



Sarah "Sally" Slaymaker

August 25, 2025

Sarah ("Sally") Hazzard Slaymaker died on Monday, August 25, 2025, at Brethren Village Retirement Community in Lititz following a lengthy illness. She was 95.

She was the daughter of Lawrence S. Hazzard, Esq., and Frances Peck Hazzard. She was a graduate of the Halsted School in Yonkers, New York, Mount Vernon Junior College in Washington, D.C., and Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York City. Following graduation from Katherine Gibbs, she worked as an Executive Secretary through most of the 1950s for General Foods Corporation, first in Manhattan and later at its newer headquarters in White Plains, New York. In 1959, she was married to S.R. Slaymaker II and moved into the Slaymaker family home, White Chimneys, in Gap, Pennsylvania. While raising her two children, she became deeply involved as a volunteer in many Lancaster County non-profit organizations, an active interest that she maintained for most of the remainder of her life. Her community service activities included: an Active and then Sustaining member of the Junior League of Lancaster; a board member and then Vice-President of the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County (from which she was the 1998 recipient of the C. Emlen Urban Award for her role in placing Historic Preservation Easements on White Chimneys); a volunteer for the S. June Smith Center; a volunteer for the Anchorage Breakfast Program at St. James Episcopal Church; a long-time volunteer at the library branch in Intercourse,

PA; she served on the board of trustees as Vice President and later as Vice-President Emeritus of the Woodward Hill Cemetery Foundation and, from 2017 to 2020, she served as a member of the Steering Committee of the Rock Ford Foundation Capital Campaign to establish the John J. Snyder, Jr. Gallery of Early Lancaster County Decorative Arts. Additionally, she was an active philanthropic supporter of many non-profit organizations in Lancaster.

She was a former member of the Cliosophic Society of Lancaster, the Colonial Dames, the Mary Ferree Society, the Lancaster Country Club, and the Hamilton Club of Lancaster. She was a dedicated, 66-year member of Bellevue Presbyterian Church in Gap.

She was predeceased by her husband, S.R. Slaymaker II; by a grandson, Richard Lee Burger, Jr., and by a granddaughter, Erin Elizabeth Steckler. She is survived by her stepdaughters, Elizabeth S. Steckler (Donald) of Austin, Texas, and West Hampton Beach, New York, and Caroline Morgan Hale Slaymaker of London, England; by a daughter, Susan S. Burger of Glen Allen, Virginia and by a son, Samuel C. Slaymaker III (Laura) of Lancaster, as well as by four grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 810 Newport Avenue, Gap, PA, on Friday, September 19, 2025. The family will receive visitors from 10:00 a.m., with the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Woodward Hill Cemetery will be private.

Memorial contributions in honor of Sally's life and community legacy will be gratefully received by either Bellevue Presbyterian Church (BellevueEPC.org) or by the Woodward Hill Cemetery Foundation (WoodwardHillCemetery.com).

Cemetery Details

Woodward Hill Cemetery

508 South Queen Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Belleview Presbyterian Church
810 Newport Avenue
Gap, PA 17527

Memorial Service

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Belleview Presbyterian Church
Gap, PA 17527
<http://810 Newport Avenue>

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“ *The Kent & Flythe Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sarah "Sally" Slaymaker.*



The Kent & Flythe Families - September 18, 2025 at 02:09 PM

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“ *The Kent & Flythe Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah "Sally" Slaymaker.*

The Kent & Flythe Families - September 18, 2025 at 02:09 PM

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“ *Susan, I and all your friends in Glen Allen, VA are praying for you and your family following the death of your mother. We know that her long struggle with health issues was difficult for both her and the family, but she is at peace with Lord now. You have our love and deepest sympathy, Mary Stinson*



Mary Stinson - September 17, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sarah "Sally" Slaymaker.*

September 15, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sarah "Sally" Slaymaker.



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“ Nancy Peck Noonan and Tom Kyle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sarah "Sally" Slaymaker.



Nancy Peck Noonan and Tom Kyle - September 08, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ Jim and I are very sad to learn of your loss. we were very fond of Sally She was very special. Ann and Jim Leonard

Ann Leonard - September 07, 2025 at 12:54 PM



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September 04, 2025 at 01:28 PM



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“ Sally's volunteer service at the Intercourse Public Library was during the years my wife Barbara Fazekas was Director there. She was a dear friend, and we were honored to have visited with Sally at 'White Chimneys'. Blessings and Prayers to the Slaymaker Family...

Les Fazekas - September 02, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ Sally and I exercised together at CURVES on New Holland avenue for a number of years when she was living at Deer Ford. She was always friendly and we had lots of good chats. I was a docent at Wheatland at the time, and she asked me to participate in a fund raiser at Woodward Hills Cemetery wearing my period dress. Unfortunately the weather was dreadful that day with heavy rain and a cold wind. Sally and the other board members were there in their raingear and made the best of a difficult situation. I remember seeing these elegant ladies tromping around in their boots without complaint. The fundraiser went on as scheduled although the attendance was smaller than anticipated. Sally touched many lives during her long life. I am glad I was one of them. Flora Poulos

Flora Poulos - August 31, 2025 at 11:31 AM