



## Sally Sue Raines

August 17, 1960 - May 15, 2017

Sally Raines, 56, of Lake Odessa, died unexpectedly on Monday, May 15, 2017 at her home. Sally was born August 17, 1960, in Charlotte, the daughter of Harley D. and Bernadine May (Smalley) Raines. She graduated from Charlotte High School in 1978, and was a star player in softball and basketball. Following graduation, she was employed for 17 years with General Aluminum while going to school. She received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University then began her 20 year career as an investigator at Ionia State Prison. Sally remained a loyal Spartan fan and enjoyed time playing golf. Above all, she will be remembered for her close friendships, which she considered family.

Sally is survived by her siblings, Cindy Raines, Sandy Davis, and Brian Raines; nieces and nephews, Casey Raines, Josh Raines, Greg Davis, Tasha Davis, Dylan Tokar, Kara Raines, Lillian and Raya; and many extended family and beloved friends. She is predeceased by her parents and her sister, Paula Mae Raines.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Pray Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017 at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Gresham Cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Vincent DePaul of Lansing or the Alzheimer's Association. Friends and family are

encouraged to share memories of Sally on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Gresham Cemetery

4100 Mulliken Rd  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

MAY 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
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Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Ceremony

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SB

“ You will be missed. Who's going to wish us a Happy Birthday and keep us all connected. Who will show us and remind us the true nature of real love of friends and family. Who will call to tell us the news on what's up with all our friends. Who's going to take our money at poker or bring the "healthy veggies" to our parties. Thank you for all your love and true friendship Sally. God Bless your family and friends... We will always remember and admire you. RIP Sal.  
Susan Bryan and Kathy Vansickle



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Susan Bryan - May 23, 2017 at 07:24 PM

CS

“ Words can't express the fun I had working with Sally. Being a Michigan fan I caught her wrath every day and enjoyed it always. Huge heart full of laughter. I just talked to her at Sue Witgen's luncheon two months ago. What a shame to lose such good people at such a young age. Go Green and rest in peace.

Chris Schrauben

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Chris Schrauben - May 22, 2017 at 08:07 PM

BD

“ Rest in Peace Sally. My prayers and thoughts go to you and your loved ones.

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Bill Deschaine - May 22, 2017 at 04:28 PM

CH

“ *"Girl! You better not come in here!" -Sally*

*I don't know how many times I heard her say that, but it cracked me up each time. She was honest and considerate and was always there to listen if I needed to talk. Sally was real and human and full of piss and vinegar...Laughter is a great legacy to leave and I am grateful to have known her for the 4 short years that I did.*

*Catherine Hulett*

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**Catherine Hulett** - May 22, 2017 at 11:31 AM

TC

“ *Sending my prayers out to the Raines family for their loss. Sally loved her Spartans and so do I. Here is one more GO GREEN! Just for you Sally. Rest in peace.*

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**Todd Chapin** - May 20, 2017 at 04:23 PM

SF

“ *Sally was always there for our family.. Be it the kids Halloween candy to graduations, open houses to being there for medical emergencies. She will always be missed.*

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**Scott and Patricia Ziesman and family** - May 19, 2017 at 06:48 PM

 Lisa  
Perkins  
Watson

“ *My family sends our deepest sympathy for the Family. Lisa Perkins Watson, Kim Gelispie, Christine Perkins, Brenda Burke, Mike Perkins.*

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**Lisa Perkins Watson** - May 19, 2017 at 11:48 AM

LN

“ I have been friends with Sal for many years, sharing tons of laughs and fun memories. As I read through these tributes it is very evident not only how many lives she touched, but also the repeating message of her laughter, generous heart, love and friendship that she so freely gave. Sally was a true friend to many, and we know she would have done anything for any of us  
Girl... I will miss you, but will carry your love and friendship in my heart forever! Rest in Peace, my friend

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**Linda Novello** - May 19, 2017 at 10:37 AM

SM

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Raines family. While growing up in Charlotte, all of us Ellison kids hung out with Sally, Cindy and Brian. We have wonderful memories of riding bikes and just having all around fun. In High School, Sharon played sports with Sally and has many wonderful memories of those times. Unfortunately over the years we have lost touch, but want to offer our sincerest condolences to Sally's family, friends and loved ones. It sounds like she never lost her sense of giving, laughing and being an all around special person.

*Sharon Ellison (Martin); Diane Ellison (Swafford); Sam Ellison; and Lois Ellison*

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**Sharon Martin** - May 19, 2017 at 09:52 AM

DB

“ Sincere prayers for the Raines family. Sally had a beautiful soul and a gigantic heart! She will be missed. Sally always had a funny story to tell and she never failed to make me laugh or smile every time I talked to her. She had love in her heart and was sincere and kind and would go out of her way to help any of her friends or loved ones. Rest in peace, Sally, I will miss you!

