



Sally Ann Dietsch

September 24, 1939 - October 8, 2025

Sally Ann Dietsch, 86, of Florence passed away Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025, in Springfield. She was born on Sept. 24, 1939, in Dunmore, PA, the daughter of Salvatore and Anne Fedorchak Rinaldi. Sally married Edwin “Ed” Dietsch, Feb. 19, 1960, in Long Beach, CA.

Sally became a Wave when she joined the US Navy out of high school and moved from Pennsylvania to California. During her time in the service, she met and married Ed. After serving three years, the couple moved to Keokuk, IA where her children were born and she was employed as a police dispatcher. In 1975, she and Ed moved to Bath, IL where she worked as an assistant librarian for the Balyki School District. In December of 1982, Sally, Ed and another couple purchased the restaurant and tavern that would become Ed & Woodies Tap in Florence. Sally and Ed became sole owners of the restaurant and, together with her son, ran it for thirty-five years before retiring in 2018. One of Sally’s greatest joys in life was the company she kept at Ed & Woodies and the many years of celebration that took place under her roof. A lifelong Catholic, Sally, in her later years, attended New Song Ministries in Bluffs, where she loved to hear her daughter sing. While she was known for having a fiery spirit, Sally lived a generous life (a favorite yearly activity was Christmas basket shopping for local children and families). She served for many years with her husband on the Florence town board, where she resided before her passing.

Surviving is husband, Ed of Florence; children, Scott (Lisa) Dietsch of Havana

and Lorena (William) Sleeman of Bluffs; siblings, Angelica Conway and Marie (Joe) Bartos, and sister-in-law, JoAnn Rinaldi all of Dunmore, PA; grandchildren, Ryan (Megan), Patrick and Brady (Summer) Dietsch of Havana, and Jasper Sleeman of Los Angeles, CA; great grandchildren, PJ and Mason Dietsch both of Havanna. Sally was preceded in death by siblings, Margaret and Domenick Rinaldi and brother-in-law, Frank Conway. Services will be held on Monday, Nov. 3rd, at New Song Church, with 10 AM visitation and 11 AM service. Following the service, a celebration of life will be held at the Riverbank Bar and Grill in Florence, IL. All are welcome to attend. Memorials can be made to the Kiwanis's Christmas baskets in Winchester, IL or the Pike County Christmas baskets.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

Bluffs, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Song Chruch
1465 Exeter Rd.
Bluffs, IL 62621

Memorial Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sally was my sister-in law but also my friend. We didnt see each other much lately but when we did get together we took off where we left off. She was a good person and knew everyone and they knew her. Always involved in helping someone she was a light in the community. We will all miss her.* ”

Susan Dietsch - November 16, 2025 at 08:12 PM

PB

“ *Sally was like a mom to me. She sure would give me hell like a mom, but I always knew it come from a good place. She always good to me and mine. We will miss her, I will especially miss her. So sorry for your loss Ed, Scott, Lorena, and family.* ”

Pam Bristow - November 02, 2025 at 11:39 AM

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“ *Lorena, my thoughts & prayers are with you and your family at this time. Hope you have a few memories of me and our time teaching at Havana Junior High. Please hold all your memories of your mother close to your heart. She will never be far away. ❤️🌸 In sympathy, Chris Durham Hobrock* ”

Chris Durham Hobrock - October 26, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Dietsch.* ”



October 21, 2025 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Sally was a very special lady. She was such a blessing to our church. Praying for Lorena, Scott and families to be comforted in this time.*

Belle Woods - October 13, 2025 at 07:27 PM

AM

“ *She was such a strong, beautiful matriarch of this family. RIP Sally. You did your job so very well and will never be forgotten.*

Andrea Mann - October 13, 2025 at 04:36 PM