



## Sara Ann Cheyney

December 2, 2025

Sara “Sally” Ann Cheyney was born to the late J. Raymond Cheyney, Sr. and Viola Elizabeth (Morley) Cheyney in Garnett Valley, Pennsylvania. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, J. Raymond Cheyney, Jr. Sally is survived by her nephews, Don and Ron Cheyney, her niece, Lynn Cheyney, and grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, and great-grandnephews. Sally moved to her Father’s eternal house, December 2, 2025, having lived a faithful life of service to Christ. Sally was 93.

“Sally” was raised in a devout Christian home and committed to serving Jesus Christ from an early age. She graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in education and was a public-school teacher until responding to God’s call to a life of vocational ministry. She served in student, children’s, and women’s ministries the rest of her working life. She served with Young Life on the Main Line in Philadelphia for many years before moving to the Pittsburg area and becoming Christian Education director at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. She later joined the Coalition for Christian Outreach. Under CCO, she served at Robert Morris College, Geneva College, and St. Stephen’s Anglican (Sewickley), primarily mentoring women and leading Bible studies. She was a key leader in “Summer’s Best Two Weeks” camping ministry in Ligonier, PA.

In addition to Fox Chapel, she was on staff at other churches. She provided leadership in children’s and women’s ministries at The Falls Church Anglican

(Falls Church, VA) and First Presbyterian (Pittsburgh).

Sally had a heart and gift for evangelism and was instrumental in introducing many to Christ. Even as a resident in a senior care facility, she continued to engage with people about their need for Christ. She sought opportunities to share her faith with medical staff, residents, and others she encountered.

She considered herself a “shepherdess” serving under the care and faithful provision of the “Great Shepherd.” Caring for the “sheep” was a guiding life-theme. Music was always part of her life and she particularly loved hymns like There is a Redeemer because of the shepherd/sheep imagery: “There is a Redeemer, Jesus God’s own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.” She desired that all might behold the precious lamb of God and know him as Savior. Sally touched many lives, is loved, and will be missed. Though she never married, she has many spiritual children.

A Memorial Service will be held at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. The service will be livestreamed and available at Calvary Church webpage, <https://www.calvarychurch.org/memorial-service/>.

Burial will be at Siloam Methodist Church, Booth’s Corner in Garnett Valley, PA.

In Sally’s memory, please make donations to the Trillum Benevolent Fund, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ I worked with Sally in the mid-80s on staff with the Coalition for Christian Outreach; but she also became a dear friend of my mother, I believe they met thru John Guest’s ministry. She was a wonderful person and a faithful loving friend. May she rest in sweet peace.

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**Laurie Cunningham** - March 07 at 02:34 PM

LB

“ Sally was the Christian Ed director at our church when I was a child, but she was also a part of our extended family. Some of my Sally treasures through the years, were staples in our family and are now part of traditions of faith with my grandchildren. One example is the “Resurrection Eggs” that I used with my children every Easter. After our children were grown, we went right into using them with our foster children, and now with our grandchildren. When we open the empty egg, we sing, “I have good news to tell you, Jesus is alive.” I certainly learned it from Sally, and think of her so much as it is passed down to a third generation from when she introduced it to me. Praise God that we grieve “not as those without hope” and know that Sally is enjoying eternal life in Heaven while her memories on earth live on.

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**Linda Ludwig Burd** - January 17 at 06:59 PM

TE

“ Sally embodied Lydia from Philippi. She had a beautiful heart for the Lord; a deep and abiding compassion for others; a clear disposition of hospitality and a willingness to invest all that she had for the sake of the church. It was my pleasure to know Sally from 1976 through FCPC and SB2W. She was a role model to all. And we who shared time and space with her during her time on God's good creation are the one's blessed.

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**Ted** - January 12 at 08:15 PM

SS

“ I have many memories of Sally at Fox Chapel PC, SBTW, CCO, and as a colleague in Christian Education. She was a mentor, friend, encourager, and a faithful servant of God. Every conversation included a prayer, a word of wisdom, and a memory. I met Sally in 1975. For years, I would receive a phone call on my birthday. I thank God for the many ways Sally impacted my life and encouraged me as a minister of Word and Sacrament.

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**Sharon Stewart** - January 10 at 06:59 PM

RB

“ Sally was a spiritual mother to me when she was on staff at First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh and across the decades since then. 'Well done good and faithful servant of our Lord. I will miss you.'

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**Rev. Dallas Bradel** - December 31, 2025 at 08:30 PM

TL

“ My wife and I are one of the couples that Sally brought together. She was such an encouragement to us and to our family over the years. We first met her when she served as the Education director at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church.

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**Ted Ludwig** - December 13, 2025 at 07:13 PM

ML

“ Sally was a special part of my life as a teenager at Fox Chapel Pres and an even more important encourager when Ted and I were courting. Her love for Jesus was contagious!

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**MJ Ludwig** - December 13, 2025 at 07:10 PM

CT

“ After I became a Christian, I prayed for a Christian roommate who was older and wiser and who walked the faith. Sally entered my life in Devon, PA while I worked at Devereux. Even through painful, difficult back injuries, Sally smiled and pressed on. She was an example of fortitude and faith. Her example has lived on in my life even unto her death. When Jesus returns, we'll have a hilarious time in the new kingdom. Onward!

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**Carole (Cich) Thaxton** - December 12, 2025 at 11:25 AM

DS

“ I met Sally through my mother who was a resident at Calvary Homes. What a joy. I loved visiting with her. I understood how she loved sheep. My sympathy to all who knew and loved her. Thankful to know she is rejoicing with her Shephard.

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**Deb Strickler** - December 08, 2025 at 09:36 AM

MI

“ Sally was a wonderful blessing to me and others when I worked at Calvary Homes. Glad she is with her savior now !!

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**Mitch** - December 07, 2025 at 11:33 AM

ML

*So many people were touched by her faith, by her love and kindness, by her hours serving her Lord in work, by her smile. I was one of them. She must be extremely happy now !*

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**Marilyn Long** - March 07 at 04:09 PM