Sally Jean Lowe Mart

June 16, 1952 ~ August 7, 2015

Sally Jean Lowe Mart, a noble daughter of God, returned to His presence August 7, 2015. Sally was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer in 2001. To Sally this was a 14-year experience that she often said she would never change because it brought her closer to her Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, than any other experience. Sally was a disciple of Christ. She followed Him in word and deed. She never hesitated to share her unwavering testimony whenever or wherever she felt inspired to do so.

Sally was born June 16, 1952 to Erskine and Brenda Lowe in Memphis, Tennessee. She was raised with three sisters: Diane, Linda (deceased), and Jan. Sally loved sports. She competed on the varsity level in volleyball, basketball, and track and field in both high school and at Memphis State University. She graduated from Memphis State University in Microbiology and completed further studies in Nuclear Medicine at the University of Arkansas. She worked many years in the medical field. She and her parents joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints while Sally was in college.

On February 3, 1977 Sally married her eternal sweetheart and soulmate, Christopher Robin Mart, in the Washington, D.C. Temple. Sally worked to help Chris as he attended medical school, residency, and a fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology. All the while they were hoping for children and suffering many miscarriages. Eventually the opportunity to adopt came to them. They chose to adopt children, most with a variety of special needs which made it difficult for the children to be adopted by others. Sally often stated, "All children deserve a home." She and Chris worked tirelessly to meet the needs of their children. She was a devoted and exemplary mother. The greatest desire she and Chris shared was to create an Eternal Family. (See Deseret News Article, October 2014.) http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865613463/Chris-and-Sally-Mart-create-a-refuge-for-children-build-a-family.html

Sally served in many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As Stake and Ward Young Women's President the young women knew of her love and devotion for them. She had a keen mind and intellect and was able to remember the names and life details of all the young woman in her stake and they loved her dearly. She served as a Primary President and on the Ward, Stake, and Regional levels as Sports Director. Sally loved music and had a beautiful clear singing voice before cancer therapy. She loved playing Volleyball her entire life and played twice weekly even while undergoing chemotherapy. She loved her volleyball friends. She earned several Gold Medals at the Huntsman Senior Games and a Bronze Medal at the Senior Olympics. She was a light and an inspiration to all.

Sally is survived by her loving husband, Chris; their children Nicholas (Trina), Ashley, Nathan, Alyson, Erica, Dylan, Emily, Jordan, Sarah, Katie, Tyler, Austin, Aaron, Jacob, and Logan; a grandson, Abel; and her sisters, Diane and Jan. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Linda, and two of her children: Joshua and Mallory.

Funeral services for Sally will be held on Monday August 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sandy Crescent View Ward, 10945 South 1700 East, Sandy, Utah. A viewing will be held on Sunday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT and at the church on Monday morning from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. prior to the services. Please leave online condolences for the family at www.larkinmortuary.com. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, 500 Huntsman Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84108, (801) 584-5800.