



## Sally Ruth Tennant Clark

April 21, 1943 - July 17, 2019

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Sally Ruth Tennant Clark quietly passed away on July 17, 2019 surrounded by family. Sally's courageous and determined life of 76 years was nothing short of a "miracle." Born to Ruth and Max Tennant, Sally was the third of 11 children. She grew up in Salt Lake City and graduated from Granite High School in 1961.

As a young child, she was adventurous and active. She loved doing things that often compromised her dresses, like climbing trees and playing kickball. Sally contracted scarlet and rheumatic fever in her youth, which was later determined to be the cause of her ailing heart. Sally overcame several heart surgeries in her life and she knew life was temporal. She embarked on a journey to please the Lord as a daughter, wife, mother, and teacher.

Sally attended the University of Utah and after a 2-year courtship, married Charles Bushman Clark in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on Nov. 24, 1965. Their marriage blossomed in Farmington, Utah where they raised eight boys and one girl. Sally's greatest teaching took place in the home where her desire to raise a family unto the Lord was paramount. She was vigilant in organizing morning scripture study, prayer, daily chores and home evenings. She took "no guff" from any adversary. Sally loved music, singing, cooking, canning, baking, cake decorating, calligraphy, gardening, and writing and sharing thank you notes. Sally was patient, persistent, a listener, and loyal to the demands of motherhood.

She loved church service and was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She celebrated Easter, Halloween and caroling at Christmas. Although heart complications continued, she had a wonderful caretaker in Charles until he unexpectedly passed in 2013. Sally continued on with her independence living by herself, cooking and attending gospel study classes, church and family functions. She became an LVAD patient in 2011 and received heartwarming care from the medical doctors and staff

at Intermountain Medical Center Heart Institute. As a family we express our greatest love and appreciation to this remarkable team in prolonging Sally's quality of life. We love you Mom, and will miss you!

Survived by her children: Spencer (Jennifer), Kaysville; Matthew, Kaysville; Richard (Holly), Cedar City; Loren, Kaysville; Nathan (Stephanie), Clinton; Andrew (Megan), Layton; Kimball (Erin), Kaysville; Stuart (Alicia), Clearfield; Sarah Erb (Stevie), Salt Lake City. She has 23 grandchildren and one on the way. Preceded in death by Charles (husband), Tresa Chamberlain (Sister), Joseph & Brent Tennant (Brothers), Ruth & Max Tennant (parents), and Eli Connor Clark, George Kimball Clark & Wade Cole Erb (grandsons).

Funeral services: Thurs., Aug. 1 at 11 am in the Orchard Chapel, of the South Bench Ward, 1282 W. 1875 N., Farmington. Viewing: Wed., July 31, 6-8 pm and 9:30-10:45 am at the chapel prior to services. Interment: Farmington City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations accepted at the Sally Clark Memorial Account at America First Credit Union, #911151. Condolences may be shared at: [www.premierfuneral.com](http://www.premierfuneral.com).

# Comments

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“ Sister Sally Clark was a great mom! There were lots of times when Sarah would come over to our house to get in some girl-time and then would just run home—all alone—at midnight! When Sally found out, she started driving Sarah over and then would sit in our driveway and take a nap until Sarah was ready to go home just to make sure she was safe :). I'll also never forget driving with them to Manti when we were in the pageant and singing Shania Twain songs the whole way. Charles made us turn off the song, “Who’s Bed Have Your Boots Been Under” because he said it was inappropriate for 15 yr. olds. It totally was!!! Haha! We had a lot of good times and loved your parents and family so much!

**Tappia Freed Infanger** - August 02, 2019 at 01:20 AM

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“ She was a person that everyone in our heart support group admire. She was always happy. When I first met her I knew she was a special person. When I got my Lvad and I saw her that she was on her 2 or 3rd year out. I thought if she could do this I can too. I will miss her but I know she is in a happier place.

**Marilyn Allred** - August 01, 2019 at 11:17 AM

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“ We held a Tennant family reunion years ago in the nearby mountains and camped in tents. After a hike together, I was resting on a bench. Sally, eleven years my senior, a seasoned family camper, seven kids more experienced and battle-worn, and survivor of multiple heart surgeries, brought over from the fire a pan of water and a small towel. She knelt on the hard, dusty ground and proceed to take off my walking shoes and socks and to gently wash my feet in the carefully prepared warm water.

I was so stunned! I asked why she, after hiking herself, would choose to do this ... for me! She talked, as she massaged my feet, of how much she enjoyed such treatment and then ignored my offers to serve her as kindly. She was determined; my protests and offers went unheeded. She just continued to happily, kindly, magnificently wash my feet.

Still today, every time I think of that loving lowly service, so indicative of Sally’s inner heart, I weep. Inside my head and heart, then and now, the protests of Peter were mine, “Thou needest not to wash my feet.” (JST John 13:8-10)

I had an inkling of Peter’s mixture of uncomfortable stun and immense overcome for such undeserved service, honor and love.

Sally, you helped me visualize the Savior that day. You have kindly served me and loved me on earth as He kindly and mercifully does from Heaven. I love you. ---Helen

