



## Sally Esther Vanhorn

May 2, 1923 - October 14, 2023

Sarah (Sally) Esther Lawson Voiers Vanhorn  
1923-2023

Sally went running into Jesus' arms at 1:00 pm October 14, 2023. She was born on May 2, 1923, to the late Charles O. Lawson and the late Mazie Fields Lawson. Sally attended Portsmouth High School and graduated from McKell High School in South Shore as a member of the Class of 1941. She married Clarence (Bud) Voiers, Jr. in December of 1941. She and Bud lived in Chicago, Ill., Rhode Island, and Baltimore, MD. during WW2. When Bud was shipped out with the Navy during the war, Sally returned home and lived with her parents. During this time, she worked at Shelby Shoes in Portsmouth, OH. She saved Bud's checks earned from his time in service, because it was Bud's dream to own his own store. After the war, Sally and Bud returned to South Shore where they purchased Shepherds Grocery in Lower Fullerton. They lived behind the store until 1952.

In 1952, Bud and his dad Clarence built a new store located in South Shore by the railroad tracks. The store was one of the largest in South Shore at that time. They lived upstairs, above the store, where they raised their two daughters Carolyn Avon Voiers Baumgardner and Deborah Ann Voiers-Akers. The store was open 8am - 8pm every day except Sunday. The Voiers reserved Sunday as the Lord's Day and worshiped at the South Shore Christian Church. Their life was work, church and their daughters.

In 1968, Sally and Bud purchased Resthaven Nursing Home in McDermott, OH. They still had the store, and they would work the store during the day and the nursing home in the evenings until about midnight.

In 1970, they sold the grocery store and focused on the nursing home. Sally and Bud both enjoyed working together. They both became Licensed Nursing Home Administrators in the State of Ohio, sitting in the first testing site for Ohio Licensed Administrators in 1971.

In 1972, they purchased the Old Fullerton Grade School in South Shore, KY and remodeled it and opened it as Voiers Convalescent Skilled Nursing Facility (South Shore Manor) in October of 1973.

In 1973, Sally and Bud both obtained their Licensed Administrator Certification in the State of Kentucky. They continued to operate both facilities until 1985 and they sold the facility in South Shore. Bud passed away in 1994.

Sally continued to operate Resthaven Nursing Home in McDermott with the assistance of her daughter, Debi. She continued to keep her nursing home administrator license in KY active until 2008 and Ohio until 2019. She was one of the oldest active licensed nursing home administrators in the state of Ohio, who never retired.

In 2000, Sally married Ray Vanhorn and moved to Raceland, KY. She continued to work with her daughter at Resthaven. Ray and Sally attended Raceland Christian Church in Raceland, KY., but Sally never moved her membership from South Shore Christian Church where she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior and raised her family to believe in Jesus. Ray passed away in 2020.

Sally remained in her home until January 2022. She moved into Heritage Pointe Assisted Living in New Boston and transferred to Resthaven Nursing Home for more extensive care. How fitting it is that her life's work was completed, where she began her career in

taking care of others in 1968.

Sally had two daughters and a son. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Ann Voiers Akers (Steve). Sally was preceded in death by her daughter Carolyn Avon Voiers Baumgardner (Ben) and her son John Rodrick Voiers; four siblings and their spouses; Irene Ledingham (Johnny), Marge Lawson Mackey (Bob), Gilbert Lawson and Charles "Chuck" Lawson (Doris). Sally was blessed with six grandchildren, Teresa Baumgardner (Kim), Ed Baumgardner (Paula), Barbara Baumgardner Picklesimer (Richard), B.W. Baumgardner (Christina), Kathi Byrd (Malcolm) and Anna Akers Clarke (Kelly), fourteen great-grandchildren; Wyatt Baumgardner, Tristen Marshall, Skylar Marshall, Brittany Walters, Josh Baumgardner, Jessica Brewer, Rebecca Dickerson, Bradford Higgins, Scarlett Campbell, Ethan Baumgardner, Kayla Baumgardner, Elijah Byrd, Amelia Clarke & Adelyn Clarke, fifteen great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to the staff of Heritage Pointe Assisted Living and Resthaven Skilled Nursing Home for the love and care provided to Sally. Funeral services for Sally will be held at 3:00 PM Sunday, October 22, at the Raceland Christian Church with Pastor Jason Lykins officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM prior to the funeral service at the church. Graveside rites will be held 11:00 AM Monday, October 23, at Siloam Cemetery in South Shore. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Raceland Christian Church building fund 210 Caroline Rd. Raceland, Ky. 41169. Funeral arrangements are the direction of MUSIC FAMILY FUNERAL HOME in Greenup. Online condolences may be offered at [www.mfhfuneralhome.com](http://www.mfhfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Siloam Cemetery

South Shore, KY

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Raceland Christian Church  
Caroline Rd  
Raceland, KY 41169

## Graveside

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM.

Siloam Cemetery  
South Shore, KY

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sally Esther Vanhorn.*



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October 20, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ *Westwood Preparatory Academy Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sally Esther Vanhorn.*



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**Westwood Preparatory Academy Family** - October 19, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Westwood Preparatory Academy Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sally Esther Vanhorn.*

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**Westwood Preparatory Academy Family** - October 19, 2023 at 02:07 PM

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“ Where to begin of a life so well lived, Sally was truly a inspiration to all she met, a loving soul, a true speaker and didn't care to tell you how she felt lol she was a beautiful person inside and out, my heart goes out to her family and I'll keep you all in my prayers, I've enjoyed working with Sally and knowing Sally and she will truly be missed by so many and Sally I hope you rest in piece now that you've made it home you'll forever be in my heart love

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**Sandra Mayhew** - October 17, 2023 at 01:57 PM

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Sally exemplified a true picture of a complete human being possessing qualities of a dedicated wife, loving and caring mother, grandmother, great grandmother, enterpreuner (best example of a American Dream come true - A shoemaker to enterpreuner - in other words - if u have a will u have a way) team member, "commander in chief until she passed 😊" and had true love for what she did and had relentless persuit of perfection as evidenced by what she left behind legacy including a five star rated skilled nursing facility. it's truly a privilege to have met her and be her doctor. I learned a lot from her. love sally and lvu all!

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**jitendra k patel MD** - October 21, 2023 at 02:51 PM