



## Sally Mlodzik Jo

March 24, 1951 - March 21, 2023

Sally Mlodzik Jo died at Barrett House of Ripon on March 21, 2023. Sally was born on March 24, 1951 in Berlin, WI to Sylvester and Isabelle Mlodzik. Growing up in Berlin, she attended Saint Joseph Catholic School and Berlin High School (Class of 1969). She then went on to UW-Stevens Point majoring in Social Work. Upon graduation she was employed by Portage County as an Adult Protective Service Worker for the Elderly. She met and married Doug Neher during her years in Stevens Point and the couple moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana and then to Silver City, New Mexico. It was there that they designed and built their unique stone home in the forest bordering the Gila National Forest. Sally's special interests included basket weaving, beading, travel, going to rummage sales and baking. The latter she turned into a part time job providing fresh bread, muffins and granola for a Elder Hostel in her community.

Early in Sally's adult life she learned that she had a Bipolar diagnosis and from then on she dealt with the challenges of that illness. In 1999, she and Doug dissolved their marriage. She continued to reside in New Mexico enjoying the milder climate but eventually moved back to Berlin and for the last five years she has resided in assisted living facilities.

Sally is survived by her sister, Joan (Wayne) Besaw; sister-in-law, Ina Mlodzik; niece, Sara (Corey) Clinch; nephews, Scott Mlodzik, Michael (Dawn) Besaw, Craig (Lori) Besaw and John Besaw; also her long time college friend, Cheryl Holmes, Betty Mishuk, her Silver City close friend; and Jackie Wallace a

caring Berlin friend.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Robert (Bob) Mlodzik.

Per Sally's wishes, cremation has taken place and a grave site service was held at Oakwood Cemetery in Berlin. Sally's family would like to extend our deepest appreciation and thanks to all of the staff at Barrett House of Ripon along with SSM Health at Home Hospice staff for all they did to provide care and comfort to her.

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ So sorry to hear of Sally’s passing. She was a childhood friend of mine. I have so many good memories of her and the fun times we had especially in high school. She will always have a special place in my heart.. I am so sorry for your loss.



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**Mary Lou (Barnes) Bjornstad** - March 29, 2023 at 12:04 PM

MW

“ So sorry to hear of Sally’s passing. She befriended my father during her time at Patriot Place and was so kind to him. I truly appreciated that my dad had “someone on the inside” watching over him and watching out for him. Smile. I have fond memories of her spunky personality and her soft spot for my father and his dog. My Thoughts and prayers go out to Sally’s family.

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**Mary Werch** - March 28, 2023 at 09:09 PM

PR

“ So sorry to hear Joan. Sally was a dear, most of the time anyway. We loved her and she knew it. Always made us smile with her. I'm sure she is happier now. Take care and hugs to you. Pat & Steve Rodensal

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**Pat RODENSAL** - March 25, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ *The memories I want to share is of times when Sally lived in New Mexico when she was stable, before the bipolar really started. Sally was a very loving and competent nanny for our daughter Abbey and we all loved having Sally as part of our family. She put a lot of good energy into Abbey and helped Abbey become a secure child. The other fond memory I have is of the times she and I would smoke marijuana and have fun dancing, chatting and laughing together. She was so much fun. Sally could really connect with people in a very empathic way that made her very special to me and others.*

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**Neal Apple** - March 24, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *Sorry to here of Sally's passing. She was a nice neighbor to my mom while they both where at Patriot Place. Rest in peace Sally.*

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**Pamela Lind** - March 23, 2023 at 01:33 AM