



# Sally Laree Gunter

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## Sally Laree Gunter

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Sally was born in Rocky Ford, Colorado on January 11, 1943. She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Clarence Youngblood and Edna Iva Allen Mellon, and older brother David Floyd Allen Youngblood. She is survived by her younger brother Charles Edwin (KT Miller). Sally grew up on Rocky Ford's Sunny Slope enjoying her family and her love of horses. She attended Rocky Ford High School and was adored by all. She was married to Richard Morgan in 1960. Children: Dalynn (aka Denni) Jordan, Danny (Dena) Morgan. Grandchildren: Matt, Ashley, Jana (Jacob), Heather and Sam (Holly). Great-grandsons: Braden, Kash, Ryatt and Julian. Sally was an active leader in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, a longtime member of Beta Sigma Phi, and Bridge Club. She also enjoyed golfing and bowling. Sally owned a dress shop, King's Corner, in Rocky Ford. She was a buyer for Big "R" Farm & Ranch Supply, and manager of Conrad's dress shop in La Junta. Then Sally took upon the adventure of a lifetime when she joined up with a genuine wagon train consisting of juvenile delinquent boys, Conastoga wagons pulled by two mules each, a two-dozen horse calvary, and a company of Buffalo Soldier infantry... all under the umbrella of VisionQuest's Western Division.



## Obituary

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In 1997, Sally married James “Taj” Gunter and they moved to Hawaii Island. They enjoyed going to Hawaii’s many beautiful beaches (where Taj surfed) and over the years toured all of the Hawaiian Islands except Niihau. She worked for Catholic Charities Hawaii and retired in 2007. Sally really enjoyed her yardwork in their beautifully landscaped lawn filled with many varieties of palm trees, ferns, orchids, anthuriums, and philodendrons. Sally fought a tough and lengthy battle with cancer but was able to spend her last days in the fulfillment of her dream - in a place known worldwide as “Paradise.” There will be no service nor viewing per Sally's wishes. In lieu of flowers, please, donate to your favorite local charity



## Tribute Wall

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JG

**James F. "Taj" Gunter Iii** posted:

Love Runs Deeper June 24, 2024 When you, my elderly wife, with your tear-filled eyes, approached me in the kitchen and lifted your t-shirt revealing sagging breasts, you said with a shameful apology, " I don't even recognize myself anymore. How could you possibly love me like this?" I took two steps forward, gently embraced you and said, "True love runs much deeper," which was a more concise way of saying "deeper than sagging tits, hair and hearing loss, and easily bruised and wrinkled skin." Even when all those things were at their aesthetic and functional best, they were never the core reasons or sources of my adoration. You remain to me just as beautiful a person beneath an aging exterior as you were the day we first met. Your daily challenge now is to not lose sight of that, to not lose faith in the internal qualities that make you beautiful, that made me attracted to you in the first place, and the very ones to which I cling to this day ...An insatiable and determined sense of adventure, a keen adeptness for navigating the often-challenging process of building a prosperous future with limited assets and being an ever-present and persistent source of motivation to me (a man admittedly inundated with excess baggage) in avoiding life's many tempting pitfalls and staying on a disciplined course toward becoming the best husband, provider, and person I can be. Yes indeed, love runs much deeper than these aging "shells" we see in the mirror. With all the love and excitement I recall from our wedding day, I submit the same to you now (27 years later and generously filled with indelible memories)... as long as we both shall live... till death do us part. Love always, Taj  
Post-script: My wife, Sally (affectionately known as "Surgee"), died on the morning of August 11, 2024 after a year-and-a-half-long battle against cancer.

August 26 at 4:35 PM

MN

**Mary Neely** posted:

Sally was in my class in Rocky Ford, and she came to the 50th Class Reunion and we got to talking, and by the end of the evening we were planning our 52nd Class Reunion in Hawaii. Surgee and Taj were fantastic hosts, we got to do things and see things that the average person doesn't see. I will miss her but know that she is not suffering any longer. Thinking of the whole family and of course you Taj. Mary Neely

August 22 at 11:20 AM

DT

**Dottie (Nevins) Terrell** posted:

My sincere condolences and sympathy to Sally's family and friends. She was a beloved classmate who went to school with me from 1st grade until we graduated in 1961. She will be remembered with love and joy!

August 22 at 3:49 AM



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**Jana Jordan** shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.  
Bits of fun visiting Gramme in her Paradise!

