



Stephen W. Sally Sr.

October 11, 1935 - April 30, 2025

Stephen W. Sally, affectionately known as Steve passed away peacefully on April 30, 2025, at the age of 89 in Easley, SC, from end stage dementia. Born on October 11, 1935, in Watervliet, NY, Steve was a man of integrity, strength, and deep love for his family and country.

Steve's formative years in Watervliet laid the foundation for a life characterized by hard work and service. Following his graduation, he answered the call to serve his nation as a Marine, instilling him with a sense of discipline and honor that would define his life. After his military service, Steve transitioned into the manufacturing industry, where he excelled in various positions. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to start his own business, Manufacturing Equipment Co., in 1980, which he led with vision and dedication until retirement.

Steve was the beloved patriarch of his family, cherished for his unwavering support and love. He was the son of the late Mary and Trieffon Sally and was affectionately known as "Sonny" to his parents and his siblings, Julia, Christine, Alex, and John, all of whom predeceased him. Steve's devotion to family was evident in his loving marriage to his late wife, Shirlee, and his close bond with his sister, Nancy. His legacy continues through his sons, Steve and Ken, his daughter-in-law Janine, and his adored grandsons, Brennan, Kristopher, and Nicholas, as well as several nieces and nephews who will

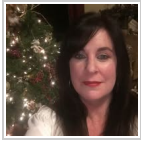
miss him deeply.

Beyond his professional achievements and family life, Steve was an avid car enthusiast. He had a particular passion for Thunderbird cars. His interests also extended to his home, where he found solace and joy in yard work, often seen tending to it with the same attention to detail that he applied to every aspect of his life.

Steve's life was a testament to the power of resilience, humor, and dedication. His memory will be cherished and kept alive by the stories told by those who loved him. As we say goodbye, we celebrate the indelible mark he left on the world and the lives he touched. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit will continue to inspire and guide us.

Palmetto Cremation Service is assisting the family at this time.

Tribute Wall



“ I will cherish the memories with you and aunt Shirlee when I stayed with you for the summer. You taught me many things- including how to play a slot machine (we did win by the way)! I will miss talking on the phone to you but am glad you are reunited with Shirlee. You will be missed.



Cheline Vigeant-Boston - May 19, 2025 at 06:04 PM

NJ

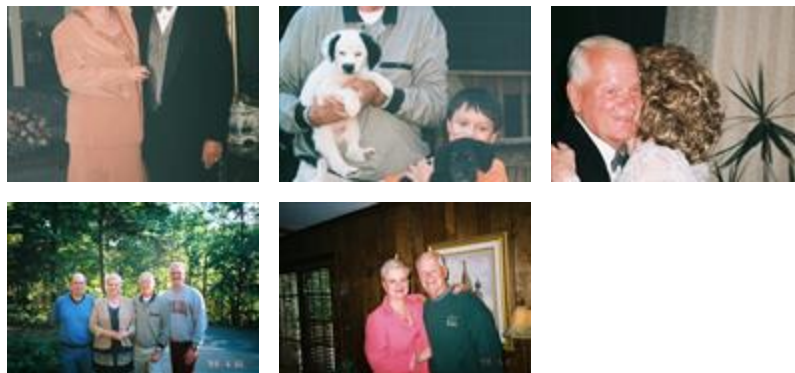
“ 1 file added to the album SONNY PICTURES



NANCY SALLY JANKE - May 16, 2025 at 07:29 PM

NJ

“ 5 files added to the album SONNY PICTURES



NANCY SALLY JANKE - May 15, 2025 at 08:39 PM

NJ

“ My beloved brother “Sonny” at age 9 was prince of the Sally household.... that is, until I was born! The attention shifted to the new baby sister and that didn't set too well with him; when I was hospitalized as a baby though, he told me in later years how he would go off by himself and pray that I would be ok and home again. When Sonny was in the Marines, he met his wife-to-be and brought her home to meet the family. We all teased him about our amazement that somehow he won the heart of sweet and beautiful Shirlee. He proposed to her in our living room. When Shirlee passed away in 2023, he was devastated and grieved for her each and every day and was so lonely without her. In our many phone talks, when he was having a particularly sad day, I would tell him to just picture how happy he will be when he is with her again in heaven. Now he is! Joy, peace, a new heavenly life for “Sonny,” but ‘baby sister’ misses him terribly. No more phone calls, no more silly picking on each other as we always did, or reminiscing about our childhood, our departed parents and siblings, and sharing how proud we were of our own families and their accomplishments. Each of our conversations would end with “I love you with all my heart,” as it did in what was a final very brief minute phone call. There are so many great memories and I am very thankful for the bond we shared throughout the years. He now lives in my heart and I will treasure his memory until we too see each other again.

NANCY (SALLY) JANKE - May 15, 2025 at 02:23 AM

JO

“ A great man that i enjoyed growing up knowing

Jeff orszak - May 14, 2025 at 01:50 PM

DS

“ I have so many wonderful memories of my Uncle Steve. He became my father when my own (John Sally-his brother), died when I was 7 yrs old. Uncle Steve and my Aunt Shirlee helped my mother and me and my 3 brothers through that very sad event and throughout the rest of his life. I am so grateful for the many times I got to stay with him and Aunt Shirlee and all that I was able to to help them both. Uncle Steve was so many things to me: hero, best friend, mentor and father. I miss and love him deeply and always will.



Dianne M Sally - May 14, 2025 at 01:47 PM