



Sally Ann (White) Wiles

July 14, 1946 - May 3, 2025

Sally Ann (White) Wiles, age 78, of Rudyard, Michigan, died on May 3, 2025 at her lake-front cabin in Hessel, Michigan. She was born on July 14, 1946 to Byron and Ila (Mikola) White in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was the baby of the family, with two older sisters and two older brothers. Sally's childhood home was a mere half block from the local school, where she was graduated in 1964 with perfect attendance and as valedictorian of her high school class. Sally came to know a world outside of Rudyard as she interacted with some 100 students in her graduating class, many of whom came from nearby Kincheloe Air Force Base.

Sally attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, earning an undergraduate degree in Education with a concentration in Special Education in 1968. She completed her student teaching in Ann Arbor and Livonia, while commuting from South Lyon. Sally earned her Master's Degree in 1972 from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, driving from Rudyard to attend summer sessions.

Sally married Robert "Bob" Wiles on June 17, 1967. They lived a life full of love for fifty-eight years, making their primary home on Rudyard farmland and also enjoying lake-side relaxation on St. Martin's Bay. No children were born to them, but they were far from childless. Twenty-six total years of working in education, comprised of twenty-four years in special education and two years

in second-grade classrooms, provided Sally a lot of time with children whom she nurtured as her own. She spent the entirety of her teaching career in the Rudyard schools.

Civic-minded and unfailingly energetic, Sally was a moving force in many local organizations for decades. She served as an officer on several boards, including The Mollie R. Kahl Community Library Board and the Rudyard Township Planning Board. Sally served as an election worker and sat as a Board of Review member. She was a founding member of the Rudyard Historical Society. The Rudyard Centennial Cookbook was created and produced by her sustained efforts. Through their generous founding donation, Sally and Bob spear-headed the creation of the White-Wiles Assisted Living Home in Rudyard. Sally was a long-time member and officer in the local chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP). She was also recognized as an elite teacher through her induction into the national educational sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma.

Sally enjoyed gardening immensely and often described herself as a “farm wife” who processed and prepared the fresh produce that she grew. As well, she was an excellent cook who delighted in sharing recipes with friends and family. Intelligent, insightful and loyal, Sally lived life with a strong work ethic and true compassion for others.

Sally is survived by her husband, Bob; brother, Brian (Chris) White of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, and several nieces and nephews. All will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Byron and Ila; brother, Richard White; and sisters, Helen Porter and Mary Alice Broxston.

A Memorial Service will be held on July 14, 2025, at 2:00 PM at the Rudyard Township Hall, 18725 S. Mackinac Trail, Rudyard, MI 49780.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mollie R. Kahl Community Library in Rudyard.

Family Life Funeral Homes of Sault Ste. Marie assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rudyard Township Hall
18725 S Mackinac Trail
Rudyard, MI 49780

Tribute Wall



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Sally Ann (White) Wiles.



July 12, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ Bob I'm so sorry to hear of Sally's passing. Her memory is truly a blessing.
Jim Line

James Line - July 10, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ Bob, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of "your rose"--that image you shared with me of Sally surrounded by roses stays with me. She was a lovely lady.

Renee Dreiling (from Walgreens)

Renee Dreiling - May 10, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ I worked at the LSSU Cisler Center for 25 years and had the pleasure of working with Bob and Sally on the Retiree luncheon each year. They were amazing people to work with. Sally was one of the kindest people I had ever met. I am so sad to hear of her passing. Prayers for the family

Cathy S. Smith - May 08, 2025 at 09:34 AM

BC

“ Sally and I both ran against each other for Class Secretary and she won! Bless her heart, she did a terrific job and I was glad she won. Sally was a good friend in high school and it was so good to be with her at reunions. I was one of her Kincheloe friends and I will never forget her. Rest peacefully, Sally. With love.

Barbara Cowan - May 07, 2025 at 08:18 PM

JC

“ Sad to think of Sally's passing. She had many poistive attributes. She'll be missed by those who knew her and worked with her. Our condolences to Bob and we'll keep you in our prayers.
Jodi & Glenn Cornwell

Jodi Cornwell - May 07, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JM

So sad to learn of Sally's passing. Out prayers are with Bob and the family. Rest in peace Sally. Judy and Bob.

Judy McCain - May 07, 2025 at 09:57 PM

RK

In the midst of profound sorrow, but also in heartfelt gratitude, and love for a wife, MARSP leader, friend, and kind loving person, whose presence in our lives was a blessing. Sally's departure has left an indelible mark on our hearts, yet please let her love, her laughter, and her many memories continue to comfort us.

Sally was just kind loving person from the first day you met her. Giving you a warm hug like one of your family. Her strength of kindness, and with a spirit as vibrant as a summer's day, yet a heart as warm as a winter's fire. To know her was very special.

Sally's physical presence may be absent, but her inspiration, spirit, and teachings continues to guide us. She will always be loved, always be missed, and forever be remembered. Sally and Bob's union was unique, and one of a kind. May she rest in peace.

Bob Kucera

Robert Kucera - May 09, 2025 at 01:35 AM