



## Sally G. Konz

October 7, 1937 - April 14, 2023

Sally departed her loving family on April 14, 2023.

Sally Gallagher was born in Toledo on October 7, 1937, to Ad and Bertha (Miller)

Gallagher. Sally was a graduate of Notre Dame Academy. She trained as a Licensed

Practical Nurse (LPN) and went on to have a long career at St. Vincent's Hospital in

Pediatrics and Adolescent units.

On May 21, 1960, she married Gerald "Jerry" Konz. They were happily married for

33 years. They were loving parents to Rick, Karen, Kristie (Kurt) Kraftchick, and

Kathie (Mark McCurdy). They raised their children with love and devotion to their

Catholic faith. After an extensive illness, Jerry passed in 1993.

After leaving St. Vincent's, she worked as a nurse for a gastroenterology practice in Toledo. Sally had many hobbies but among them were her love of bridge;

knitting (she made many baby blankets for the new babies in the Konz and

Gallagher

families) and baking (she made a delicious apple crisp!). She enjoyed meeting up with her NDA Class of 1955 classmates. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren Kayla Kraftchick, Kyle Kraftchick, Kourtney Kraftchick and Shane Konz.

Years after Jerry passed, Sally was set up on a date with Paul Mechling. Over the 20 years they were together, Sally and Paul had many adventures. Dining with friends; golfing (in Toledo and Florida) as well as extensive travel. Among the places they visited were Mexico, Alaska, Ireland, Hawaii, Nevada, California, and Branson, Missouri. Paul was a special member of the family until his passing in 2018.

Sally is survived by her children, her sister Mary Ann (David) Walsh, her sisters-in-law Christine Mullan, Penny O'Brien, Joanne Konz, Gladys Wilkey, and Carol Groenleer, her brothers-in-law Orv (Elaine) Konz and Tom (Amy) Konz as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by Jerry, her parents Bertha and Ad Gallagher, her brothers John Gallagher and Michael Gallagher.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Friday, April 21, 2023 from 2:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. at

Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue where the Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. The funeral mass will be celebrated Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 1:00p.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church, where friends are invited after 12:00p.m..In lieu of flowers, donations to Notre Dame Academy or St Jude's Children's Research Hospital can be made in Sally Konz's name.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home  
3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Rosary

APR 21. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home  
3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Visitation

APR 22. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
3011 Carskaddon Ave  
Toledo, OH 43606

## Mass of the Resurrection

APR 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
3011 Carskaddon Ave  
Toledo, OH 43606

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Sally was one of the best people I have ever known.* ”

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**Kelly Carew** - April 23, 2023 at 05:37 PM

PJ

“ *Almost 4 years ago, a woman walked through the doors of my mother’s viewing. I looked up and saw her and said “Sally Konz.” I hadn’t seen her since I was probably 5. I recognized her by her unmistakable grin. She and my mother, Mary Jane Dzienny, were young mothers and neighbors together, in the 60’s on Thornton Ave. in West Toledo. I was very touched that she came. My deepest condolences to her family. What a wonderful lady.* ”

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**Patty Johnson** - April 21, 2023 at 03:05 PM

GG

“ *From the Grieser family in Redondo Beach, California: Over the years, Sally was a guest at our home on numerous occasions, traveling with my children’s grandfather Paul Mechling, here and to Palm Desert. We shared many happy memories of poolside play, great dinners and exploring the Los Angeles and high desert regions. And, we very much enjoyed our visits to Paul’s home in Toledo, and Sally’s company while we were there. Both my children and I cherish our time together. Max, Gabrielle and I extend our sincere condolences to your family. – Jerry Grieser* ”

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**Gerald R Grieser** - April 20, 2023 at 10:19 PM

PA

“ Sally was a beloved adopted member of our family. She and her own extended family brought my father, Paul Mechling, much joy over the years, and I know that her presence in his life kept him going almost as much as his two grandchildren did. Thank you, Sally, for all you did for us.

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**Paula Ashley** - April 20, 2023 at 06:39 PM

BS

“ So sorry for your loss, Betty Konz Schneider

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**Betty Konz Schneider** - April 20, 2023 at 03:25 PM

JE

“ Dear family of Sally-

*While I don't know you I did know your loved one. She came into a salon where I worked frequently. She was someone who you don't forget. Determined, sweet and sassy at the same time, and devoted to her faith and family. I hope you find peace in knowing she touched many lives!*

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**jenn** - April 19, 2023 at 09:16 PM

KW

“ I used to babysit Rick and then Karen, for my cousin Sally and Jerry's bowling night. I was probably in 9th or 10th grade at the time. I was always somewhat scared of their house because it would creak and make strange noises, plus I was babysitting on the night of that tornado in the 60's, and that was scary for everyone around as it passed a few miles from your house. And Rick, you were the first male baby I sat for that actually had to go potty when I was changing you, so you taught me a valuable lesson that I still have not forgotten. Sally was an older cousin, so as a young girl, I was impressed and intrigued with my cousin, she was dating this handsome man and seemed to have it all together. I moved to California after college, but I still got to see you when you and Paul came out to visit his family. I would always visit you the few times I went back to Toledo, and saw you a few times when you came out to visit Mary Ann. But what I am so thrilled to have shared with you were our 2 cousins reunions, plus Uncle Ray. My favorite memory was in Las Vegas for one of these reunions, Mary Ann came to my room which I shared with my sister and we were playing some goofy game and doing a lot of laughing. Well Sally, who was in the room next door, heard the commotion, and wanted to join. But, being prim and proper, she wanted to get dressed prior to entering the hall and not come out in her housecoat. It was like pulling teeth for her to come like that, and we all laughed so hard. Maybe you had to be there, but it is a great memory for me. And your laugh was distinctive, I loved it. Sally, may you rest in peace and may your lovely children feel your love always.

*Kathy (Miller) Willahan*

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**Kathy Miller Willahan** - April 19, 2023 at 09:04 PM