



Sarra "Sally" Rhodes

April 8, 1927 - August 16, 2023

Sarra "Sally" Rhodes, age 96, of Estill Springs, TN, passed away on August 16, 2023. She was born on April 8, 1927, in Ithaca, NY, to the late Fletcher Howard Woodcock and Sarra Margurite Koch. She spent most of her youth in Ithaca before moving to Atlanta, GA and Ft Myers, FL. Mother attended college Ward Belmont College in Nashville and then Cornell University where she met her husband Robert P Rhodes Jr. They married after graduation in June 1949 and shared 69 years of marriage before he died in 2018. Sally is survived by her two children, Robert P. Rhodes III of Estill Springs, TN and Kathryn Rhodes of Brookhaven, GA. After moving to Tullahoma in 1956, Sally never slowed down. While we were in grade school and junior high, she sold Rye Country Classics cashmere clothing to local ladies from her home. In the 1960 census, she did house-to-house polling. She was part owner of Jae's Gift Shop in Tullahoma, TN during the early 1970's. While we were attending college, she studied photography at Middle Tennessee State University before opening her own photography business. Sally was a strong and warm-hearted woman who was adored by all who knew her. She had a vibrant personality and was well-liked within her community. She expressed her passion for life and the out-of-doors through many activities. As a youth, she excelled in hunting and fishing, and was the Georgia Junior State Trap Shooting Champion in 1940. As an adult she continued to embrace adventure as she participated in activities such as caving, sailing, water skiing, scuba diving, swimming, and until a few years ago, jet skiing. Sally and our father shared a

dedication to and love of the South Jackson Performing Arts Center. Sally was involved with writing grants, fund raising, publicity, and continued on the Operations Board as Membership Chairperson up until the time of her passing. Sally was a strong advocate for women. She helped women see and reach their potential as a Girl Scout leader and as a member of P.E.O. Sally was a long-time member of Shady Grove Garden Club. She loved growing plants, especially Tennessee wildflowers and herbs. She found great joy in sharing cuttings of new plants with friends. As her interests in gardening, birds, and conservation bloomed, she developed a certified wildlife habitat in her backyard. Sally was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Tullahoma, TN, where she found solace, optimism, and strength in her faith. Contributions in memory of Sally in lieu of flowers can be made to South Jackson Performing Arts Center, P. O. Box 326, Tullahoma, TN 37388 or to Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, 705 Wilson Avenue, Tullahoma, TN 37388. Please join us in celebrating the remarkable life of Sarra "Sally" Rhodes on September 30, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 705 Wilson Avenue, Tullahoma, TN with visitation at 10-11 a.m. and services at 11:00 a.m. Sally will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched.

Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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“ *Sally, along with her husband Bob, were such generous and helpful neighbors to my mother after she came home from an accident. She was always on the go but never too busy to help out anyone. She was a wonderful comfort to my mother in many ways. My condolences.*

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“ *Sally was a beautiful person with love and caring. Always eager to help and give guidance to anyone who asked. She was a main-stay for the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center and was a very active supporter. We shared many good times together and I feel I've lost a true friend, but we'll meet again in Heaven. Thanks for all you did Sally for me and for others.*

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