*Dana Becher*

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**Dana Becher** - May 19, 2017 at 09:40 AM

BA

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Raines family. I met Sally in 1978 and have been good friends for almost 40 years. So many wonderful stories and memories with Sally – playing summer softball, playing basketball (until Sal got us kicked out), going to parties and just hanging out. She brought so much joy and laughter to our lives.....we were all blessed to have known her. When I was very sick last year, Sally would always call to check on me and ask Jeanne if she was also ok. Sally had the biggest heart of anyone I have ever known. I will miss her teasing me and calling me “Stick” the most. We will miss you for the rest of our lives but have the great memories and stories to hold on to. Rest in peace Sally.....we love and miss you. Bonnie (Stick) and Jeanne

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**Bonnie Appell** - May 19, 2017 at 07:56 AM

PD

“ I worked with Sally briefly at MTU when I started my career and she was an officer. She was always very nice and helpful. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. May the Lord be with you all during this time.

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**Pamela Drew** - May 19, 2017 at 06:15 AM

WD

“ *With Love and Sympathy, Kitty Day purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sally Sue Raines .*



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**With Love and Sympathy, Kitty Day** - May 18, 2017 at 11:31 PM

TL

“ *We shared a toast for you at the golf league tonight Sally. RIP my friend.*

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**Teresa Lewis** - May 18, 2017 at 10:14 PM

CO

“ *My sincere condolences to the Raines family. I will cherish the memories I have growing up together in small town life. Sal was already to go, party, have fun, help out a friend-she was there, along with some of the best friends we both could've asked for. Though miles kept us apart, I always welcomed her phone calls & stories she would share, I will miss you so my dear friend*

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**Colleen Moran Osorio** - May 18, 2017 at 09:09 PM

JJ

“ To the family of Sally Raines. I remember going to Goldies Motel to pick Sally up for many softballs tournaments....we would show up early and she would drag her feet I think she did it so we could catch up with her parents. I remember when my parents went out to California on vacation and our old dog was hit in the road. One call to Sally and she was there with me digging the hole to help me bury my dog. She was always there for friends to help whenever needed but more importantly, she made sure everyone stayed out of trouble. Many trips to MSU as kids to watch games and just get a feel for a great campus. She loved it from a young age. Prayers for all of her family and friends who are struggling with their loss. Go Green Go White



Judy Johnson

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**Judy Johnson** - May 18, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Sally Sue Raines .



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May 18, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Sally Sue Raines .



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May 18, 2017 at 05:05 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Sally Sue Raines .*



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May 18, 2017 at 04:59 PM



“ *To Cindy and Brian, and Family, My first thought of Sally was as a very small little cherub face when I came to the house to visit Cindy while in Jr. High. She was the little sister always checking out what the big kids were doing. Then she grew up and I met her again when she worked at General Aluminum. What a change from that little girl to a adult, who had goals and aspirations. Then she made it ! May she be at peace and the family remember the good times, memories and love shared. Blessings to all.*

*Gail (Hussey) Carr*

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**Gail Carr** - May 18, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ *This green candle is a small tribute to a fallen fellow Spartan. I did not know Sally well but seeing her walk across the yard seemed like a part of the natural rhythm of the place where we work. It will not be the same without her. My sincere condolences to the family and friends who lost Sally too soon.*



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**Jackie Williams** - May 18, 2017 at 04:32 PM

JR

“ I wish to offer my condolences to all who knew Sally. Those who knew her, loved her laugh and sense of humor. When we had social gatherings, Sally was there, she rarely missed a visit. There will forever be an empty seat in her place. Sally, I hope you are up there enjoying your golf game. You will be dearly missed.

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**JENNIE REICHERT** - May 18, 2017 at 04:19 PM

DH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Raines family. I have known Sally for more than 40 years and although large distances provided barriers to seeing each other these past many years, Sally always made sure we stayed in touch. I and my family have many fond memories over the years of all the fun times with Sally and the “gang.”-MSU football; Mac’s bar; U of M graduation day. She had a big heart and a big laugh that I will always remember. Although gone too soon, she will now take that charisma and make a whole new world laugh. You will be missed!  
Dave Hoberg & the Hoberg family

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**David Hoberg** - May 18, 2017 at 04:07 PM

LB

“ Sally,

Thank you for being a part of our family and inviting us into your life. You will truly be missed. I will always think of our Christmas shopping together when the store was jam packed. I will truly miss you..

