



Mrs. Sally Jackson Gray

October 18, 1925 - January 15, 2022

Sally J. Gray (1925-2022)

The family of Sally Jackson Gray celebrates her long, remarkable life. She died on January 15 at age 96. She was born in Philadelphia, PA to Frank H. Jackson and Gertrude P. Jackson.

Sally attended The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, PA and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in economics.

As a teenager Sally excelled in the sport of squash racquets. She was twice a member of the Wolfe-Noel Cup (the women's national squash team) touring the British Isles, Netherlands and Belgium after World War II. She later served as president of the Women's Squash Racquets Association.

In her early career Sally worked as a newspaper reporter at the Norristown Times Herald (PA) and later at the Houston Chronicle (TX).

She married James Shand III in 1950 and lived in San Antonio, Texas for most of their married life. They had three children and later divorced. Sally embraced the life and culture of southwest Texas and Mexico, earning a certificate in advanced Spanish language. With her family in tow, she made frequent trips to Mexico City and Tampico in their station wagon.

Sally was an early advocate for women's reproductive rights and family planning. She served as president and on the board of Planned Parenthood in San Antonio and on the national board of Planned Parenthood from 1967-1972. In Texas, she helped organize and secure funding for family planning clinics on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Sally married Frank T. Gray in 1976. They had a long and happy marriage; their travels together spanned all seven continents, including Antarctica. When Frank and Sally lived in downtown Baltimore, Sally was an advocate and volunteer for the Baltimore Homeless Shelter.

Frank passed away at the age of 101 in November 2021. Sally never recovered from her loss.

Sally J. Gray is survived by her children, William Shand II of Durham, NC; Diana S. Kline and husband Leonard P. Kline of Lake Wales, FL, Hope J. Shand and husband Charles D. Thompson, Jr. of Durham, NC; three grandchildren, J. Patton Kline, Janney K. Polsinelli and Marshall J. Thompson, and six great-grandchildren. Survivors include her cousin, Patricia P. Schieffer of Washington, D.C. and brother-in-law, John L. Mather of Villanova, PA and three nieces. Survivors also include the children of her late husband, Frank T. Gray: John W. Gray, Edward A. Gray, Philip L. Gray and Theodora R. Gray.

Sally's family wishes to thank her devoted caregivers: Kimberly Green, Susan Wanjiko, Mary Njaga and Rachel Kamau. We are also grateful to the caring staff of Roland Park Place.