



## Sally S. Wentzell

February 24, 1934 - February 23, 2020

COLEBROOK – Sally S. Wentzell, of Colebrook, passed away early Sunday morning, Feb. 23, 2020, at her home surrounded by the family she loved and who loved her dearly. She was one day shy of her 86th birthday.

Sally was born Sally Morrison Swail on Feb. 24, 1934, in West Stewartstown, the only child of the late Dr. Clark E. and Doris Whittemore Swail (Trask). She had an idyllic childhood growing up on Parsons Street in Colebrook and graduated from Colebrook Academy, the Class of 1952. After graduation, she attended a nursing training program in Boston before returning to Colebrook where her first job was as a nursing assistant at the same hospital in which she was born.

In 1955, she married Harold Wentzell, and they started a life of farming, first on Titus Hill before settling on the former Scott Farm on Reed Road where they lived for many years raising a family. Harold and Sally both loved to dance and they both dearly loved their family time which included snowmobiling in the winter and boating and picnicking on the many lakes of northern NH and Maine in the summer. In particular, they had a love of spending time every summer on Lake Mooselookmeguntic in the Rangeley, ME region.

In the early 60s, Sally embarked on what would eventually be 52 years of

service to the Town of Colebrook where she would go on to meet many people at both the local and state levels. She started as a part-time bookkeeper for the town. She also worked for the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Central Supply before going to work full time for the town. She filled many roles in her many years of service. She was secretary to the board of selectmen, tax collector, overseer of welfare, and town administrator before becoming the first Town Manager for the Town of Colebrook, a position she held until she retired. She worked as the clerk of court for the Colebrook District Court and she was also a bail commissioner for many years. She worked as the coordinator for the dispatch center for the Colebrook Police and Fire Departments. Her knowledge of the history of the town was instrumental in her assisting the State of New Hampshire Emergency Services when they implemented the 911 emergency services system in Colebrook. After retirement, she was elected the first Selectwoman for the Town of Colebrook and she was also eventually elected as a Colebrook Cemetery Trustee, a position she held until her death. She was also a volunteer at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital for many years and was a member of the Board of Overseers.

Sally's strong personality and laughter won her many friends around the state of New Hampshire in all levels of government. One never had to worry where they stood with her because her forthright manner made it abundantly clear. Her likes were strong and her dislikes were just as strong, and if she liked you, there wasn't anything she wouldn't do for you.

Sally was predeceased by her husband, Harold, and siblings Jannice Baker and Clark Swail Jr. Sally was proud of her many accomplishments but none more than the pride she felt for her family. She and Harold had three daughters whom survive her: Stephanie (Bruce) Lyons of East Colebrook, Jadean (John) Barthelmes of Hopkinton, NH, and Alicia (Norman) Boire of Colebrook, and her "adopted" children, Millard Crawford and Virginia Early of

Colebrook. She is also survived by eight grandchildren in whom she took great joy: Stephen (Kate) Lyons of Warwick, RI, Jennifer (Justin) Frizzell of Colebrook, Kimberly (Ethan) Casavant of Essex, VT, Dana (Jon) Mullins of West Milan, NH, Sarah (Adam Manley) Barthelmes of Chester, NH, Kathryn (fiancé Adam Colberg) Barthelmes of Saint Paul, MN, Daryl (fiancée Lisa Colavito) Boire of Chichester, NH and Trevor (Bridget) Boire of Roslindale, MA. She is also survived by her beloved great-grandchildren, Kelly and Graydon Frizzell of Colebrook, Orion and Avery Casavant of Essex, VT, Wesley and Delaney Mullins of West Milan, NH, John and Cole Manley of Chester, NH and Rowan Boire of Roslindale, MA.

At Sally's request, there will be no calling hours or funeral service. There will be a church service at the Errol Congregational Church in Errol, NH on March 15, and a graveside celebration of life in the spring at the Colebrook Cemetery, a place she loved dearly and spent many happy hours tending the graves of various family members and friends. Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Cemetery Details

## **Colebrook Village Cemetery**

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Stephanie and Alicia, I remember your remarkable mom so fondly. What a great lady! Just hearing the news and sending my belated condolences. So sorry for your and your families' loss.  
Renee Bucciarelli

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**Renee Bucciarelli** - June 28, 2020 at 07:59 PM

BF

“ I always loved your mom's smile and she always had a welcoming personality. My heart goes out to the entire family and, in time, may the tears and sorrow you now have be replaced with smiles and happy memories of better times.