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**Linda Luna Bongiovanni** - May 18, 2017 at 12:48 PM

MM

“ Not only was Sally a terrific friend but she was an awesome teammate 🏀🏈. No matter what the situation was she could always make us laugh. RIP Sally you will b missed 😭

Marsha McDonald - May 18, 2017 at 11:46 AM

DF

“ Words cannot say how much Sally will be missed at MTU. Her presence here was part of this place; you always saw her somewhere...on the walk, officers desk, records office, but somewhere. It already feels empty without her; that laugh, joking, and upbeat personality. Yet she was serious when it came to safety, and watched out for others. She would do anything for you, a very giving heart. She sometimes came to our office just to talk, and say "What's up girl?"...she was a hard worker, and gave it her all. My prayers and thoughts are with all of her family. And I know that her work "family" here at MTU is also hurting; however, her memory will be kept alive here, and people will continue to share their own memories of her, and remember her in a loving way. We will not forget her smile, and her love for life, and her inviting spirit. To her family..."may the Lord give you His grace, and peace, this day and in the days ahead", and heal your hurting hearts."

Deb Fuller - May 18, 2017 at 09:39 AM



Deb..that was so well said. She cared about all the staff at MTU and wanted to make sure we all made it out of the gates safely every night. Thinking of her family and friends. Take Care!

Marianne Christensen - May 18, 2017 at 08:23 PM

SB

“ I met Sally several years ago when we played softball together. She was such a force! Her humor was constant and she always made sure everyone was included and made to feel part of a team. It was always a joy to catch up with her when we'd run into each other over the years. Our sympathies to her family - she will be missed!  
*Jim and Sheila Burgie*

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**Sheila Burgie** - May 18, 2017 at 09:36 AM

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**Christina Bandt** - May 18, 2017 at 09:26 AM

AB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Raines Family. Sally's quick wit, sense of humor and authenticity will be dearly missed at MTU. I'll never forget the first time I met Sally at the front gate when I transferred to MTU three years ago. I greeted her with a "Good Morning" and her classic response was, "Girl. Is it good? I don't know if there is anything good about it yet".

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**Ada Brosier** - May 18, 2017 at 07:38 AM

KN

“ When I transferred to MTU Sally was one of the first people to take me under her wing, and make sure I was safe and knew the ropes. She was a wonderful coworker, with a very big heart. I will miss talking and laughing with her. My thoughts are with her family. She will be missed.

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**Kari Nader** - May 18, 2017 at 06:32 AM

CF

“ To the Raines Family, Sally was a co-worker and great friend to the my family. My kids loved Sally. She never missed a year of bringing them candy for Halloween. Sally loved having the kids come out and fish off her dock. One time Sally felt bad that I did not shoot a turkey during turkey season so she bought a couple of whole chickens from the store and tied them up in one of my trees at home with a note "Here is a replacement for the turkeys you didn't shoot! ha ha!" She had a great sense of humor. She was always trying to help others making sure they were ok. She was a loving person with a great big heart. Sally will truly be missed by my family, myself and lots of others that Sally has touched over the years! Go Green, Go White!

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**Chuck Perry and Family** - May 18, 2017 at 05:26 AM

CH

“ To the Raines family, Sal was a co-worker and very good friend of mine. We had alot of laughs and her heart was always the biggest when it came to her friends. I was miss her greatly. Go green, go white.

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**Cathie Heffelbower** - May 17, 2017 at 08:30 PM

LN

“ Linda Novello purchased the Simply Elegant Spat  
hiphyllum for the family of Sally Sue Raines .



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Linda Novello - May 17, 2017 at 07:42 PM

LK

“ Laurie & Kim purchased the Medium Dish Garde  
n for the family of Sally Sue Raines .



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Laurie & Kim - May 17, 2017 at 07:24 PM

ND

“ Nancy Gassman. Duwayne Dykehouse  
purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the  
family of Sally Sue Raines .



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Nancy Gassman. Duwayne Dykehouse - May 17, 2017 at  
06:53 PM

DE

“ Sally you could make people laugh for sure! Always had a lot to talk  
about and tender heart. You will be missed!!



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Denise - May 17, 2017 at 05:56 PM

SE

“ I met Sally in 1987 when I was new to Doc. She ate lunch with me on a regular bases. I loved her stories. I considered her a good work friend and was sad to hear died. My thoughts are with her family.

Sue Eisen - May 17, 2017 at 05:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sally Sue Raines .



May 17, 2017 at 04:50 PM

EG

“ My condolences to the Raines family, sorry to hear of her passing. She will be missed at work.

Emily Gill - May 17, 2017 at 03:48 PM

CB

“ My condolences to the Raines family, so sorry to hear of Sally passing, she was a great friend to me. She loved to laugh, was dedicated to her work, and loved Michigan State. We shared time together at work regularly, she talked about the "old" days and the good times she had with friends. We enjoyed each other's company at work functions and laughed often.

*The office will not be the same without her walking in daily to say hello.*

*Christina Bandt*

Christina Bandt - May 17, 2017 at 03:28 PM

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**Christina Bandt** - May 17, 2017 at 03:23 PM