



## Sara May "Sally" Millard Dieffenbach

November 17, 1929 - July 1, 2019

Sara May "Sally" Millard Dieffenbach, 89, of New Albany, PA passed away Monday, July 1, 2019 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA. Sara was born in Towanda, PA on November 17, 1929, the daughter of Merle Alonzo Morse and Marian Blanche Chilson Morse. Sara attended Canton High School for two years and graduated with the Towanda High School class of 1947. While in Towanda she served on the Student Council. At the encouragement of her English teacher Miss Jean Holcomb, Sara served as a news writer and Editor of school events for The Daily Review. After graduating, with no funds for journalism college, she worked at Weldon's sewing Factory in Canton. Later, Sara took night business courses in Towanda and Wyalusing. She also enrolled in a correspondence course in Christian magazine writing. Sara married Kenneth A. Millard on January 1, 1948. They had five children, Marcella (Dale) Yasharian of Wyalusing, Wayne (Linda) Millard of LeRoy, Victor (Jan) Millard of Monroeton, Lois (Brice) Pardoe of New Albany, and Wesley (Linda) Millard of Erwin, NC. Sara was employed by The Sullivan Review in Dushore as advertising manager, news writer and photographer. In order to properly illustrate articles, she took a photography course by correspondence with the New York Institute of Photography. Sara became a photographer for the Sullivan Review, provided photos for the Wyalusing Rocket and The Daily Review and was a photographer for Wyalusing High School events. Millard Photos was the name of her studio. Sara wrote a column "The Craftsmen of the Endless Mountains" for The Daily Review and

provided feature articles for the Grit newspaper. Sara and Kenneth spent a sabbatical year doing prison evangelism with Hope Aglo Ministries of Lynchburg, VA. Sara served her community as Judge of Elections for Albany Township for several years and was a director for the New Albany Library. She worked with the Girl Scouts, was active in the Evergreen Christian Church as a deaconess, Sunday school teacher for both children and adults, served on the Missionary Board and sang as a church soloist. Sara took correspondent courses with The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago in External Studies and went there to graduate in cap and gown with the graduating class of 1995. Her husband, Kenneth, perished in an aircraft accident on April 14, 1990. There were five newly widowed women in the New Albany area in 1990. Through the guidance of the National AARP, a Widowed Person Service was established for Bradford-Sullivan Counties. It was a small group in the beginning, but through the talents of other widowed men and women, the support group grew quite popular. On November 27, 1999, Sara married Pernayo L. "Nate" Dieffenbach who later passed away on January 31, 2005. Sara was nominated and accepted into "Cambridge Who's Who", an elite professional registry of executive professional people in March of 2007. Following retirement, Sara established a wood working shop in the basement of her barn, to make small items and to do refinishing work. With a strong desire to write, Sara published her first book at age 75, The Adventures of Sally on Barclay Mountain with a strong urging of the Lord two additional books would follow, Everlasting Arms and Knowledge Revealed. In addition to her five children and their spouses, Sara is survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren, special nephew Merle (Peg) Mott as well as additional nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to her parents, Sara was predeceased by her husbands, Kenneth Millard and Pernayo "Nate" Dieffenbach, a granddaughter at birth, a great granddaughter and her sisters, Florence and Mearle Morse. The family will receive friends Sunday, July 7, 2019 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Monday, July 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at

the funeral home. Interment will follow in the Franklin Center Cemetery, Franklin Township, PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Evergreen Christian Church, the New Albany Baptist Church, New Albany Fire Company or to the Franklin Center Cemetery Association in memory of Sara.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Franklin Center Cemetery

29 Dunn Lane  
Monroeton, PA 18832

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

JUL 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sara May "Sally" Millard Dieffenbach

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Sara May "Sally" Millard Dieffenbach

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Sara May "Sally" Millard Dieffenbach

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Sara May "Sally" Millard Dieffenbach

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Sara May "Sally" Millard Dieffenbach

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

MM

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the families!! God bless & sustain you & grant to you peace, grace, courage, hope, love, serenity & a strong faith!! One "Glorious Day" in God's timing we shall all join on that "Golden Shore" where Sally has been reunited with her loved one's gone before her. What a "Reunion"!! Matthew 10:30 says that every hair on our heads are numbered & we can be sure that our name's are written in God's book & in His timing!! Ecclesiastes 3 says that there is a time & a place & a reason & a season for everything under the Heavens & God is in control!!  
Sally was a wonderful lady & loved her family very much & accomplished much in her lifetime. She certainly will be missed but we know we shall all meet again in that Heavenly Mansion!!  
God bless, comfort & cherish you with all your precious memories to hold near & dear to your hearts!! Sorry that we weren't able to attend the services as we were away on vacation. Luv & Hugs sent!!

