



Sallie Jane Boyden

December 20, 2025

Sallie Jane (Gordon) Boyden, 79, passed away peacefully at home on December 20th, 2025, surrounded by her adoring family. Born on June 2, 1946, to John and Ruth Gordon of Warwick, RI, Sallie was known for her nurturing and kind spirit, her infectious smile and the frequent laughter that she brought into the world.

Sallie will be lovingly remembered by her beloved daughters, Heather Jane Newman of Cranston, Amy Lynne Thibodeau and son in law, Robert L. Thibodeau, Jr. of Warwick, RI and Allison Boyden Nelson of Scituate, RI. She also leaves behind her younger brother, John Gordon and his wife, Fran Gordon of Warren, RI. Sallie cherished her ten grandchildren; Derek Dunbar, Lauren and Ryan Newman, Cody, Jake, Jesse Antonelli, Robert Thibodeau, III and Lainey, Douglas, and Drew Nelson. She was blessed with 3 great grandchildren; Zechariah Dunbar and Rhea and Vera Antonelli. Sallie will be joined in eternal rest with her husband of 55 years, T. Bruce Boyden. Sallie and Bruce raised their three daughters in Cranston, RI, providing them with a nurturing and unwavering support system that lasted into their adult years. Sallie and Bruce were true givers and loved their family unconditionally. Aside from raising her daughters, Sallie dedicated her life to caring for neighborhood children, both as a daycare provider and a preschool teacher for more than three decades. She was known for her kind, maternal approach. Sallie provided a loving support system to all that were blessed in her care. A celebration of life will be held on January 16th, 2026 at Winfield and Sons

Funeral Home, 571 West Greenwich Road, Scituate, RI, with calling hours from 4:00 pm-6:30 pm followed immediately by a memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The MS Society, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or The Autism Project of Rhode Island.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Memorial Service

JAN 16. 6:30 PM (ET)

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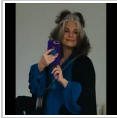
“ *Dear Sallie thank you for your friendship, I remember you inviting me into your fold at Little Falls and sharing stories ever since. You and Bruce are together now and at peace....Bonnie*

Bonnie - January 06 at 08:38 AM

SS

Sally...u will be missed..enjoyed ur friendship and company at bagel shop..you always had a smile on your face..rest in peace

Stephen Saroka - January 09 at 04:30 PM



Rest in Peace to the Best "Nay Nay!" In Rhode Island! You are definitely in a better place but you will be deeply missed here on earth.



Joyful Sounds - January 10 at 08:55 PM

MA

How grateful are all the children who had Miss Sallie as one of their first teachers. She was so kind, and caring and loved taking little ones needing extra help under her wing. Sallie had "old school values" ... she was a hard worker, loyal, dedicated, and honest. We all enjoyed working with Sallie...lots of heartwarming and fun memories.

Sallie as a Pawtuxet villager:

She was queen of the neighborhood coffee shops where she held court each morning surrounded by faithful friends who all shared news and stories with lots of laughs.

Neighborhood Memories:

Sallie redirecting oversized trucks making the impossible turn down the hill in front of her house in chorus with other neighbors cheering her on.

Sallie holding her trusty broom sweeping her walkway and the street and always enjoying a quick chat with everyone that walked by. She put a smile on everyone's face.

Sallie's house will always be a beacon as we come down the street ... we know we are "home".

Sallie, on behalf of your friends, neighbors, preschool children and parents, and coworkers... God bless you and thank you for your company in our life journey!

Marie - January 14 at 01:49 PM

WH

*We just want to say how much we enjoyed her company every morning at our coffee shop, we were blessed to have know such a nice person!
Louanne & Wendy*

Wendy A Hawkins - January 15 at 09:22 AM

MB

Sally was a true Gemini woman. Quick witted, great conversationalist, easy to laugh...oh my goodness, that laugh was unmistakably hers! If you were teased by Sally, you were loved by her. She was a Village treasure. Thank you for the laughs. Ride, Sally Ride! XO

Melissa Braun - January 17 at 04:39 PM