Sally’s daughter Evelyn wrote the following obituary.

Sarah Ann Putney passed away November 7, 2019. Many know Sally for her kind, loving spirit as well as always being “the life of the party” possessing a fun, fearless personality. Sally could definitely cut up a rug when dancing and listening to music.

Born in Flushing, New York on August 25, 1941, Sally was one of three children born to Florence “Mac” and Evelyn McCarthy. The family moved from New York to Cleveland, Ohio during her childhood and in her early teens, they moved to Westchester, New York. Sally was quite athletic - she excelled as a competitive diver known for her grace and precision on both the high board and low board dives. She also led the annual Leewood Golf Club Water Ballet 4th of July celebration.

Sally attended Georgetown Visitation and then transferred to The Katharine Gibbs Modern Professional Secretary School. Upon graduation, she started her career in the secretarial pool with IBM at 555 Madison Avenue downtown New York. After a long week at work, Sally would go out with her friends and learn all the popular dances such as the Chicken Back, the Frug, the Twist, and would go home teaching these dances to her Father, Brother, and Sister (who were all wonderful Swing dancers).

Sally met Brian Putney April 14, 1964 at IBM’s Manhattan’s Uptown office. In the summer of 1967 Brian and Sally working at different locations joined an IBM bowling league. Dating began within a few weeks – they married on December 16, 1967. In 1976, the couple and their two daughters moved from Somers, New York to Marietta, Georgia. Deeply rooted in their Catholic faith, the couple became founding members of The Catholic Church of the Transfiguration in 1977. Sally truly enjoyed and passionately served the Parish as a Eucharist Minister, a Youth Group mentor, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, and a league bowler in the Holy Rollers.

After a 25+ year career with IBM as a Secretary/Executive Assistant, Sally retired and enjoyed being a volunteer Docent at the Georgia Governor’s Mansion as well as a volunteer Usher at the historic Fox Theater in downtown Atlanta and at the Cobb Energy Center.

Sally is survived by her husband of 50+ years Brian Putney, her daughters Evelyn Nance and Karen Putney, Philip Kent, her sister Maryann McCarthy, and two grandchildren - Alexis Nance (8) and Preston Kent (6). She was preceded in death by her brother Timothy McCarthy.

A Memorial Service celebrating Sally’s life was held December 5, 2019 at Transfiguration Catholic Church Her internment was held afterwards at Georgia National Cemetery.

Her other daughter Karen wrote the following Facebook:

My mom passed away last night after a long fight against cancer that caused multiple other health issues. There aren't words that I can say to describe the loss of her.. A world without her doesn't seem real.. I am beyond proud of my mom, she was amazing and anyone who knew her knows this.. she was a fighter, at every set back, every surgery, Chemo, infusion she was 100% positive, never let herself go down the path of poor me.. She never let cancer take that.. Mom I hope you are dancing and smiling because you will forever be the woman that taught me how to be a fighter and have grace through the toughest of what life has to give.. I love you.

I can only add that Sally never complained, not even once, during her five year struggle with her illnesses.