



## Sally K. Utsler

October 12, 1937 - March 13, 2014

### Sally Kimbell Utsler

Our dear mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend, Sally Kimbell Utsler, age 76, passed away on March 13, 2014.

Sally was born in Santa Monica, California on October 12, 1937. While growing up in a Santa Monica bungalow attending parochial school, she experienced World War II through the California Coast "black Outs" and enemy submarine sightings near her home. After numerous trips to Exeter to visit close friends, Sally's mother, Caroline and her uncle, Jim decided they should all move there in 1949. Sally was very active in student government, clubs and Rainbow Girls. She graduated from Exeter High School in 1955 and married Dewey Utsler in 1956. Dewey and Sally raised their young family in Exeter. Sally worked for the County of Tulare as a keypunch operator, and subsequently at Kaweah Distributors for many years. She was a dedicated employee and a very hard worker. In 1985, she moved to Mountain View, California and began working for TAB Products as an accounts receivable clerk where she quickly moved up the ranks to manager. Sally retired in 2004 and moved back to Visalia.

Sally was our devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She was known for her willingness to help others in many ways. She loved to bake pies and her special peanut butter cup cookies for all of us. Mom, we all love you and miss you very much. You will forever be in our thoughts and

hearts.

Sally is survived by her children Larry Utsler and wife Janelle, Alan Utsler, Elizabeth Utsler, Mike Utsler and wife Merritt, and Melanie Bonner-Galvin all of Visalia. Grandchildren Lori Utsler, Loren Utsler and wife Jessica, Luke Utsler, Hillari Utsler, Michael, Bryson and Devynn Utsler, and Lillian Marie Galvin, and great grandchildren Lance and Logan Utsler, and ex-husband Dewey Utsler. Sally has one living cousin, Betty Carol Kimbell of Baker, Oregon.

She is preceded in death by son Mark Edward Utsler, her mother Caroline Elizabeth "Dot" Kimbell, her father, William i. Hammond, uncle James Maxwell "Jim" Kimbell, and ex-husband Gary Bonner.

We would like to extend our special thanks to Mom's close friends Mary Abeyta and Esther Fluke for visiting her faithfully during these last months. Also, we would like to thank Dr. Marconi and the Palliative Care Team for their compassion and understanding throughout this difficult time, and all of the nursing staff at Kaweah Delta ICU, Critical Care, 3 North and Transitional Care units who cared for our Mom. We are all very grateful for your loving kindness and exceptional care.

As our mother wished, there have been private arrangements made by Salser and Dillard with

A Celebration of Life to be held at a later date.

Please mail condolences to The Utsler Family, at

P.O. Box

3325. Visalia, CA 93278.

or Dost memorial tributes at [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Tribute Wall

EU

“ *To My Dearest Mother -*

*My best friend and the ONE TRUE LOVE of my life,*

*Not only do I look like you but I act like you too. I cannot tell you how much I miss you. What I can do is let you know I'll be all that I can be from this day forward. I wake up every morning with you on my mind and in my heart.*

*You will always be with me and I will always be with you.*

*All My Love,*

*Elizabeth*

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**Elizabeth Utsler** - April 01, 2014 at 12:09 PM

CC

“ *i just i want to say you are very loved and are a amazing grandma you made a smile when ever you could just to make someone esle. love christopher and matthew*

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**christopher cantrell-delagarza** - March 22, 2014 at 10:56 PM

JU

“ Dear Sally,

*Even though I am just your daughter-in-law, you made me feel as though I was so much more. Right from the start, we could chat and laugh and be more than in-laws...we were great friends. You were always understanding and never - yes, never - judgmental. We had wonderful times together with lots of laughing. I thank God that I was privileged to marry your son, Larry and to have you as my second mother. You were so gracious to help care for my mother, Ruth during her last few years, so that Larry and I could escape for a weekend here and there. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. I will always cherish the time we spent together during the past 34 years, and I look forward to the day when we will meet again in the place where there is no more pain and sorrow, only His joy and love. Until then, with all my love,  
Janelle*

