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Salli Reinking, age 70, of Spring Lake and San Diego, CA passed away March 28, 2015 while wintering in California. She was born July 24, 1944 in Grand Haven to Carl and Arlysle (Fraser) Reinking.

After graduating college from Northern Michigan University she headed to Florida where she worked as a flight attendant for Antilles Airboats, a small airline flying the Grumman Goose between Miami, the Bahamas and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She taught 3rd grade in St. John's U.S. Virgin Islands and then went to Abaco, Bahamas where she again taught school for a time. When she returned to the U.S. she settled in Rockford, MI where she worked as a property manager for a large apartment complex. She later purchased several rental properties of her own in Rockford and opened an Antique Mall. In 1998, she closed the mall, sold the Rockford properties and moved back to Grand Haven. She also loved S.C.U.B.A. diving and to travel to the many places that went with it. Over her years of diving she logged over 700 dives in many different countries and waters. Earlier in life she also enjoyed snow skiing and going to the many different mountains.

On December 27, 2008 she married William "Vyn" Meier in Los Angeles and he survives her along with her brother, James Reinking, her sister, Patt (David) McBane. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister-in-law, Nan Reinking.

A memorial visitation will be held 6-8 PM, Thursday, May 14, 2015 at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven. Memorial contributions in memory of Salli may be given to the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation or a breast cancer research foundation of your choice. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.vbkfuneralhome.com.

The family is being served by VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven.



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JG

Jan Guthrie lit a candle in honor of Salli.

Oh Sal, You beautiful, lovely gal. I will ever remember the fun times we had the summer of 1962 at CSU Ft. Collins - you made it bearable & so memorable riding around in that Nash. Thanks for the Abaco week with your friends. Thanks for sharing your home in CA, coming to visit me in AZ, thanks for being such a cheerful, positive friend. Years went by without a word, yet we'd met like no time had passed. Love you, miss you, until we meet again. Always your friend, Jan Guthrie



May 24 at 7:55 PM

MM

Mike Mckean posted:

Vyn and Salli, good friends, Visited Salli's antique shop, the house on the beach, the condo at LaCosta, and "Baker to Vegas". Worked with Vyn for many years. He really got lucky when he "re-met Salli". She was always cheerful, enthusiastic, and smiling! We already miss her a lot. Mike and Marcia

May 22 at 7:40 PM

MB

Mary Bates posted:

Salli was a dear friend and neighbor in recent years in San Diego, CA and I miss her greatly. She always had an optimistic attitude and as a friend of mine, Meg, said who met her in February said that she had such a "sweet smile" and "kind eyes." She always thought of others before herself. I recall when she visited me in the hospital in February, despite not being in good health, she insisted on visiting me to cheer me up even though it was minor surgery and an overnight stay for me. She came bearing flowers, ice cream and her vibrant and uplifting spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with her husband, family and friends who I know also miss her dearly but she will live in our hearts forever. Mary Bates

May 15 at 11:05 AM

PF

Pat Fortino posted:

Vyn Sorry I can't be there this evening. MaryAnn and I will see you next Thursday. You have our prayers and our deepest condolences. Pat Fortino

May 14 at 1:41 PM



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Barbara (Lanier) And Bill Reinking posted:

There are many beautiful and fun memories that I have of Salli as we met many years ago when we both worked together in the Bahamas. Four of us "girls" away from home and learning to be "adults." The nicest part is we remained friends and have stayed in touch and visited one another ever since we met. Salli is the one who laughed, smiled and enjoyed life to the fullest and I always told her that I wanted to be like her when I grew up; I still do want to be like her when I grow up and I am taking her with me everywhere I go until I do. Oh, and we share one thing in common that I never imagined we would when we first met.....my married last name.Vyn, Jim and Patt, we are thinking about all of you at this time. However you manage this transition, we are with you in spirit.Barbara (Lanier) and Bill Reinking

May 13 at 8:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Reinking family.



May 12 at 5:47 AM



The Kennedys sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the Reinking family.



May 11 at 7:29 AM



Doug Gardner posted:

Kay and I rambler Salli as a very outgoing and busy girl. Her death really brings back remarries of out child hood times. Please except our prayers and thoughts.LoveDoug and Kay Gardner

May 11 at 6:16 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Salli by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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