



# Sarah K. O'Donnell

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**S**arah K. (Sally) O'Donnell passed away peacefully in her daughter's arms on September 7, 2009 from complications of diabetes.

She was preceded in death by her beloved James M. O'Donnell and her son David C. Gibson. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Letha Pearl Wiedemann and Theodore A. Wiedemann, her father, Frank W. Knowlton and her former husband, Thomas C. Gibson. She is survived by her sons Thomas K. Gibson and Philip C. Gibson and daughter-in-law Elizabeth, and her daughter, Andrea Gibson Summer Cougevan and son-in-law Patrick. She will be missed by her grandsons Madison Smith, Christopher Gibson and Jon Gibson. She was adored by her granddaughters, Heather O. Williams and Sara Gayle McConnell and she was G.G. to Zach, Sydney and Aiden Williams and Billy and Leland McConnell.

Sally moved 83 times in 83 years. To list the special people in her life would take volumes but you know who you are. She was a true character and brought love and humor wherever she went.

Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate the life of an incredible woman at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home Inc., 2260 W. 21st. Ave., Covington, LA 70433 on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 5:00 PM. Visitation is at 4:00 PM. . A celebration of her life will continue at her beloved Sarahndipity on the Tangipahoa River.

Internment will be in Waterville, Maine at a later date.



## Tribute Wall

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SS

**Steve Stephenson** posted:

Met Sally through the internet. We visited frequently and she and Hettibell visited me during the hurricane. We had great times together. She and "The Cat" taught me to like cats. I think that she was surprised when she heard me and my clarinet play, "I wonder what's become of Sally" to her over the telephone.. God broke the mold after he created Sally..... Think of things that could have been... I do... Steve

September 14 at 12:26 PM

JW

**John W** posted:

Andi, I am so sorry for your Mother's passing; I know she meant the world to you, & that will never change. Much love, John W

September 12 at 9:15 AM

PS

**Paul Summitt** posted:

Andi, I was introduced to Sally only a few short years ago by her sister-in-law, Nancy Whitehouse, but came to love and admire like a treasured lifelong friend and adventurer in life. She was unique. As we grieve, Nancy and I will be thinking of you as you grapple with the loss now overwhelming you. Feel great satisfaction in your relationship with Sally and the unmistakable knowledge that she loved you so much and was secure in your remarkable love for her. May God bless and keep you . . . Paul

September 11 at 9:39 AM

KT

**Karen Thom** posted:

GG, God brought you into my life for a reason. You made an impact in my life and I will hold you in my heart forever. I know you are at peace and happy with your beloved Jim! I LOVE YOU!

September 11 at 8:17 AM

DW

**Deborah & Jock Whitehouse** posted:

Your bond with Jim was an aspiration toward transcendence for us all. Love, Deborah & Jock

September 11 at 4:25 AM



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JP

**Joan Powell** posted:

I met and knew Sally through a good friend of mine . Sally was a vivacious young lady . She was fun loving and a true friend . When my daughter passed away she sent me her condolences as she also had lost a child and understood the lose. I will miss her. my condolences to you andi and your siblings .

September 11 at 4:01 AM

RH

**Rodney A. Hunt** posted:

I spent many hours drinking coffee and sharing life experiences with Sally. Over time I came to know her and love her as a priceless friend. I will miss her.

September 10 at 4:15 PM

CG

**Cathy Gibsonsmit** posted:

I came to know Sally when I married her oldest son. Even though the marriage didn't last, my respect and love for the O'Donnell/Gibson family never ended. Every Christmas was eagerly awaited by my children and me because that was the time when we would get to see them. Sally was always a wonderful person and her love for her grandchildren was always there and my children's love for her was always present. From Jonathan spending over a year collecting frogs of all shapes and sizes to give to his grandmother, to Madison taking one of his first trips alone as an adult to visit her, to Christopher eagerly talking about his grandmother to his girlfriend and what it would be like to have them meet for the first time; unfortunately that wasn't to be. Sally amazed me by how she overcame the many difficulties in her life and still had a sense of respect and love for that life. She inspired me to keep a calm head through some of the difficulties in my life. I give this tribute with an admiration and appreciation that will live on forever. Cathy Gibsonsmit

September 10 at 6:58 AM

TG

**Thomas K. Gibson** posted:

With sincere gratitude to Andi and all of Mom's friends and neighbors, I am most grateful for all you have done to make Mom's last days comfortable and meaningful. Tom

September 8 at 8:14 AM



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MS

**Madison J. Smith** posted:

Sarah was my beloved Grandmother whom I have know for most of my life. Things will be different now but at least I can take comfort in the fact that she is reunited with Grandpa Jim. I'll always remember visiting her in Hawaii, Florida, Maryland and of course Louisiana. Although morbid, the last time we met, I had a strange feeling that this was going to be the final goodbye and after sharing my feelings with her, I remember her saying that "I've lived a full and long life and I regret nothing. I am so proud of you for having the courage to say goodbye. I love you, baby."

September 8 at 7:41 AM



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