



## Sarah (Sally) M. Jarvis

September 15, 2017

Sarah (Sally) M. Jarvis, 89, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Friday afternoon, September 15, 2017 at Lancaster General Hospital, following a fall. Born in Flushing, NY, she was the daughter of the late William Cramp, Jr. and Clarissa Smythe Melcher and the wife of the late John Arthur Jarvis who died in 2008.

Raised in Chestnut Hill, PA, she was a graduate of Springside School, 1945, BA Sweet Briar College, Virginia, 1949. She spent her junior year abroad from Sweet Briar to attend the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, where she met her husband, John Jarvis.

Sally served as an Assistant Director of the North Museum from 1974-1992, where she initiated the “Rambles” travel program. She was a freelance writer for the Lancaster Newspapers and authored two children’s books “Little Plays for Little People” and “Fried Onions and Marshmallows.”

She was a 50-year member of First Presbyterian where she most recently served as an Elder.

Additionally, she was a chair of three murals: West End Mural and Grant Street Mural and the newly unveiled student-designed mural at the Lafayette School. She was awarded the “Shining Star of North Museum” in 2013 and the New Era Red Rose award in 1997.

She was a volunteer mentor at Lafayette School, and organized residents of Willow Valley to tutor students at the nearby school. She was past board member of Demuth Foundation, Planned Parenthood, Lancaster Summer Arts Festival, Friends of Lancaster County Library, and Lancaster County Bicentennial Committee where she served as editor of "Voice of Liberty" newsletter. A member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Art class, and Hierophants.

She is survived by her son, Andrew Jarvis (Liz Farmer) of Philadelphia, PA, daughters: Anne Jarvis Gerbner (John) of Philadelphia, PA, Virginia Jarvis Whelan (Richard) of Merion Station, PA, Sarah Porter Jarvis of Bala Cynwyd, PA, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Richard Q. Whelan, Jr. and her sister, Deborah Melcher Stout.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Sally Jarvis's Celebration of Life Memorial on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. Family will receive visitors beginning at 10 a.m.

Interment will be private, in First Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden, that John Jarvis designed and Sally Jarvis brought to fruition.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials in Sally's name may be made to Lancaster Country Day School, John A. & Sally M. Jarvis Scholarship Fund or to First Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17602.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
140 East Orange Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

## Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
140 East Orange Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

# Tribute Wall



“ Sarah (Sally) M. Jarvis

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Dear Andrew, Anne, Virginia and Sarah

*I was recently very sorry to hear about your mother's death. You may not remember me but I came to Lancaster in 1966 after answering an advertisement in a Scottish newspaper for a post as a teacher at LCDS. Your parents welcomed me into your home and looked after me until I found my feet and your mother did everything she could to help me feel at home.....though I'll never forget your amazement at the way I ate a boiled egg straight out of the shell and the manner in which I used a knife and fork! (I still have the American-style egg-cup I subsequently bought). My 3 years in America were a great adventure and I made many friends with whom I am still in touch, and indeed, visit. I'll never forget either of your parents and I send my deepest sympathies to you all.  
Sincerely, Diana Mackechnie (Smith)*

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**Diana Smith** - January 19, 2018 at 01:55 PM

LS

“ Dear Andrew, Anne, Virginia and Sarah - We have such happy memories of your mother, and father, from when we all lived on the campus of Episcopal Academy. Our two oldest children, Carl and Catherine, enjoyed a play group with you, and we all had such a good time together. Your mother was an especially lovely, warm and caring person. I was sad when your family moved to Lancaster because we lost a wonderful neighbor and friend. Our younger children, Polly and Elizabeth came along too late to enjoy those days, and my George died last year, but Carl and Catherine join me today in sending love and sympathy to you all. Dede Shafer (Mrs. George C. Shafer, Jr.)

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Louise "Dede" Shafer - September 27, 2017 at 02:36 PM

KC

“ My deepest sympathies to your family. I know Sally was a wonderful woman who was adored by everyone who met her.



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Karen Cutler - September 26, 2017 at 04:21 PM

“ To the family and loved ones of Ms. Sally Jarvis,

*I feel so honored to have met and known a woman as Ms. Jarvis. Her impact on my life may have only been three years, but the lasting effects and opportunities opened are endless.*

*Ms. Jarvis was a wonderfully generous and kind woman, with her time as well as in her namesake. It is only through her contributions to Lancaster Country Day School that I am able to attend, as I am relying on the Jarvis Scholarship. Because of her efforts to improve LCDS, everything about my school day and life hereafter has improved. Every time I met Ms. Jarvis at a scholarship luncheon or in the hallways around the school, she never failed to brighten my day. She was always a smile and a laugh to look forward to whenever we had the blessing of seeing her.*

*My fondest memory would be sitting next to her during my first Jarvis Scholarship luncheon freshman year, two years ago. At the beginning I didn't recognize her, but I knew early on that I wanted to get to know her. She was warm, welcoming and inviting, absolutely hilarious and the wittiest person I ever met. She was cracking jokes left and right, all while creating a friendly and comforting environment, which I for one appreciated being unfamiliar in my new school. When it was her turn to speak, she mentioned how she influences the school, what an honor it was to do so, and how she appreciated events such as the luncheon because it gave her an opportunity to meet students such as myself. From then on, I always looked forward to seeing her and striking up a conversation, or just saying a passing hello.*

*Thanks to her, I have had the opportunity to attend LCDS, and blossom as a student. As much as I love to credit the teachers and administration that made it all possible, it all relates back to Ms. Jarvis's generosity and willingness to help that I accredit my success as a student and my accomplishments as a member of the LCDS community.*

*Thank you for everything,  
You will be missed, but not forgotten,*

*Alexandra "Lexi" Jaramillo, Junior Class of 2019*

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**Lexi Jaramillo** - September 24, 2017 at 10:21 PM

RG

“ I'm so sorry we're not able to attend Sally's service! She was everything everyone has said, and more. She will be deeply missed and always remembered.

