always be a special lady to Beth and I we loved her dearly and loved her being our neighbor Gods speed to our special friend! I'm sure she's doing cartwheels in heaven!

December 7 at 4:39 AM



**Alicia Long** posted:

Ms Sally was an inspiration to all...my girls loved taking from her.

December 6 at 2:43 PM

**MS Marg(Dianne Dupree) Sorrows** December 7 at 5:52 PM

A shining light and steadfast leader. So happy to have been a part of her first students at the old boyscout building. A lady that was always willing to see the best and bring out the best in all her students. Remembering 1963 as if it were only yesterday. Extended condolences to the Stanley family.

**CN Carol Norris** December 6 at 7:36 PM

Miss Sally has made a tremendous difference in my daughter Kelsey's life. She is a role model, teacher, inspiration and friend. We will always be grateful. Carol Norris

**CT Cathy O'tyson** December 6 at 3:25 PM

Miss Sally was infectious... I was honored to so many days at the house, playing games, eating good food.. we laughed so much at times.... I always felt right at home. She will be so missed. Cathy Davidson O'Tyson

**SC Sharon Clark** December 6 at 2:50 PM

Just a sweet sweet lady. I know she will be missed. Prayers for you all.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring SALLY by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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