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**Janelle Utsler** - March 22, 2014 at 03:26 PM



Melanie  
Galvin

“ TO SALLY,

*THAQNKYOU SOO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO NEVER FEEL ALONE AND ADOPTING ME CHRISTOPHER, CODY, MARKY AND OF COURS3E MATTHEW TOO!!!! YOU WERE ALWAYS REMINDING ME THAT I WASNT ALONE THAT ME AND MY BOYS WILL ALWAYS HAVE A FAMILY WITH U. . YOU AND MELANIE HELPED MY BOYS AND I GET THROUGH THAT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME OF MY MOTHERS PASSING. THEN AFTER THAT YOU WOULD ALWAYS HUG ME TALK WITH ME HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT I WOULD BE OKAY. AND AS ALWAYS MAMA SALLY WAS RIGHT. I PROMISE YOU AS I DID THAT DAY THAT I WILL KEEP THE PROMISES I MADE YOU ABOUT UR GIRLS/ IM FOREVER GRATEFUL THAT YOU TOOK SOO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT TO TEACH ME YOUR FAVORITE RECIEPES AND LOVING ME AND CHRISTOPHER, CODY, MARKY AND MATTHEW AS IF WE WERE YOUR OWN KIDS. MATTHEW AND I SAID A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOU. YOU ARE THE STRONGEST WOMAN IVE EVER MET I HOPE TO MAKE YOU PROUD AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY EVERY NIGHTFOR ALL YOUR FAMILY ESPECIALY LILY BUG AND SMELLY. NOT A DAY WILL GO BY THAT YOUR MEMORY WILL NOT BE IN MY HEART AND SOUL!!!*

*WITH ALL OUR LOVE,*

*MISSYMO, CHRISTOPHER, SAM, CODY,  
MARKY , ANDY AND MATTHEW*

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**Melanie Galvin** - March 21, 2014 at 06:17 PM

AU

“ To my beloved mother;

*I miss you deeply. Although I know you're there, my heart aches. I never felt or cried so hard in my whole life as I have since you passed. I have turned everything over to God. The last few days that I got to spend with you meant more to me than words can describe. You snuck away while I was sleeping there next to you, and died on my birthday. You will be with me forever. I will do my best to stay close to my brothers and sisters and have us all get along, as you so wanted. I love you with all my heart....your son Alan.*

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**Alan Utsler** - March 20, 2014 at 11:26 AM

GT

“ *Sally, I'm so grateful that I was able to talk to you recently & tell you how how much I love you & express my appreciation to you for everything you have done for me & my family. I will so miss you. You're forever in all our hearts.*

*To the Utsler family, I pray for each one of you. Your mom would only want to see you all get along & be happy. Love each of you as my own brothers & sisters. You know that, right?*

*To Melanie & Lillian, I pray that Lillian find peace with this. You are always in my heart. I will so miss your mom.*

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**Gabrielle Tomlinson** - March 19, 2014 at 10:25 AM

KR

“ *I will miss so much about you but something that jumps out to me are those scrumptious, daily, warm, consistent dinners.*

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**Kristin Russell** - March 19, 2014 at 08:50 AM

MU

“ Dear Sally, what can I say... Let me start off with thanking you for blessing me with your son who gave me three beautiful children! Some days I look at them and think oh my why do two of them act like there father and grandmother but this is what makes me love them more they are a part of you then I have the middle child just like me! Quiet for the most part without an argument! But my life has been blessed to have two like you! Speaks their mind and loves at the same time! I promise I will do the best job I can do to take care of your son Michael and our family! Just do us one favor give Mark and Grandma Dot a big hug for us!

And we can not wait to see you again! We love you and you did your job here on earth and now we feel really special to have so many angels to look over us!

Fly to the moon and stars Sally we love you!

love from me with a tear in my eye because I know you are free!

