



## Sally Lewis Rhoades

May 29, 1938 - September 24, 2018

“Sally” Sara Marjorie Lewis Rhoades, 80, passed away Monday, September 24, 2018, at Deerfield Retirement Community. Born in Asheville on May 29, 1938 to the late William Figures Lewis and Mary Best Lewis.

Sally and her sister, Landon, lived on the campus of The Asheville School where their father taught and coached for many years. She graduated from St. Genevieve of the Pines, St Mary’s College in Raleigh and UNC-Chapel Hill where she received her BA in Education and her MA in Art History. While working in New York City, Sally met and married Domokos Pasint who died unexpectedly in 1969.

Several years after returning to Asheville, Sally married Verne Rhoades, Jr. They lived briefly in Berkeley, CA and returned to Asheville to live in the historic Rhoades home on Merrimon Avenue. Together, they maintained and lovingly cared for this unique property until Verne’s death in 2007 when it was donated to UNC-Asheville by the Rhoades family.

Sally always had a keen interest in the life of Asheville and its mountain community especially regarding beautification and the environment. She served on the boards of Asheville Art Museum, WNC Community Arts Council, WNC Nature Center, RiverLink, Asheville Junior League and The Asheville Symphony. In the early 90’s, she was a leader in the development of

Pack Place as well as the planning for restoration of The Grove Arcade. As a long time member of the French Broad River Garden Club, Sally shared her enthusiasm for gardening and concern for conservation issues over many years.

Sally loved family gatherings, classical music and travel to historical gardens in the United States and Europe. Sally demonstrated her love of “all creatures great and small” especially frogs and elephants by being a strong advocate for animal welfare organizations.

She was a lifetime member and past Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, The Colonial Dames of America and the Biltmore Forest Country Club.

Sally is survived by her sister, Landon Lewis Fox (Tom) of Chapel Hill; her devoted nieces, Katharine F. Stewart (William) of Falls Church, VA, Carter F. Eagle (Steven) of Savannah, GA and Sara F. Boyce (Burns) of Raleigh, NC; cousins, Susan T. Rice (Edward) of Midlothian, VA and Mary T. Collins (Larry) of Cleveland, TN. She is also survived by great niece, Averil Eagle Brannen (David); great nephews, William Fox Stewart, Benjamin Thomas Stewart, Jeremy Robert Stewart, Tucker MacDonald Eagle, Cooper Thomas Boyce and Peyton Bryan Boyce (Sarah); sister-in-law, Anne Rhoades Farquharson (Robert) and brother-in-law, William Rhoades (Betty).

A Celebration of Life will be held 2:00 PM, Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church of Asheville. Reverend Patrick Johnson will officiate. Private interment will be held at Riverside Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Asheville Humane Society or CarePartners Hospice.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Clay Ballantine, Premier Care Services and

Jeanette Harding for their devoted care of Sally.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sally Lewis Rhoades*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Landon, Tom, Katherine, Carter and Sarah, I am so very sorry for your loss of Sally.  
It was always a joy to see her whenever I would run into her around and about town.  
How I wish I could have been in attendance at her service...  
I work in the Child Care Center at the church, but regret I was unable to get away, as we are very short staffed at the moment. I would have loved to give each of you hugs....  
My prayers are with you now and in the coming days.  
Abby Bates*

**Abby Bates** - October 10, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ *John Huie and Jaan Ferree purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sally Lewis Rhoades.*



**John Huie and Jaan Ferree** - September 30, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ *Sally was a wonderful friend at SGP and through many reunions with our classmates. She will be terribly missed. Ruth Wilkins Algary*

**Ruth Wilkins Algary** - September 29, 2018 at 12:59 PM

MC

“ *She is a beautiful soul. I have many fond memories of her as a classmate and friend at St. Genevieve's, and at our gatherings over the years. Rest in peace, dear friend.....Maria*

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**Maria Collias** - September 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

BR

“ *Bill & Betty Rhoades purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Sally Lewis Rhoades.*



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**Bill & Betty Rhoades** - September 28, 2018 at 05:42 PM

BS

“ *Sally made me the gardener that I am today. My favorite memory of Sally would be hard to narrow down. Before her very first gardens open house for charity, she was concerned that she did not know the Latin name for one of the many verbena in her gardens. I told her to just call it verbena v. Rhoadii. And she was shocked. But she did it!*

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**Betty Sharpless** - September 27, 2018 at 03:49 PM

JH

*My respect and love for Sally is deep. I had a wonderful visit with her last month. We read poetry and told stories and laughed together. I will keep that time in memory forever.*

*Sally was so kind and supportive when she chaired the board of of the Environmental Leadership Center. She presided over our meetings with class and dignity and spirit.*

*One summer she went with me and others on a wild canoe trip in Ontario and had a grand time paddling through the wilderness in 6-person Voyageur Canoes. What a trooper!*

*I am forever grateful for my close friendship with Sally Rhoades.*

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**John Huie** - September 30, 2018 at 01:15 PM

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*Remembering Sally from our volunteer days in the community - especially at Asheville Community Theater. She was a tireless supporter of so many wonderful causes in our community, as was Verne. She was a selfless lady whom I always admired.*

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**Richard Hurley** - September 30, 2018 at 08:28 PM

CM

*We met Sally and Verne shortly after we moved to Asheville in 1978. We shared a love of classical music - Community Concerts and the Asheville Symphony. I could only dream of being the expert gardener that Sally was. She will be greatly missed by members of our No Stress Book Club.*

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**Carol McCollum** - October 01, 2018 at 02:24 PM