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**Betsy Foss** - March 11, 2020 at 10:30 PM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Sally Wentzell.  
Gary and Joanne Melanson

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**Joanne Melanson** - March 08, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ My mom called to tell me this and I was so sad. I have lovely memories of my time spent with Sally and will always remember her. So sorry for your loss!  
Chris Bean

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**Chris Bean** - March 06, 2020 at 12:04 AM

RV

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family . RIP. Mrs  
Wentzell.*

*Richard Vallée  
Paul Vallée Inc. Sawmill.  
St-Isidore-de-Clifton Québec Canada.*



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**Richard Vallee** - March 02, 2020 at 02:21 PM

CR

“ *With sympathy to Sally's family and respect for the sincere  
contribution to the community Sally made!*

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**Cindy Roy** - March 02, 2020 at 11:42 AM

LV

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Jadean, Alicia, Stephanie, and to all of  
the family.*

*Bob and Lisa Vashaw*

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**Lisa Vashaw** - March 02, 2020 at 10:08 AM

EG

“ *Sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady  
and had a heart of gold. She will be missed  
by all.*



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**Eva Guy** - March 02, 2020 at 08:56 AM

LB

“ *My sincere condolences to Sally family she will be miss she was a very nice lady*

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**Lucette Boivin** - March 01, 2020 at 08:51 AM

ES

“ *Sally was a wonderful person. She was kind and thoughtful towards others. The only problem was that she didn't want anyone to necessarily know it. When I first met Sally some 40+ years ago, she came up to me when I was in uniform and right out of blue said "I ain't afraid of you". That surprised me to say the least. I then said I am not afraid of you either. I went on to tell her that I had heard of her reputation as being "hard-nosed" but it didn't scare me. We remained friends for all these years. Sally was always proud of Colebrook and she served it very well for many years. Rest well my friend.*

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**Eric Stohl** - February 29, 2020 at 05:24 PM

BO

“ *My condolences for your loss*

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**BobNoyes** - February 29, 2020 at 07:03 AM

FJ

“ *I am very sorry to hear of your loss and my prayers and thoughts are with the family. Sally was a classmate and have many fond memories and especially of our class reunion last September.*  
*Frederick Jackson*

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**Frederick Jackson** - February 28, 2020 at 01:13 PM

AT

“ *Rip sally from the crew*

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**Arthur Truesdale** - February 27, 2020 at 04:58 PM

JC

“ So sorry to hear about your loss! There is nothing harder than saying good bye to your Mom. My Mom will be glad to be with her friend again.



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**Jan Corliss** - February 27, 2020 at 12:38 PM

EB

“ Eric Brungot lit a candle in memory of Sally S. Wentzell



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**Eric Brungot** - February 26, 2020 at 05:27 PM

MR

“ I am so sorry to hear that Sally is not with us anymore. I worked for her for a number of years, and we remained friends afterwards. She did great thing for Colebrook and was appreciated for it too. Our deepest sympathy to all of her family, She will be missed in Colebrook, but what Sally loves the most was her children and grand-children.

*Yvon and Manon Robert*

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**Manon Robert** - February 25, 2020 at 06:22 PM

GJ

“ *Stephanie and family - my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. I've got many great memories of Sally from all the years she was in the Town Hall.*

*May she rest in peace.*

*Ginger Jannenga*

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**Ginger Jannenga** - February 25, 2020 at 12:24 PM

TT

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Sally passing. She was a strong, very intelligent woman who cared a lot about Colebrook. She touched so many people.*

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**Tammy Thivierge** - February 25, 2020 at 11:49 AM

SS

“ *Shelly Shaw lit a candle in memory of Sally S. Wentzell*



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**Shelly Shaw** - February 25, 2020 at 11:47 AM

CM

“ Girls,  
*I am so saddened by the loss of your mother and my friend "Louise". We had so much fun on our trips together all those years ago and had a lot of laughs talking about them in later years. I am glad I got to see her one last time two weeks ago. She always talked steadily about you girls and all her grandchildren and was so proud of all of you. My heart goes out to all of you. Much sympathy!*

*Cathy ("Thelma")*

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**Cathy McComiskey** - February 25, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Stephanie, Jadene, and Alicia, your mom was truly a special person. I will always remember her for many reasons. She did so much for the town; town manager, Chairmen of the trustees for the cemetery and a volunteer at the hospital for many years. She was also a lot of fun. She will be fondly remembered by many. She raised three wonderful daughters and she was very proud of you all. . Rest in peace dear Sally.*

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**Patty Hart** - February 25, 2020 at 09:42 AM

CF

“ My mother, Sally Foss, and Sally Wentzell shard the same birthday and she would want me to share this story. On their birthdays a long time ago they were both at the Log Haven with different groups. Bill and Elaina Johnson were with my mom and dad and had pre-ordered a birthday cake to surprise my mom....a birthday cake with Happy Birthday Sally. The waitress delivered it to Sally Wentzell’s table to her table’s surprise. All Were friends anyway and enjoyed the gaffe!

*My sincere condolences to Stephanie and families. May the memories that folks share help comfort you in your loss.*

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**Carolyn Foss** - February 24, 2020 at 03:28 PM