August 18 at 11:46 AM



**Jana Jordan** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.  
Visiting Gramme on her 80th birthday in her garden!

August 19 at 4:20 AM



**Jana** shared a photo to the **Sally's Life** album.

August 18 at 11:58 AM



**Dan Morgan** shared 12 photos to the **Sally** album.

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## Media

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August 21 at 1:02 PM



**James F. "Taj" Gunter III** August 26 at 8:26 PM

Sally and Taj were the consummate Big Island tour guides for all their family and friends who had visited them over the years.



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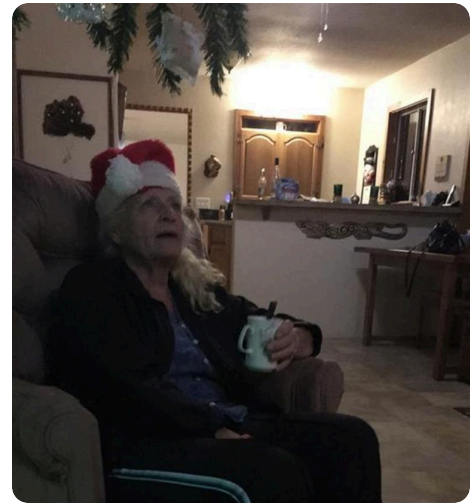
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Sally's 80th Birthday in her garden



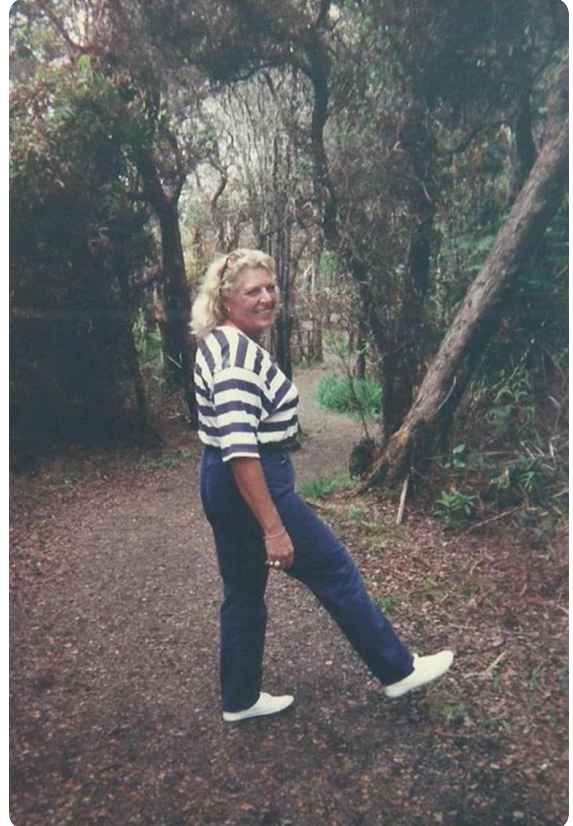
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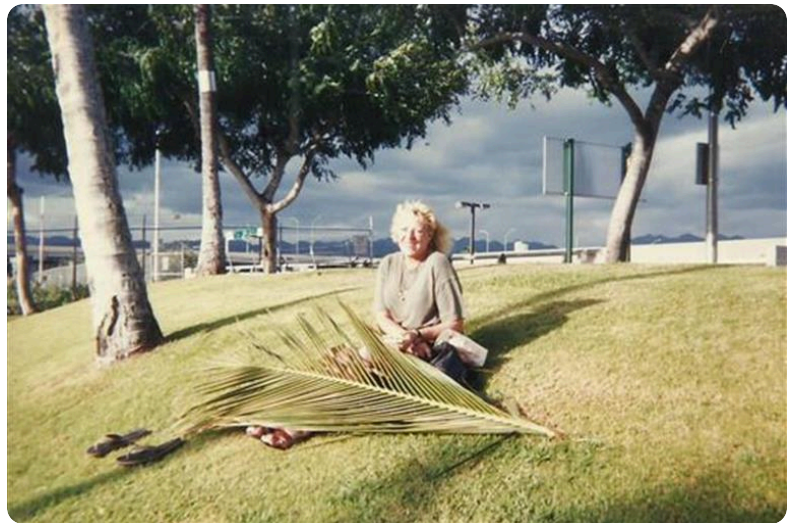




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DM





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