



Mrs Eleanor Onyan Stanley

May 10, 1918 - December 4, 2013

Eleanor Onyan Stanley, affectionately known as Sally, slipped gently from earth to her Savior's arms December 4, 2013. Having fought the good fight, she endured with grace and wit to the end in the Lord's strength, being a beautiful witness of His keeping power through the valley of the shadow of death. Born in New York City in 1918, she lost her Mother, Ethel Barnwell Hoffman, in the flu pandemic of that year as an infant of five months. Her Father, Oliver Esler Onyan, was a New York City fireman with Engine 71 South Bronx and he passed when she was twelve. The love of the Eugene Samsons, who raised her and that of her extended family gave her the priceless gift of being treasured. Her maternal aunt, Elsie, and husband, Fred Atkinson, provided for her to come to Hartsville to attend Coker College and she graduated in 1940 with a degree in chemistry. Marriage followed soon after to William T. Stanley, originally from Darlington, and together they began their journey which would last two months short of fifty years. Anyone who knew them well knew the humor that was such a bond in that home as was the devotion to family. Sally made a lasting difference as an eight grade science teacher at the Hartsville Junior High School for twenty years. She was the beloved mother of the Prestwood gang. She was loved and respected as being tough but fair! Sally was predeceased by her dear husband Bill, son Bill and wife Ruth, half brother, Bill Sommer, granddaughter Ashley E. Stanley, and great-grandson Derek Anderson. She is survived by son, Oliver (Stephanie), grandchildren Debbie S. Puckett, Carmen (Chuck) Dykes, Jean

Marie (David) Buckelew, Christy (Brad) Fitts, Catherine (Rob) Shaw, Oliver (Jonie) Stanley, Jr., and nine great grandchildren. She made sure that her family and friends knew how much she cared for them. The family is grateful beyond words for the attentive and compassionate care of Drs. Susan Reynolds, Vipul Shah, and Marina Androssova, the staffs of Carolina Pines RMC, Morningside, Oakhaven, McLeod Health and McLeod Hospice House. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to McLeod Hospice House, 1203 E. Cheves St., Florence, SC 29506 www.mcleodhospice.org

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

the residence, 920 W Home Ave.
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HARTSVILLE, SC 29550

Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RA

“ Robert Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs Eleanor Onyan Stanley



Robert Andrews - June 28, 2025 at 11:46 AM

PC

“ My 8th grade science teacher taught me .

Paul Cannararella - December 29, 2013 at 08:22 PM

KC

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Miss Sally. She was such a fixture that I would see when my mom was at Morningside, so often sitting on the front porch welcoming visitors and helping to make it easier for us. God bless you Oliver and know that you were the best son possible, you made her days happier.
Kathleen Canada

Kathleen Canada - December 10, 2013 at 01:46 PM

SR

“ I feel blessed to have had Sally in my life. I am honored to have had the priviledge to serve as her physpician. She always brightened my day with her smile and her jokes. Her positive attitude boosted everyone's spirits. She rarely complained of anything. She was a fine Christian lady who will be missed-- but long remembered.
Susan D. Reynolds

Susan D. Reynolds - December 07, 2013 at 07:17 PM

WS

“ Oliver, Stephanie, and Family, I'm so saddened to hear of Aunt Sally's death. More than just my Aunt, she was my "other" Mom when I was running through the neighborhood and back and forth between houses. She was also the BEST Earth Science teacher at HJHS. Because of her caring about my grades, I could not make less than a "C" on tests and she drove me to make A's all the time. I'll miss her and our thoughts and prayers go out to the Family as she rejoices in Heaven with our Lord. God bless you. Walter Stanley and Paulette Stanley

Walter Stanley - December 07, 2013 at 10:20 AM

CM

“ Corliss Maksin lit a candle in memory of Mrs Eleanor Onyan Stanley



Corliss Maksin - December 07, 2013 at 08:02 AM

EL

“ Oliver and Stephanie, so sorry to hear about your Mom, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Gene and Elaine Hubbard

elaine - December 06, 2013 at 09:18 PM

JM

“ Jean L. Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs Eleanor Onyan Stanley



Jean L. Moore - December 06, 2013 at 08:12 PM

JM

“ Aunt Sally was such a wonderful presence in my life, as a child and young adult. She was actually the first cousin of my mother, Geraldine Atkinson. Sally lived with my grandmother Elsie and grandfather Fred Atkinson, during her Coker years, and she and my mom went to college together. I have wonderful photos of the two of them together when they went to NYC to visit their northern relatives.

