



Sally Ann Fortier

March 6, 1934 - January 18, 2026

Sally Ann Fortier (née Frickleton) passed away peacefully on January 18, 2026, at the age of 91 in Holland, Michigan. Born on March 6, 1934, in Iron Mountain, Michigan, to Ray and Mildred Frickleton, Sally lived a life full of love, grace, and quiet strength.

She married her beloved husband, John “Jack” Andrew Fortier, on Christmas Day, December 25, 1953, at St. Mary’s and St. Joseph’s Church in Iron Mountain. Together they shared 70 years of marriage and countless adventures, building a beautiful family and finding joy in every moment. Jack preceded her in death on May 28, 2024. Following his passing, Sally moved to the memory care unit at Quincy Senior Living in Holland, Michigan, near her daughter Jill. Sally and Jack are now happily reunited in Heaven.

Sally was the devoted mother of three children: Darcy Kassin (Rich Sorenson) and John Fortier (Teresa), both of Iron Mountain, Michigan, and Jill Sesselmann (Eric) of Muskegon, Michigan. She was a cherished grandmother to 10 grandchildren and a doting great-grandmother to 25 great-grandchildren, with a 26th on the way – whom she was the first to be told about.

Known for her class, kindness, and a secretly sassy spirit, Sally was the ultimate caregiver. She wouldn’t rest until she was certain that everyone she loved was well-fed, warm, and cared for. Deeply loved by all who knew her,

Sally's warmth and generosity will be forever remembered.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Mildred Frickleton; her husband, Jack; her sister, Joanne; and her brother-in-law, Art.

In addition to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, she is survived by her sisters-in-law, Marylee Oatley (Frank) of Marquette, Michigan, and Bonnie Fortier of Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Among the family's favorite memories are joyful 4th of July celebrations in Spread Eagle, Wisconsin, breathtaking sunsets in Barefoot Beach, and happy hours enjoyed anywhere with loved ones.

The family extends special thanks to the memory care staff at Quincy Senior Living and Emmanuel Hospice of Holland for their compassionate care, as well as Colleen, Heather and Carol who were such an important part of Sally and Jack's care and daily lives prior to her move to Holland.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sally's memory to:

Emmanuel Hospice

401 Hall St. SW Suite 263

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

or St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Iron Mountain, Michigan, .

Sally has been entrusted to the care of Systema Funeral Home of Muskegon, Michigan, and Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ Sally was a wonderful cousin to me through the years and the best friend of my mother in law, Jean Thekan. May she be in eternal peace. Karen Thekan

Karen Thekan - January 24 at 09:42 AM

EG

“ I remember when Sally moved into Quincy Place, her smile and laughter immediately lit up the entire community. I had the honor of caring for Sally and getting to know her wonderful family during her time there. Every morning, her first words were always, “It’s so nice to see you honey,” and she never missed a chance to remind you how much you were loved. There was always joy, warmth, and plenty of ice cream whenever Sally was around. I am deeply grateful for the love she shared so freely. She will be missed tremendously.

Elizabeth Garcia - January 20 at 05:20 PM

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"Hello honey"

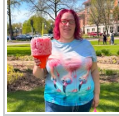
Victoria - January 20 at 07:08 PM

VI

“ I had the honor to care for Sally when she moved to Quincy Place. I have so many memories of Sally 1 of my favorite ones is when she would always ask for ice cream. It didn't matter what time of day or meal it was she would ask for ice cream and yell it out for all to hear. My condolences go out to you Jill and the rest of your family. Quincy will never forget Sally Fortier from Spread Eagle Wisconsin.



Victoria - January 20 at 04:46 PM



I had the honor to take care of Sally when I started working in the memory care unit and I enjoyed every moment. It was great to see her wake up in the morning full of energy, smiling all the time no matter what was going on and her family loved her very much and it was great to be able to take care of her through the hard times she will be greatly missed my condolences. Go out to Jill and the family.

Dodie Cumings - January 30 at 12:50 AM

MO

“ *To the entire family of Sally, Please accept our sincerest sympathies. She will always be remembered by us as a vibrant, active, feisty, smartly dressed person who deeply loved her family. So sorry for your loss. She is now with her beloved Jack. Sincerely, Duane Hongisto and Mary Oman*

MO - January 20 at 02:07 PM

KK

“ *John & Terese, My heart is so heavy just reading about Sally. She was a wonderful woman! I enjoyed her every time I had the privilege of visiting with you all at the Club. We always mourn our loved ones, but what a beautiful life of memories you all have of her. May God give you peace that she was so well loved and resting now.*

*Love,
Kelly Benjamin-Kennedy*

Kelly Kennedy - January 19 at 02:49 PM

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“ *Sally will certainly be missed but we are so happy she is no longer suffering physically and mentally. What a beautiful woman she was. She made every person she came into contact with feel special. Loved her.*

Catherine Fox Lundy - January 19 at 02:28 PM

MM

“ So sorry to hear of My death friends passing....friends since 7 th grade....in happiness and sorrow along the way....my heart is very heavy...

Marlene Minella - January 19 at 01:59 PM