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**Merna & Howard Colwell & Douglas Mapes** - July 23, 2019 at 08:56 PM

LP

*Thanks!*

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**Lois Millard Pardoe** - July 24, 2019 at 11:08 PM

BM

“ Dear Members of the Millard Family,  
We were saddened to hear about Sarah’s passing. She sold us our first home in Evergreen almost 40 years ago. She was new to real estate then but very enthusiastic about her work and couldn’t have been more helpful.

Over the years she showed and sold us additional properties. She always maintained that enthusiasm and goal to provide us with the best and most professional help.

We considered Sarah a friend, not just a realtor. It was always a treat to visit her in her New Albany office. We will always remember her for her professionalism and great sense of humor.

Please accept our deepest condolences. Sarah was a true gem and will be missed by her family, friends, and the community.

Sincerely,  
James and Brenda Meehan

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**Brenda and Jim Meehan** - July 11, 2019 at 12:35 PM

CD

“ Sara was a multi talented lady. I really enjoyed reading the books she wrote. She will be missed.

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**Carol Dieffenbach** - July 08, 2019 at 03:15 PM

LP

Thankyou!

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**Lois Millard Pardoe** - July 24, 2019 at 11:08 PM

DP

“ *My deepest sympathy. You are all in my prayers.*  
*Elnora Potter*

Donna Potter - July 07, 2019 at 04:56 PM

LP

*Thankyou!*

Lois Millard Pardoe - July 24, 2019 at 11:09 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Sara May "Sally" Millard Dieffenbach.*



July 07, 2019 at 12:58 PM

LP

“ *She was my mother, my friend, and my mentor! She was ALWAYS praying for her children and others. I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. One thing she kept reminding me to say was: "Fear Not!"*

Lois Millard Pardoe - July 04, 2019 at 09:51 PM

SS

“ *Sally to our wedding pictures almost 47 years ago at the Baptist Church in New Albany. I did not know all of her history so it was interesting to read. Memories of Wayne and Victor lifeguarding at the pool. Prayers to all the family. She was a wonderful lady.*

*Sylvia (Minier) & Jon Silver*

Sylvia Silver - July 04, 2019 at 12:10 PM

BK

*To: Marcella, Wayne, Vic, Lois and Wesley  
I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your mom. I was reading her obituary and was amazed at all the things she accomplished. Our moms were not only sister-in-laws but good, good friends. Prayers 🙏  
For you all.💕*

**Beverly Kisner** - July 07, 2019 at 03:39 PM

LP

*Thankyou!*

**Lois Millard Pardoe** - July 24, 2019 at 11:11 PM

TM

“ *Tom and Jennifer Morgan purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Sara May "Sally" Millard Dieffenbach.*



**Tom and Jennifer Morgan** - July 04, 2019 at 09:50 AM

TM

“ *Thank you for all the memories when I was growing up. The reunions, ball games, and all the other sport activities that you always supported. You knew I loved ice cream and I never left your house without having some. Thank you.*

**Tom Morgan** - July 04, 2019 at 09:30 AM

LP

*Thanks for the flowers. Hope you will come North for another visit.*

**Lois Millard Pardoe** - July 24, 2019 at 11:14 PM

PF

“ We send our condolences to you the families of Sara Millard Dieffenbach. For many years our family knew of the Morse/Millard family. We are saddened at heart of the physical departure, but rejoice, " that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." May our Lord go before you to grant His comfort at this time.

Paul Fitch - July 04, 2019 at 08:41 AM

LP

Thankyou!

Lois Millard Pardoe - July 24, 2019 at 11:14 PM

PS

“ what a great and wonderful friend miss sara was to all her knew her my prayers are with the family

patsy merritt strawser - July 04, 2019 at 08:19 AM

LH

“ I have so many memories of Mrs. Millard - I know she became Dieffenbach, but I still called her Mrs. Millard. I found the story I wrote about her for the paper this week. What a huge loss to the community, but what an amazing gain in heaven. I can't wait to see her again in heaven someday! Thinking of you, Lois, and the rest of the family.

Lisa R. Howeler - July 03, 2019 at 11:10 PM

LP

Thankyou! Would like to see your article sometime.

Lois Millard Pardoe - July 24, 2019 at 11:15 PM