



## Mary-Loretta "Sally" Conklin

October 24, 1948 - February 8, 2019

Albany-Mary-Loretta "Sally" Conklin passed away Friday, February 8, 2019. Sally was born in Waterford on October 24, 1948 to the late Veronica and George Fero.

After graduating High School, she moved to Albany where she worked as a secretary. During this time, she met her future husband Kenneth Conklin. They were married for 21 years until he passed away in 1992. Together they raised 3 children.

Sally went back to college, eventually getting her Masters in Theology from St. Bernard's. She became the first Catholic layperson to work as a chaplain for 24 years at St. Peter's Hospital. She touched many people's lives and brought many a sense of peace through her ministry.

During Sally's life, she frequently verbalized her gratitude for their help and support and now we as a family would like to re-verbalize our appreciation as well to the following: Dr. Patrick Timmins, Lisa Armao, Anne Wilkinson and all the staff at Women's Cancer Care Associates, Dr. Vishwala Kasbek, Dr. Joseph Dudek, NYOH Dr. Glorimar Atilas, Dr. Eric Klausmer and all Wound

Care Center Staff, special caregivers on 6Mac, 5 BF (4Gab), and Hospice Inn, Deb Schonitzer, Rev. John Tallman, Rev. David Dietsche, The Mercy Community and many more family and friends.

Sally was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth Conklin and her brothers George and William Fero. She is survived by her three children, Karen, Anne, and Michael; her grandchildren, whom she adored, Christopher Graham, Andrew Conklin and Liam Conklin, and many family and friends.

Sally has requested no flowers. Instead please donate to the Mercy Care for the Poor, a soup kitchen or food pantry of your choice or the Hospice Inn.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Sally's family Tuesday, February 12, 2019 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208n North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral services Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 11:15 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to The Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY at 12:00 pm where her concelebrated Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Memory Gardens Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave message for the family, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens Cemetery

983 Watervliet Shaker Road  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)  
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## Service

FEB **13**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary-Loretta "Sally" Conklin*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Annie I am so sorry for your, and your dear families, loss. Your Mom was a beautiful person with a strong spirit. I will miss seeing her. Just remember, Physics teaches us that energy never ceases to exist it just takes on another form.*

**Sue Waltz** - February 12, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *Anne, Karen, and Michael - you are in my heart and prayers at this time of your mom's death. She was one of the most honest, compassionate people I have had the privilege to know. She called me "boss lady" as we shared in ministry together. We walked the journey of your father's death together. Her open heart, deep faith, and dry sense of humor are always with me. When I moved, we stayed in touch through cards. I know how much she loved and cherished each of you and my prayer is that the hole her death leaves in your hearts is filled with love and incredible memories so that in your grief you know her presence with you always. I will be with you in spirit at the time of her funeral services.*  
*Warmly, Paula Gravelle Turner*

**paula gravelle turner** - February 11, 2019 at 01:30 PM

FM

“ Anne, my heart breaks for and your family! I hadn't seen Sally in many years until I found out she was your mom. I remember her fondly. She was always very friendly to me. I didn't even realize or remember her actual name wasn't Sally. Reading her obituary, I really wish I had the opportunity to know her as an adult. What a wonderful legacy she leaves behind. Prayers for you and your family.

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**Fran Miller** - February 10, 2019 at 11:52 AM

CN

I meant Sally a few years ago when I became a member of the Associates of the Sisters of Mercy. I remember her as a very kind caring and thoughtful person. my thoughts and Prayers are with her Family.

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**Carol Gollegly Utica NY** - February 10, 2019 at 02:36 PM

MW

Karen, my deepest sympathies to you, Anne and Mike on the loss of your mom. I'm thinking of you during this time.

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**Mary Walsh** - February 11, 2019 at 09:28 AM

GR

Karen, Anne and Michael, please know of my sorrow in the loss of your mother. My memories go back a longtime; the earliest seeing her at morning Mass with pre-school Michael! Most of my memories are of St. Peter's: her delight at finishing CPE and becoming a Chaplain, her finishing her undergraduate and graduate degrees to enhance her ministry. She was beloved by physicians, nurses, staff, patients and families and her compassion was unending. Many a patient felt her hand and appreciated her sitting beside them. In the years of her illness she continued to stay connected as a Mercy Associate and remained so caring! I hope the memories of your mother will carry you through this difficult time. I will miss her but I know she is seeing the face of God.

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**Gail Waring RSM** - February 12, 2019 at 05:00 PM