



## Mary Lou "Sally" Curry

November 21, 1934 - September 3, 2019

Mary Lou "Sally" Wernette Curry was born in Fort Smith Arkansas on Nov. 21, 1934, the youngest of the three children of Andrew R. and Lorene M. Danner Wernette. She graduated from Fort Smith High School in 1952 and attended West Ark Jr. College where she met the love of her life, James N. Curry. They married in 1955 and celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in March of this year.

Sally was a homemaker in the truest and best sense of the word. She made each of the houses she moved into over her lifetime a home for her husband and two children. She was the best fried chicken and fish cooker! Sally was a life-long member of the Methodist Church and served her congregations as a Sunday School teacher, a youth group leader, and a Lay Speaker, as well as being an active member and leader of United Methodist Women. She always found ways to serve in her communities – as a Girl Scout Leader and Red Cross swimming/water safety instructor for many years; she was the substitute teacher the kids DIDN'T want because she was tough, and she also worked for the Ottawa County Extension Service in the late 1970s.

She spent as much time as possible outdoors – as a nature lover she understood the importance of taking care of our natural resources. She was an avid angler her entire life, fishing from coast to coast in both fresh and saltwater with her husband, son, daughter and grandsons. Whether she was fishing from a canoe in the wilderness of Canada or a Grand Lake fishing dock she always stayed for one more cast. She enjoyed feeding and watching

songbirds and hummingbirds; observing the local ground hog, red fox or fat squirrel; beachcombing, finding shells and stones; and collecting pinecones and acorns from trees across the country as she traveled. While traveling she also recorded many books for the visually impaired.

She was an avid fan of the OKC Thunder and the Arkansas Razorbacks. In addition, she was a supporter of the arts in NE Oklahoma as a member of the Friends of the Coleman Theater, Miami Little Theater, public library volunteer and other community events.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents, older brother George W. Wernette, and older sister Julia D. Patterson. She is survived by her husband, James N. Curry; her daughter, Laura L. Curry Barnett and son-in-law Lamar Barnett (Lake Mary, FL); her son, James Neil Curry, Jr and daughter-in-law Wanda Curry (Little Rock, AR); six grandsons, and three great-grandsons.

There will be a Celebration of Life at First United Methodist Church in Miami, Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 1:00 PM under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Sally's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Miami

200 B NW

Miami, OK 74354

<http://www.fumcmiami.org>

# Tribute Wall



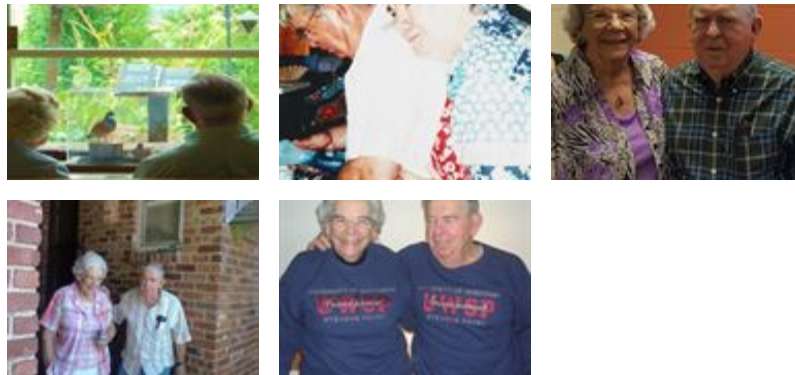
“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou "Sally" Curry*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - September 06, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *104 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - September 06, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ *Mary Lou was always "Sally" to me. Such a delightful lady. She always had interesting stories involving her life and times. Also her presentations in church were always well prepared. We will definitely miss her in church and in our swim class.* 🙏❤️🌸

**Frances Wagener** - September 05, 2019 at 10:20 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou "Sally" Curry.*



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September 05, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou "Sally" Curry.*



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September 05, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Laura Curry Barnett** - September 04, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ As a child, I lived next door to Sally and Jim for many years over on West Central. I would visit them regularly and always looked forward to their smiling faces and sweet personalities. They were always so happy to see me as I was them. I have many happy memories with them both. Prayers and comfort to their family during this terrible time. What Earth lost, heaven gained. It's hard not to be selfish and miss her here on Earth, but we can hope she's celebrating with Jesus. There's nothing more comforting than that.

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**Mandy Banks** - September 04, 2019 at 09:12 AM

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“ Sally, we are going to miss you so much at NEO Arthritis water exercise class. Ive already missed you before you left us for good. We always had so much fun and I'm glad your place was right behind me. I'm sure I'll see you again when I cross over to the other side. I hope there is a big pool for us to swim and play in. May the LORD comfort your family and find joy and peace knowing your pain is gone and you've finished your race. See you soon. Love in Christ, Kay Simmons

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**Kay Simmons** - September 04, 2019 at 02:01 AM

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“ We will truly miss sally & her awesome upbeat personality & smile at SunKissed Floral. She would always come to our open houses through the years & we truly enjoyed her.. our condolences to her family.. heaven has truly gained an angel 💕💕

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**anita smith** - September 03, 2019 at 07:26 PM