



## Sarah Purcell

October 24, 1932 - December 26, 2012

Conway...Sarah "Sally" Jane Cameron Purcell, 80, died early Wednesday morning, December 26, 2012, in her home of natural causes.

Sally was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, a daughter of the late Donald Cameron and Sarah Simons Cameron. She was a resident of Conway, SC for the past thirty-four years. Sally earned a M.A. from University of South Carolina, Columbia, then taught at Coastal Carolina College for 18 years, retiring in 2007. In addition to her place of birth, she lived in Great Neck, Long Island, NY; Tacoma Park, MD; Los Angeles, CA, Fairfax, VA; Culpepper, VA; Myrtle Beach, SC; Conway, SC. Throughout her life she was actively engaged in art and music. She loved to paint and sing. Sally was vibrant, intelligent, and compassionate, with a delightful sense of humor. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and Russell.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Jack Purcell, four sons: Jack Purcell, Jr. of Murfreesboro, TN; Michael Purcell of Jensen Beach, FL; Stephen Purcell of Conway, SC; and Scott Purcell of Aventura, Mexico; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be 6-8 PM Friday, December 28, 2012 at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Conway, on Beaty Street.

A Memorial Service will be 11:00 AM Saturday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Main Street in Conway with Rev. Tripp Jeffords officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Coastal Carolina University Scholarship Fund, PO Box 261954, Conway, SC 29528.

Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *I was not aware that Sally was so sick until about a week ago upon our chance meeting. As a voice student of mine I enjoyed Sally's hunger for knowledge and her joy in learning. I followed her career path and was always so proud of her contributions to the university and to her community. I'm certain that she is singing in the heavenly chorus since music was one of her great loves. I pray that God's comfort and peace will fill the empty spot in your hearts and give you strength to face the future. May the new year bring a new beginning propelled by a deep gratitude for all the years and wonderful memories you share about your Mom and loving wife, Sally. What a blessing she was and what a precious gift from God!*

*Janet Inman Haigh*

---

**Janet Haigh** - January 08, 2013 at 01:27 PM

PT

“ *Gen. 31:49*



---

**Patricia tinsley** - January 02, 2013 at 10:26 AM

EK

“ *Elizabeth Keller lit a candle in memory of Sarah Purcell*



---

**Elizabeth Keller** - December 29, 2012 at 11:06 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hollandsworth lit a candle in memory of Sarah Purcell*



Linda Hollandsworth - December 29, 2012 at 07:52 AM

LH

*Sally was a treasure and students loved her. I always enjoyed her laugh; she will be missed. My sympathy goes out to Jack and family. Linda Hollandsworth (English Dept, colleague)*

Linda Hollandsworth - December 29, 2012 at 07:56 AM

CB

“ *Carol Cameron Burns lit a candle in memory of Sarah Purcell*



carol cameron burns - December 28, 2012 at 04:44 PM

CB

*AUNT SALLY WAS OU ONLY AUNT. SHE WAS MY DAD'S ONLY SISTER. SHE MADE US ALL SO HAPPY TO BE WITH HER BECAUSE OF HER WARMTH, INTELLIGENCE & HUMOR. SHE MADE OUR DAD'S LAST FEW YEARS SO MUCH BRIGHTER & I ONLY WISH WE HAD MORE YEARS TOGETHER. LOVE YOU ALWAYS & LOVE TO JACK & YOUR BOYS, FROM YOUR TEXAS RELATIVES CAROL ANN, MIKE, DONNA, CAMERON, ALEX, HALEY, MACI, ALLIE, CHRIS, CHRISTINE, CHRISTOPHER, CHRISTIAN & CARTER XX00*

carol cameron burns - December 28, 2012 at 04:54 PM

SM

“ My deepest sympathy to Sally's family, whom she loved dearly and was so proud of.

*Sally and I started teaching at Coastal on the same day (she was the first person I met on that first day), and for years we used to go to lunches and the movies together. How I adored her laugh, her bright spirit. I will always remember her as my good, sweet friend.*

*With much love in my heart for dear Sally,  
Susan Meyers  
Summerville, SC*

---

**Susan Laughter Meyers** - December 28, 2012 at 04:29 PM

MK

“ Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Jack and family at Sally's passing. Sally was a sweet and happy soul who will be dearly missed. Paul and Maura Kenny

---

**Maura Kenny** - December 28, 2012 at 04:29 PM

TC

“ My love to you all and my prayers are with you. I'm sure Miss Grace is showing her around already. You are in my thoughts. Eddie Cowart.

---

**Thomas (Eddie) Cowart** - December 28, 2012 at 01:25 PM

DA

“ Donna, Carol Ann, Chris & Alex purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sarah Purcell.



---

**Donna, Carol Ann, Chris & Alex** - December 28, 2012 at 11:39 AM

SS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Sally's passing. Sally was one of the happiest and friendliest women we have ever known. Her smile could light up a room. Her students loved her. We shall all miss her positive spirit and zest for life.

*Sincerely,*

*Susan Slavik and Eric Hall  
Conway, SC*

---

**Susan Joyce Slavik** - December 28, 2012 at 10:22 AM

CV

“ With heavy hearts, we send our most sincere condolences to all of the family and loved ones of Sarah Purcell. We pray that during this difficult time your memories of joyful times help bring you peace and comfort.

*Sincerely,*

*David, Yehuda, Candie, Adam, Bonnie, DJ & Ben  
Hurricane Fabric, LLC*

---

**Candie Vitani** - December 28, 2012 at 09:31 AM

MG

“ *Mark Gardner lit a candle in memory of Sarah Purcell*



---

**Mark Gardner** - December 27, 2012 at 02:48 PM

SD

“ *I am so very sorry to hear that you lost your lovely mom. I truly enjoyed her company. I can only imagine how much all of you will miss her, but always remember that you will see her again, as she is now enjoying seeing loved ones that she lost over the years. God bless you all.*  
*Suzanne and Richard Glenn*  
*Myrtle Beach, SC*

---

**Suzanne Davis** - December 27, 2012 at 07:05 AM

SB

“ *To the Purcell Family:*

*May the memories of a life well-lived, help comfort you during this difficult time. And may God bless and keep you in the days ahead.*  
*(Psalm 34:18)*

*My condolences,*  
*SJB.*

---

**S.J. BROWN** - December 27, 2012 at 06:17 AM

EM

*I had not seen or talked to you Mom in years - but she was always had such a strong, artistic, passionate presence. Hold tight to your memories - and know that she will be in your heart forever. So sorry for your loss. Beth (Lizza) Maher*

---

**Elizabeth maher** - December 27, 2012 at 10:07 AM