She was hilarious, warm, and she LOVED New York and didn't let you forget it! We shared a passion for family history; I went to Cincinnati to search for the birth certificate of her mother Ethel, and found it for her. And she showed me the Civil War diary of my great-great grandfather, who wrote about the end of the war and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. I spent many happy hours visiting her in her home by Prestwood Lake, and always saw her as a source of wisdom and humor. She always made you feel special. I miss you, Aunt Sally!!!

Jean L. Moore - December 06, 2013 at 08:09 PM

CG

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were wonderful welcoming friends when we moved to Law Street. I will always cherish their visits (often with Bill on his scooter) and the kindness they extended to my children. Sid always looked forward to their sidewalk chats. They provided lots of good memories and fun times shared in our neighborhood and lives. Our love is extended to your entire family..... Cyndie Geris*

Cyndie Geris - December 06, 2013 at 07:24 PM

SC

“ *To the Stanley Family sorry to here miss. Sally passed away she will always be in my heart was a wonderful,beautiful lady with a great sense of humor on the inside and out going to deeply miss her but know she is rejoicing with her family in heaven,May God be with you all through this time of grief*



sharon catoe - December 06, 2013 at 05:47 PM

LH

“ *Larry And Sandra Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs Eleanor Onyan Stanley*



Larry and Sandra Huggins - December 06, 2013 at 04:45 PM

VC

“ Dear family and friends,
I was part of the St. Luke UMC ministry to Morningside for several years. I loved to visit Sally. I have a daughter who lives in Ct. Whenever I visited Ct. we would go to New York City. All I had to mention was New York to Sally. Sally would then recall her days there. We could talk forever about Macy's and New York City. We would have such fun. She always wanted to attend Bible study and worship. She was a jewel!

Vangie Cannon now living in Indiana

Vangie Cannon - December 06, 2013 at 04:38 PM

CJ

“ So sorry for your loss, she was a wonderful person and a great teacher. Wish i could have stayed in her class all day she always made you feel special. Cheryl Hicks Jackson

Cheryl Jackson - December 06, 2013 at 03:25 PM

LC

“ She was a great Earth Science teacher.... the first to teach me about ROY G BIV. I Later in life, I always enjoyed seeing her at the ladies' Sunday table at Golf Course. Sending our thoughts....

laura crouch - December 06, 2013 at 12:38 PM

JK

“ Oliver and Stephanie, so sorry to hear of Mrs. Stanley's passing.....you are in my thoughts and prayers.....

JoFrieda Kelley - December 06, 2013 at 09:05 AM

PS

“ Oliver & Stephanie, Bill & I are so sorry to hear about Mrs. Stanley. There are fond memories from church and visits to ElmCroft . You & all the family are in our prayers. Love to all. Pat & Bill Shelley

Pat Shelley - December 06, 2013 at 08:27 AM

AB

“ Oliver and Stephanie I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I remember "Mrs. Stanley" well. Thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Allen Burr

Allen Burr - December 06, 2013 at 08:00 AM

PS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. She was such a fun lady and will be missed by many.

Love, Pam and Jerry Sansbury

Pam Sansbury - December 06, 2013 at 07:13 AM

GB

“ So sorry to hear of your mom's death. We were blessed to have had our moms for so long.. Praying you'll feel God's presence.

gloria beckham butler - December 06, 2013 at 06:51 AM

AW

“ Dear Oliver and Stephanie, I have many happy memories of you Mom. I am so sorry about your loss. My love and prayers to your family.

Anna Williams

anna williams - December 06, 2013 at 06:29 AM

CA

“ *Cindy Avant lit a candle in memory of Mrs Eleanor Onyan Stanley*



Cindy Avant - December 06, 2013 at 02:12 AM

CF

“ *Chanda Fenters lit a candle in memory of Mrs Eleanor Onyan Stanley*



chanda fenters - December 05, 2013 at 09:42 PM

WT

“ *Oliver and Stef. I am so sorry to here the lost of your mother and mother in-law. wayne thompson*

wayne thompson - December 05, 2013 at 06:10 PM

PK

“ *I just shared a picture of Mrs. Stanley with my teenager daughter from 1978 when Mrs. Stanley taught me Science. She touched so many young lives. Thank you for being a part of mine.*

Penny Short Kight - December 05, 2013 at 05:15 PM