



Mary Waddell

November 24, 1942 - April 12, 2026

Mary Edith "Sally" Young Waddell of Myrtle Beach, SC and formerly of Buckhannon, WV passed away peacefully at her home on April 12, 2026, at the age of 83. Born on November 24, 1942, in Weston, WV. a daughter of the late Pat and Betty Young.

She is survived by long-time companion Dr. John David Janney; children Ralph B. "Bo" Waddell, Elizabeth Patton Waddell and cherished granddaughter, Brooklyn Waddell; sister Suzanne Hyre and husband Dick; brother, G.O. Young and wife Marie and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, John Patton Young, sister Camella Young McCord (Steve) and nephew John Aaron Hyre.

Sally was a graduate of Buckhannon Upshur High School and West Virginia Wesleyan College dedicating 27 years of her life to her career as an educator in both Lewis and Upshur counties. She retired, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, influence and life preparation for her students.

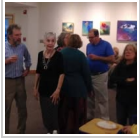
Growing up she enjoyed life on the Buckhannon River at the family's summer camp enjoying time with her siblings and friends swimming, sunbathing and motorboating. Later while raising her two children, she developed loyal friendships with many and will always be remembered for her endearing love of family. Sally was a member of Chapter A, P.E.O. Sisterhood of West

Virginia where she formed lasting friendships and continued to support the organization's message.

In her later years, she found joy in life's simple pleasures sharing time with John as they traveled exploring new sites, new dining experiences, travelling to visit friends and most of all, spending time with her family. Sally's warmth, kindness, and vibrant spirit made her the heart of every gathering. She leaves behind a legacy of love that will continue to live on in all who knew her.

In honoring her wishes, she will be cremated and a Memorial Service/Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be posted at: goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *In this sad moment my mind flashes back to when a bunch of us Buckhannon friends (the "Herd") would pile into Sally's car to go swimming at Audra State Park. Even earlier, before she moved to Buckhannon, there was waterskiing at Sandy Edmiston's camp. Sunshine and laughter. She will be deeply missed by many.*

Nan Tussing - April 20 at 04:19 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to everyone. I always thought of Sally as Buckhannon's own rock star in her vibrant youth. When I heard of her passing, the world seemed to skip a beat in reflection. She meant so much to so many, and forever will.*

Mike Sharpolisky - April 19 at 08:27 AM

KR

“ *Sally was a friend in high school. We both were new kids at Buckhannon-Upshur high school our senior year. We had the same school bus stop and we would talk there. I was a little shy though, because Sally was so beautiful and seemed to be so composed. I did get to know her though and loved her vivacious, outgoing personality. Sally was popular at high school, though it was for more than her beauty. It was for the real goodness and kindness she exuded. I remember the family’s heartbreak when Sally’s brother, John, was lost in the Marshall football team plane crash. It was tragic and we all mourned for the family. I kept up a little through Facebook but never got to see her after high school.*



*I will miss her brightness and wit
But I know that she was happy and had a good life here on earth.
I’m sure she is an angel and is still showering her family and friends
with her memories.*

Katharine (Albaugh) Reger - April 18 at 07:25 PM

KR

From Katharine (Albaugh) Reger

Katharine (Albaugh) Reger - April 18 at 07:27 PM

AS

“ *I can hardly remember when I didn’t know Sally as a fellow student, neighbor and fellow educator. Condolences to the family. She will be missed.*

Alan Sturm - April 17 at 11:51 AM

MD

“ Sally was one of those vivacious people whose presence will be missed by many. Spent many hours having good food, good drinks and lots of conversation with Sally in Buckhannon, WV and Myrtle Beach, SC. I will miss her! Marsha Daniel

Marsha M Daniel - April 17 at 02:12 AM

MC

“ Millie Helmick Calkins lit a candle in memory of Mary Waddell



Millie Helmick Calkins - April 16 at 09:58 AM

MC

So sorry to hear of Sally's passing. She was such a beautiful lady inside and out, may the fond memories you have help you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all

Millie Helmick Calkins - April 16 at 10:01 AM

EM

“ I'm so sorry to learn of Sally's passing. We were next door neighbors in Pittsburgh and shared many happy times together. I will miss her very much. Sending love to Bo and Beth at this sad time. Elaine McNeill

Elaine McNeill - April 16 at 08:27 AM

CG

“ *Im so sad and sorry to hear this news! Sally was such a fun friend whose family I am so fond of! This is another sad chapter! May God wrap his arms around her family! Love and prayers, Cheri Ellis Green*

Cheri Ellis Green - April 16 at 08:02 AM

MS

It's been a long time but I still remember Sally with much fondness. I'm truly sorry for your loss and will find comfort with the memories you shared together.

Mary Lynne Harford Spader - April 16 at 07:45 PM



“ *I used to work at Microsystems in Buckhannon. Sally was a friend of Mary Bell, one of the owners, and would drive by after school and beep her horn, her hand waving out the window. Mary would always say "beep beep! There goes Sally!" ...a little envious that she was off work at 4.*

I thought Sally was lovely, and her sister, Mrs. McCord, was my English teacher. I think of her fondly, too.

CT Liotta - April 16 at 12:37 AM

ST

“ *So very sorry to hear of Sally's passing, she was such a warm fun loving lady with a love for her family like no other, her beautiful smile and love f life will always be remembered, prayers for peace and comfort for her family at this sad time..*

Suzanne Talbott - April 15 at 09:35 PM

MK

“ Sending my sincere condolences and sympathy to everyone who loved Sally. Sally was such a wonderful person who met everyone with her bright smile. I have many fond memories of Sally. She will be missed by so many.

Monta Jenkins Kutchen

Monta Jenkins Kutchen - April 15 at 08:56 PM

DB

“ So very sad to hear of my friend’s passing! We had many laughs and shared a wonderful friendship as we both worked right beside each other teaching at Buckhannon Upshur middle school. She had a wonderful energetic personality and I will dearly miss her. Our condolences to all of the family!

Donna Broslawsky - April 15 at 08:47 PM

LM

“ Larry Marsh lit a candle in memory of Mary Waddell



Larry Marsh - April 15 at 08:18 PM

LM

Sorry to hear of Sally's Passing, May God give peace and understanding to the family

Larry Marsh - April 15 at 08:20 PM

JH

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. Sally leaves us with so many wonderful memories to remember and cherish!

Jerod Harman - April 15 at 07:24 PM

SH

Those of us who became friends with Sally in Logan never forgot her. Some of us continued to always try to reconnect when in Myrtle Beach because she remained in our hearts as a treasure. I still have delightful quips that suddenly pop up and I'm faithful to credit Sally. She was delightfully clever. We were actually talking about her on Monday.

I have been praying for the family since learning of the loss and shall continue.

Sandra Pizzino Hall - April 16 at 07:42 AM

RL

“ *We had many laughs and wonderful talks on the rides to Lewis County School for work.*

She was a wonderful teacher!

Robin Lewis

Robin Lewis - April 15 at 06:09 PM