



Sally Edith McLanahan

June 13, 1925 - January 7, 2018

Sally Edith McLanahan, 92, was welcomed into Heaven on Sunday, January 7, 2018. Viewing will be from 5 -7 p.m January 11th at Kayser's Chapel and at noon until 12:45 p.m. on January 12th at Moses Lake Alliance Church. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Guarding Angels Cemetery.

Sign the online guestbook at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel.

Sally was born to Louis Edward Isitt and Martha Krausse Isitt on June 13, 1925 in Walla Walla, Washington. She became the first girl to play in the ROTC High School band. As the manager of the Walla Walla PX during WW2, she met the love of her life, Mac McLanahan. They married in North Augusta, South Carolina in 1946 and were married 71 years.

The family moved to Moses Lake in 1955 where Sally became involved in PTA, Cub Scouts, International Little League, and many other activities her children were interested in.

Some of the community activities Sally became involved with include:

Starting the first Little League Parade (now known as the "Dick Kelley Parade") with 250 kids in 1959, remaining in charge of Parade for 36 years;

helping to establish the Park and Recreation Department their first volunteer; starting many of Moses Lake's first Recreation programs: summer programs, first pre-school, roller skating, square dancing, exercising, etc. Recreation Department Supervisor (seven years). Life member of the National Parks and Recreation. School bus driver for 13 years because of her love for children. Helped bring the Cascade Park and the Peninsula Boat Launch into the City. Recreation Supervisor for Upward Bound. First woman to serve on the Columbia Basin Job Corp Council (36 years). Supervisor for the Grant County Community Action Council. Started the Moses Lake Senior Center from a totally condemned building in the 70's. (Director for 14 years and now a Lifetime Director). Created the traveling, "Sally's Recycle Senior Band".

Started the AARP, Retired Senior program, the first Drug and Alcohol programs, and a Driving Course for adults that hadn't learned to drive. Life Member of Soroptimist International of Moses Lake. First Lady to receive the prestigious Jefferson Award in eastern Washington; presented by the Vice-President of the US. Given "Woman of Achievement" Awards. Served on four Scholarship Committees. Member of the Moses Lake's Woman Club. Dedicated member of Retired Public Employees (25 years). Chaired the committee to build a new Chief Justice building. Long time member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. (Church gardener until age 90). On many other community boards including Humane Society.

She loved her family, God, and believed that it is important to get involved and participate in your community.

She is survived by her husband: Mac McLanahan; children: Larry (Chris) McLanahan; Cherre (Jon) Resh; grandchildren: Anthony (Charisse) McLanahan, Ranen (Kirsten) McLanahan, Maverick, Pacific, and Michael McLanahan; her great-grandchildren: Jasmine, Mason, Owen, Raelle; Tim and Gerry McLanahan and others.

Memorial donations can be made to Moses Lake Senior Center or Moses Lake Alliance Church.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Alliance Church
1100 N. Grape Dr.
Moses Lake, WA

Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Alliance Church
1100 N. Grape Dr.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Sally i remember when you started teen night at the old Central school building. I had so much fun there. Then the last time i saw you was at church on Grape drive with Mac. RIP young lady.*

Bruce Literal - June 25, 2022 at 09:21 AM

ST

“ *Sharrie And Bruce Trachte lit a candle in memory of Sally Edith McLanahan*



Sharrie and Bruce Trachte - January 12, 2018 at 02:03 PM

DS

“ *I considered myself privileged indeed to have had the opportunity to know Sally. Sally always emanated a wonderful sense of kindness and encouragement to everyone she met. A true pillar of the community, Sally freely gave of her time and energy in so many ways, making Moses Lake a better place to live in the process. Sally, you will be sorely missed.....however, our loss on earth is now heaven's gain.*

Dennis Smithgall and family

Dennis Smithgall - January 12, 2018 at 12:17 PM

AF

“ Mac, your Sally was the personification of a Christian life well-lived. Her tireless service was always directed at making the world a better place and improving the lives of others. Our daughter was a beneficiary of her love and generosity, and we will always be grateful. I cannot express enough, how we admired and respected her diligence and energy as she aged. You and she exemplify your lifetime devotion to one another and set an example for the rest of us. Love and blessings. Art and Dona Stockman and family.

Art/Dona Stockman/ family - January 11, 2018 at 06:20 PM

CL

“ The kindest and most gracious woman you could ever meet. A true champion for the City of Moses Lake and all the people who live here.

Clayton and Pat Lynch

Clayton Lynch - January 11, 2018 at 02:22 PM

CK

“ To Sally's family; Sally was a wonderful woman, one of the kindest, and universally loved by everyone. Her dedication to the people in Moses Lake, her love for God, and unwavering faith, gave Sally strength throughout her life. I had the pleasure of knowing Sally for so many years!! I was able to serve on the Moses lake Senior Center board for 6 years, and Sally was also serving at the same time. Sally started the ML Senior Center, was the director for 14 years, and became a Lifetime member. Sally was a volunteer for so many clubs, city projects, the list is endless. Rest in peace dear friend...you will never be forgotten. Cathy & Paul Kersey

Cathy Kersey - January 11, 2018 at 11:39 AM

LR

“ Mac, Larry, & Chere - Sally was an amazing person, and her accomplishments over her life are a tribute to her dedication to you, the people of the area, and Moses Lake in general. Thank you for sharing her with us all for so many years.
larryrigsby@gmail.com

LARRY RIGSBY - January 10, 2018 at 08:29 PM

SZ

“ What a jewel You were Sally to our whole community. You inspired many and were truly a giver and helper in every capacity. May You be at rest. The Zornes

Sharon Zornes - January 10, 2018 at 07:25 PM

CH

“ I will miss you Sally but give Jesus a big hug! I'm sure your smile will be as contagious in Heaven as it was here on earth. I am better having known you 😊

Charlotte - January 10, 2018 at 06:01 PM

JG

“ I'm going to miss her stories, after 23 years of doing her hair once a week...




Julie Graham - January 10, 2018 at 03:33 PM

JW

“ Sally was one of the greatest women I have ever known. Always had a smile, to brighten your day.

John & Nancee Woodard - January 10, 2018 at 03:31 PM

 Jody
Bowser

“*Sally, your heart, and your commitment, and your faithfulness, and your SPUNK are precisely what made you such an outstanding woman--and what made your generation 'The Greatest Generation.' You poured your life into others every single day. And you pointed all of us to Jesus Christ. I'm blessed to have known you. Well done, good and faithful servant.*”

Jody Bowser - January 10, 2018 at 02:03 PM

AW

“*Amanda Watkins lit a candle in memory of Sally Edith McLanahan*”



Amanda Watkins - January 10, 2018 at 10:12 AM

SS

“*Susan Stolsig lit a candle in memory of Sally Edith McLanahan*”



Susan Stolsig - January 10, 2018 at 12:31 AM

LM

“*Lynn Mackey lit a candle in memory of Sally Edith McLanahan*”



Lynn Mackey - January 09, 2018 at 11:49 PM

BP

“ We had the pleasure of knowing Sally for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family during this time of loss.
Gene & Bonnie Polhamus

Bonnie Polhamus - January 09, 2018 at 03:46 PM

SH

“ Sue Hudlow-Campbell lit a candle in memory of Sally Edith McLanahan



Sue Hudlow-Campbell - January 09, 2018 at 11:18 AM

ES

“ Ed And Paula Stout lit a candle in memory of Sally Edith McLanahan



Ed and Paula Stout - January 09, 2018 at 08:52 AM