



## Sara "Sally" Schneider

December 11, 1941 - July 17, 2011

Sally Schneider died July 17, 2011 at home, in Easton, MD, after a long hard battle with small intestine cancer. She was an 11 year survivor of stage IV colon - rectal cancer.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Dr. John Schneider, an Orthodontist in Easton; three wonderful children, Lisa, Kathy and David and their spouses Chris, Brian and Dori, and nine grandchildren, ages 8 years to 4 months, a brother, J. Carl III, and two sisters, Jill and Janet, and their spouses Anne, Dwain and Dick.

Sally was born December 11, 1941. She was the daughter of the late, Dora Brunner Downing, who was a teacher in Silver Lake, Washington, and the late, J. Carl Downing II, who was a reporter for both radio and newspapers in Washington State before he became the press secretary for U.S. Senator from Washington Warren G. Magnuson.

Sally went to the University of Washington and received a B. A. in Political Science, later she received a Masters in Secondary Education from George Washington University and then a Masters in Para Legal Studies at the University of Maryland. She worked as personal secretary for U.S. Congresswoman from Washington Julia Butler Hansen. She also worked as an administrative assistant – researcher for D.C. public schools, as a para

legal for two law firms in Montgomery County, and for the Montgomery County Police department before moving to the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1999. She was very involved in the PTA and Area Three of the Montgomery County Public School System while her children attended school. She was asked to run for the Montgomery County School Board. Sally was also an elder at the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew. For the past 10 years, she volunteered at the Cancer Center in Easton, MD.

She loved to sew, knit and crochet, and known as a great cook, especially for her famous apple pies, but most of all she will be remembered as a loving, caring, beautiful wife, mother, and friend.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, but she is in a better place with her Savior Jesus Christ.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Easton, MD.

A memorial service will be held at the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Ave. and Norwood Rd., Silver Spring, Maryland 20905, 301-384-4394, on August 20, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

# Tribute Wall



“ Sara "Sally" Schneider

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Sara "Sally" Schneider

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Sara "Sally" Schneider

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Dear John and the Schneider family:

*We here at First Trinity Luthern have been praying for Sally. She fought a long hard battle, but she lived 11 years from the first diagnosis to see her gandchildren born and for that we give thanks and praise to God. We mourn her loss but celebrate her life and thankful that she is in pain no more. We pray that God will surround you with peace and love during the days and weeks ahead.##imported-begin##Pastor Tom Knoll##imported-end##*

August 01, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ *John and family,*

*We are sorry to hear of your loss. Life isn't always kind or easy to understand.*

*Please accept our deepest sympathy.*

*Andy & Wilma##imported-begin##Andy & Wilma  
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July 31, 2011 at 10:10 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, take care of your family and we will see you soon.##imported-begin##Mike Vance##imported-end##*

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July 27, 2011 at 02:36 PM



“ *The world has lost a wonderful person. Sally has always been kind to our family. She always found time to think of us whether it was the birth of a child or just a kind hello. Her ability to use yarn or fabric to craft a masterpiece was amazing. We will think of her often and will miss her smile!##imported-begin##Matthew and Mary Ellen Clark##imported-end##*

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July 26, 2011 at 01:27 PM



“ *We will miss Sally greatly. What a wonderful, kind, prescence she was in everyones' life.##imported-begin##Jim ,Noni Peterson and family##imported-end##*

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July 26, 2011 at 12:37 PM



“ *Our loving christian sympathy to all the family. Sally was a wonderful person and we are blessed to have known her and worked with her in our church circles and LWML! God's Peace and Love to all the family!*  
*Connie and Fred Kruelle*  
*Ocean Pines, MD##imported-begin##Connie and Fred Kruelle##imported-end##*

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July 26, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ *Sally and I were friends since we moved next door to each other 44 years ago. We raised our children together and had many wonderful experiences together, so I have many fond memories of her. Sally had so many gifts and talents! I admired her so much and always considered myself lucky to be her friend. I don't think I ever heard her say anything unkind about anyone, and when she talked about John, her children and their spouses, her grandchildren, and other loved ones, it was always with a smile and a gleam in her eyes. Her memory was amazing, even while she was medicated for her pain. Sally was one of those people who made the world a better place, sharing her gifts with others and making their lives better just for having known her. Sally's life is a great example of a life well-lived. I already miss her tremendously, but I know she is now at peace and out of pain and that makes me happy for her.*

*Jim and I send our heartfelt sympathy to her wonderful family, who we know will miss her loving presence every day. She was so very proud of you all, and with very good reason. God bless you all at this difficult time, and if we can help in any way, please let us know.##imported-begin##Jackie Griesi##imported-end##*

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July 25, 2011 at 01:49 PM



“ *We will miss Sally.##imported-begin##Linda and Craig Norman##imported-end##*

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July 24, 2011 at 10:12 PM



“ *How blessed I was to have a friend like Sally. She was Wonder Woman to all who knew her. She will be missed -- but she is at peace and in our hearts forever!!!*

*Give God the Glory!!!*

*Karen###imported-begin###Karen Matthiesen###imported-end###*

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July 24, 2011 at 09:18 PM