Free of pain! Free of all things!!

and p.s I will never forget when you drove me over a bridge in the Bay area right next to the water and I thought for sure my life was over! and then the trip you took us on after the big earthquake in the bay area and all the bridges were shut down so you took so many road tours! And the best when we found out Mike had cancer you told the taxi driver Mike and I were brother and sisters and we were new to the area to give us a good time and he took us on the biggest hill in San Fran and I nearly pooped myself and you and my brother Mike just thought you were so funny! Oh what good times I could go on and on! love you night once again!

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**Merritt Utsler** - March 19, 2014 at 12:30 AM

LU

“ I will miss you so much. You we're a Whitty, funny ,loving accepting n understanding grandma I was the 1st grandchild. I have many great memories from holidays to our Hawaii vacation and more. I could just talk with you for hours about anything. I love you grandma

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**Lori Utsler** - March 18, 2014 at 11:05 PM

EF

“ My dear friend Sally, May you rest in peace. We have shared so many things in the past 30 plus yrs. We traveled, laughed and cried together many times. I will so miss our daily phone calls, discussing Young and the Restless and everyday stuff about our kids and grkids. Thank you for all the times you took me to my chemo trtmnts and dr. appts. I will never forget you donating to "Locks of Love " in honor of Michael and me.... you will never know how much that meant to me. I will never forget you but will see you again. I love you.  
Esther Fluke



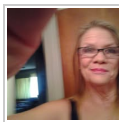
Esther Fluke - March 18, 2014 at 06:27 PM

MU

“ Merritt Utsler lit a candle in memory of Sally K. Utsler



Merritt Utsler - March 18, 2014 at 04:45 PM



My heart is broken, I love Sally, she was one of the only people who for the last 7 or 8 years would call and "check up" on myself and my family. My prayers are with all of the broken hearts in her family and her close friends. I have so many incredible memories with her, Grandma Dot, Liz, Larry, Janelle, Alan, Mark, Mike, Merritt and of course Mel and Lillian. I love you all, I will miss your Moms wisdom and like Josie, I will miss her voice, and could NEVER forget it. Sally was a one one of a kind....who will forever be missed until we meet again. She did not "die" she Graduated.....with the highest of honors.....

Janine Salisbury - March 19, 2014 at 03:42 AM

JF

“ Sally was my second mom. She help rised my brother Gary who now goes by Scott. I remember the liver dinners did not like them to much. We eat them or sat there until it was all gone. She could be funny and scary at the same time. As a kid I remember my first driving experience with Sally. Old blue car 6 to 8 kids all the time, driving us everywhere. As a kid I just remember the old car coming to a stop sign, brakes hitting the floor board. She said hold on and starting pumping the brakes. Yes, she managed to stop and said thank god they did go out, we all laughed so hard. Yes, this was one of many happy moments. She was my maid of honor when I married Ron. So glad that I was able to see her again in 2012 for Xmas. She had not changed in the 20 years last I saw her. Still had the same sense of humor and I will never forget her voice. She will be missed. She was the mom that help me grow up, be strong, have the courage to face what ever the obstacle.

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**Josie Fuller** - March 18, 2014 at 04:27 PM

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“ Larry D Utsler lit a candle in memory of Sally K. Utsler



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**Larry D Utsler** - March 18, 2014 at 10:06 AM

MG

“ I am so grateful for everything you taught me and gave me during my life, words simply are not enough.....I will do my very best taking care of Lillian....to make you proud...I love you, mom....Melanie

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**Melanie Galvin** - March 17, 2014 at 09:21 PM

MG

“ *Melanie Galvin lit a candle in memory of Sally K. Utsler*



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**Melanie Galvin** - March 17, 2014 at 09:15 PM

LU

“ *To my Beloved Mother:  
I miss you so much. I miss our daily phone conversations, and I miss knowing you are just a short drive away. My life is less than it was when you were here, but I am so fortunate to have fond memories of all the times we shared. Vacations, holidays, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and the births of my children and grand children. You were a wonderful mother in every way. Your presence was a present to me for which I will remain eternally grateful.  
I will always love you, Mom  
Larry*

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**Larry D. Utsler** - March 17, 2014 at 08:57 PM