*Love to her and her family.*

*Rachel Hazeltine Gawn*

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**Rachel Gawn** - September 23, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah (Sally) M. Jarvis.



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September 22, 2017 at 09:17 AM

BC

“ Fortunately we were able to see Sally Sunday September 10th when she came to the Charlotte Street Block Party. There were so many old friends and neighbors there as well as some new faces, and naturally Sally greeted them and made them feel welcome. It will be difficult to imagine Charlotte Street without her presence in some way, or the Sunday 5:00 sessions some of the neighbors enjoyed where we had the opportunity to catch up on each others lives and all the goings-on in the City. We were thankful to have known her for close to 40 years, and mourn her passing.

*Budd and Connie Callman*

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**Budd & Connie Callman** - September 21, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah (Sally) M. Jarvis.*



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September 20, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to your family. I am heartbroken to lose Sally. She was a beacon of light whenever I saw her. She was one of the smartest and wisest people I have ever met. I will miss her great good humor her intelligence and her leadership. I hold her and you in my prayers.*

*Most Sincerely,  
Donna Wilcox*

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**Donna Wilcox** - September 19, 2017 at 06:48 PM



“ *I met Sally in the pool at the Cultural Center one early morning shortly after my husband and I had moved to Willow Valley. We were both headed to the deep water aerobics class. She made sure I felt welcome and also quickly learned that I was a recently retired teacher interested in volunteering as a tutor. She told me all about the mentoring program at Lafayette Elementary and kept in touch, following through. I could see right from the start that Sally was a vibrant woman who knew how to get things done. She was quite a gal and I will most definitely miss her greatly. Blessings and thoughts of peace during a sad time to all of Sally's family and friends.*

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**Marti Staton** - September 18, 2017 at 06:26 AM

SV

“ My husband, Ed Hauck and I were deeply saddened to see Sally's obituary in the Lancaster Sunday News. To say that she was a pillar of the community would be an understatement. She had many 'causes' and she supported them with energy, deep commitment and an infectious enthusiasm.

Sally, Ed and I served together on the Planned Parenthood of Lancaster board. Neither a firebombing of the PP clinic, nor government funding cuts, nor picketing, nor any other threat deterred her from her commitment to the cause.

We will miss chatting with her at numerous community events. We have lost a very positive force in the Lancaster universe.

Stefanie Valar

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**Stefanie Valar** - September 17, 2017 at 11:10 AM

JY

I was so sad to hear of the passing of Mrs. Jarvis. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. Her gentle spirit and positivity should be an inspiration to us all. My sincerest condolences to Andy and Liz, Anne, Gina , and Sarah and their families. May the blessings she's given you keep you at peace during this difficult time.

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**Jan Lucarelli Yamaguchi** - September 17, 2017 at 12:06 PM

MW

What a loss, not only for Sarah, Gina, Anne and Andy and Liz, but also for the community. Your mother did so much, for so many people... all with that warm and gracious smile. Sending you comfort during such a tender time. I wish I could be at the memorial.

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**Margaret H. Wagner** - September 17, 2017 at 08:23 PM

RH

Godspeed, Sally. We are missing your smile and your welcoming heart, extended to anyone and everyone, but everyone who knows you realizes that your spirit lives on. John's, too. Aye! Randy

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**Randy Harris** - September 19, 2017 at 08:45 PM

LH

*I was so sorry to hear about Mrs. Jarvis. She was an important part of so many lives. I will never forget her kindness and sense of humor, her grace, and genuine interest and caring for her fellow human beings. My thoughts are with Andy, Anne, Gina, Sarah and their families. I wish I could attend the memorial service to pay my respects.*

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**Lisa McSparren Hatheway** - September 20, 2017 at 01:05 PM

RH

*We give thanks that we got to know Sally through the community gathered at First Presbyterian Church. She embodied joy, grace, hospitality, wisdom, and deep beauty. And no matter who you are, she had a way of making you feel valuable and significant whenever she spoke with you. Sally recently sent a note to us on the occasion of my dad's passing just a month ago (he, too, was a resident at Manor North). We will treasure this note (and others that she has sent to us) with gratitude for the blessing of having her influence and love in our lives. As she entered heaven, we imagine that Jesus greeted her with a most enthusiastic "Well done, good and faithful servant." Praise be to God for the legacy that both Sally and John have bestowed upon us! -- Rila*

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**Rila Hackett** - September 23, 2017 at 01:14 PM

GA

*Sally changed the course of my life and I am truly grateful. Sally and John invited me and a couple of other folks from our church to join them for lunch and conversation at their Charlotte Street home one lovely afternoon. She had sensed a tension growing in our church, and decided to bring some of the folks with their different perspectives together for a meal and talk with each other. John showed me his beautiful brickwork in the back yard, and Sally showed me care and grace. As a result of her hospitality, and her respect for others who held perspectives and ideas not her own, she was able to gently facilitate conversations with us, and help us grow in our care and respect for each other. I changed that day, not my mind, but my being. I became kinder and more considerate of others that afternoon and rest of my life. Thank you Sally  
Greg Allison*

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**Greg Allison** - September 23, 2017 at 09:15 PM