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Sally Ellen Watton, nee Torpin

Born February 20, 1931 in Philadelphia to Richard Torpin III and Margaret Chase. Sally passed away peacefully to join her beloved relatives, friends and "critters" at the Big Reunion Above on October 23, 2011 in Rehoboth, DE. She was a graduate of Cheltenham High School and Centenary College for Women. Sally successfully embraced a variety of interests and adventures throughout her life with enthusiasm and warmth. She was a devoted daughter, writer and actress in TV's early days in both Philadelphia and New York City, an executive's wife, an amazingly supportive and involved mother to her 3 children, a Fashion Coordinator and Commentator, a docent for several community organizations, and an active parishioner at her churches in PA, MI, and lastly, in Lewes, DE.

Some of our favorite memories of Mom, or Bama to her grandchildren, include: sharing her love of live theater, always having a smile to share, seeing the world through Rose Colored Glasses, sunrises and sunsets at the beach, throwing First Snow of the Season, Tomato, and Christmas Cookie Exchange Parties, Grotto Pizza before sending her grandchildren off Trick or Treating, dry cake-like brownies even more special when topped with green icing on St. Patty's Day, having a strong faith and moral compass, integrity, Traditions, made sure we knew how to properly set a table, use the Good Silver every day, Estee Lauder "After 25 cream", Roast "Beast", lamb chops and ginger ale cure all ills and don't forget to ring the bell, CHOCOLATE-DARK and lots of it, "savies and sussies" fuzzy slippers, driving across the country in 1950 with three college friends and riding a donkey in the Grand Canyon on their way to Hollywood, touring castles in Scotland and England (including the town of Watton, England), Hawaii, Paris, Eastover, The Skirmish, HER Seashore, driving 1300 miles for a practical joke, The Costume Closet, because to Mom EVERY uniform was in truth a costume, the birthday MONTH concept, hand-talking, a heart of gold-but just don't mess with her cubs, making plans, finding Frank for Dedde, Sally-land is better than OZ.



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Bama was a beautiful person. She was a happy person. She weathered life's ups and downs with unusual grace. Her legacy will be realized by us not missing her too much. She would want us to move on and make the most of our time here. She would want us to be happy, too. Bama left her body last night but as always her light remains on us. Goodbye Sally Torpin Watton, our Bama. She was smart and creative and very much her own person, with so much to offer. Her generosity towards others almost made us forget that at times. It was a happy problem to have.

Sally is lovingly survived by her greatest unfinished work, her loving husband of 59 years Donald, children Dedde Cornell (Frank) Boise, ID, Donna deKuyper (Scott) Lewes, DE, Ric Watton (Lisa) Atlanta, GA, and grandchildren Ana (Shaz), "Z"achary (Andrea), Montana, McKinnon, Chase, Payton, extended family Elizabeth, Lin, Peggy, and many treasured friends. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Sussex County DE S.P.C.A., Vitas Hospice, or St. Peters Episcopal Church in Lewes, DE. Burial will be private and a memorial service will be held at her beach in the summer of 2012.

Visit Mrs. Watton's Life Memorial at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com

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JM

Jeannie Lowrie Mallett posted:

I will always remember "Mrs. Watton" as a beautifully gracious woman. She had a wonderful and contagious smile and loved welcoming and hosting people in her home. I first met her when they moved 3 doors down from our house in Michigan and I was in school with her son Ric. We would play at the house, running up and down the front and back stairways and she seemed To love the sound of giggles and laughter in the house. When the family lab, Cindy, had puppies I remember Spending hours over there in the basement watching and playing with the puppies. Never did she make us (the other neighborhood kids and myself) feel like we were intruding or disruptive--although we certainly must have been. I remember the first snow parties--or at least I remember my parents attending-- and what a fun and new tradition she started. And I remember visiting she and Mr Watton years later after they'd moved to Lewes. I popped in on very short notice while I was in town visiting relatives and she was once again the wonderful and beautiful hostess that I had always remembered--giving me the tour of the house and showing me Mr Watto's new tomato gardens out back and proudly showing Me pictures of her children and grand children. Her spirit and beauty and graciousness will be missed but I am certain that her legacy will span generations. I will keep all of the Watto's and extended family in my thoughts and prayers. May your memories be everlasting and carry you through the difficult times. Peace be with you...Jeannie Lowrie Mallett

November 5 at 8:00 PM

LK

Lois Kistler posted:

Sally gave me 51 years of friendship, caring, laughter and fun. I will miss having her in my life.

November 3 at 8:00 PM

KK

Kristopher Kyer posted:

When I met Donna's mother the summer of 1976, all I could think of what a classy lady...and how I wish I had a mother like her! She obviously loved her daughter, and was missing her the first summer away from home after graduating. A kind woman who had a smile to melt your heart. Thinking of you Donna and your entire family! Kristopher

November 1 at 8:00 PM

FB

Frani & Bill Baughman posted:

Donna and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your mother's life story was beautiful! Love your friend, Frani

October 30 at 8:00 PM



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MM

Molly Moons posted:

10/31/11 Dear Donna, Dede and Ric, I just now learned of your mother's passing last week and am really heartsick to hear the news. I have so many wonderful memories of your mother, and each of them is filled with her special, unconditional love. She always made me feel welcome and loved in a way only a mother can do. My prayer is that you will take comfort in knowing that she is now with her Creator who has welcomed her home with open arms. And surely he embraced her with the words "my good and faithful servant" for all she did for her fellow man while here on earth. Each of you and your families will be in my prayers. And my hope is that she and my mother will meet up again, and together they will watch over all of us. God bless you with much love, Molly

October 30 at 8:00 PM

DC

Dedde E. Cornell posted:

Thank you for being such an amazing Mom and "Bama" to us and our families. We promise to live life to it's fullest, enjoy one another and share the "rose colored glasses"! You're now the brightest star each night, till we're together again, sweet dreams!

October 29 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sally by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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