



Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall

August 30, 1946 - May 12, 2025

Sarah Frances Wall Duvall, 78, wife of Julius Dean Duvall, of Seneca, passed away on Monday, May 12, 2025, at Oconee Memorial Hospital.

Born in Toccoa, GA, Mrs. Duvall was the daughter of the late William Franklin and Mary Stone Wall. To know her was to love her. Mrs. Duvall was a proud military wife for 22 years. She retired from Keowee Elementary school as the librarian and was a primary school teacher prior to that. Mrs. Duvall was a fantastic storyteller and a talented musician who played and taught the piano and organ, and also served as choir director.

In addition to her husband of 58 years, Mrs. Duvall is survived by her son: Edward Duvall (April); daughter: Jackie Cox (Jimmy); and grandchildren: Noah and Kara.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Davenport Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, prior to the service, at Davenport Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Dr., Seneca, SC 29672, or

Tamassee DAR School, 1925 Bumgardner Dr., Tamassee, SC 29686.

The family is at their respective homes.

Cemetery Details

Ocone Memorial Park

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Seneca, SC 29672
<http://oconeememorialpark.com?>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home
311 S Highway 11
West Union, SC 29696
(864) 638-3611
davenportfhome@gmail.com
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JV

“ *Joan V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.*

Joan V. - May 27, 2025 at 10:12 AM

JM

“ *Mrs. Duvall was my librarian at Oakland in the 80's when I was a child. Oakland wasn't always filled with happiness in the days following, but one of my fondest memories is of her. We would gather by the door of the library every Friday and sing the "Friday Song." It's the song I sang to my children as they grew up, and its her voice that still sings it in my mind as an adult at 45 years old. ...Friday, Friday, Friday is my favorite day. Monday is the starter, Tuesday just fair, Wednesday half was, Thursday almost there. Friday, Friday, Friday is my favorite day.... May peace and be with her and her eternity be filled with Friday's. Today is a sad day, as the light of world is a little darker without.*

Josh Matthews - May 22, 2025 at 09:41 PM

CA

“ *Carol A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.*

Carol A. - May 21, 2025 at 03:32 PM

LW

“ Dean, Edward and Jackie,
My heart aches for you all. Sarah was one of the most joyful people
to be around. She truly lived life to the fullest and shared freely her
gifts from God. Praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead.



Louise and Bill Watkins

louise watkins - May 16, 2025 at 08:53 AM

SH

“ Susan Hollifield lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Sarah Frances Wall Duvall



Susan Hollifield - May 15, 2025 at 10:31 PM

AM

“ Ashley McClure purchased the Country Basket Bl
ooms for the family of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall
Duvall.



Ashley McClure - May 15, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DE

“ Danny & Sherry Edwards lit a candle in
memory of Sarah Duvall



Danny & Sherry Edwards - May 15, 2025 at 12:17 PM

KB

“ Dean, we sure love you, and Sarah was a bright light to all who knew her! We will miss her presence in the community....prayers for you and the whole family.....❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏 Ronnie and Kim Brockway

Kim Brockway - May 15, 2025 at 10:34 AM

GT

“ Dean, Jackie, and Edward -I don't have to tell you what a vibrant and beautiful person Sarah was. She brightened the halls of Oakland every day with her smile and laughter. Truly she was one of a kind. Even though we didn't stay in touch, I will never forget her. She was unforgettable. I don't know why that song she wrote for us to sing each day at school will be stuck in my head forever. "Friday, Friday, Friday is my favorite day!" So glad I was lucky enough to get to know her. Sending all of you hugs and love. Forever in my heart! Love you Sarah.

Glenda Eligburg Taylor - May 14, 2025 at 11:22 PM

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall



Wayne F. Barton - May 14, 2025 at 10:16 PM

KM

“ There are many people who just come and go in your life , and then there are those who leave a lasting impression on you that shapes who you are and what you become. Sarah Duvall was one of those people. She was so much to so many, and we are all so saddened by her sudden passing , but not at all surprised that our Father called her home. For how can an angel always make its home on earth when it must one day return from where it came . Oh Sarah, the good you did while you were here will live on through all of us who were so very ,very blessed to have been touched by you . You left wisdom, laughter and love in your wake. What a testimony your life was and will always be. With my deepest love and admiration I got to call you my friend and mentor . Always will I love you. □Many, many prayers for Dean , Jackie and Edward , her grands and friends and family.

Kelly McCalla - May 14, 2025 at 09:28 PM

KB

“ Sarah brought joy and inspiration to those of us who had the privilege of working with her at Keowee Elementary. She made books come alive for her students. She will truly be missed. Prayers for her family.

Kathy Ballard - May 14, 2025 at 08:51 PM

CC

“ Sara Frances Wall was in my sister's class of 1964. She always had the brightest smile and hilarious sense of humor. She never seemed to be in a bad mood and was friendly to everyone at Westminster High. My husband and I were fortunate to see her in some of the plays at Oconee Theater. We were so proud to know her and greet her after the play. She was a wonderful person and has left a huge hole in the hearts of all who knew her. Prayers for Dean and the family.

Cary Singleton Caines - May 14, 2025 at 06:48 PM

LH

“ I met Sarah when she came to SDOC for an interview. She was wearing a red turtleneck and denim jumper with ladybugs on it... don't judge - she was rocking it! Her laugh was infectious. She always had a ready smile and a word of encouragement. I always wanted to be a student in her classroom!

Lynn Hodge - May 14, 2025 at 05:38 PM

CB

“ Such a sweet bubbly lady. She will be missed.

Cheryl Bright - May 14, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.



May 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.

May 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM

MF

“ I am truly heartbroken. There will never be a more cherished and loved friend. Mrs. Beautiful, Mother Goose, dear friend. I will never forget breakfast in her home before our Christmas Cantata. The entire choir. That infectious laugh. Sarah was God's gift to all who knew her. Marge Funke

Margaret Funke - May 14, 2025 at 01:03 PM

BD

“ Dean and family, I was very sad to hear the news that Sarah had passed. It was a blessing to know her. She spread joy and sunshine wherever she went. The world needs more people like Sarah. A life well lived for sure. Praying for peace and comfort for you Dean and your entire family. 🙏❤️

Bea Duke - May 14, 2025 at 11:10 AM

SF

“ Summit Place Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.



Summit Place Family - May 14, 2025 at 09:59 AM

WE

“ Ms Duvall was a great woman everyone loved her i know my kids did every time we would walk in after school or for a book fair with my late mama they would always tell us there's ms Duvall that crazy lady lol she will be missed dearly.

Wendy - May 14, 2025 at 09:06 AM

KW

“ To Dean and family, Sarah was a bright light to so many. She made a lasting impact on me. Sarah gave me words of advice, encouragement, laughter, and so much more. I've always cherished our friendship. From our days at Oakland to Westminster Presbyterian, she always shared laughter and her love of music. She was a treasure as storyteller. It was certainly my privilege to know and love her. I pray for God's comfort and peace for you all.
Karen Wilson

Karen Wilson - May 14, 2025 at 06:00 AM

SM

“ When God made Sarah, he made a jewel. She gave so much love & was well loved in return. 😊 Dean, Ed, & Jackie, may God hold you & each other closely in the days ahead.

Suzie Martin - May 13, 2025 at 09:11 PM

MH

“ Sarah Francis and Dean were part of my growing up years in Westminster. Both were wonderful people and I'm so glad that they married. You couldn't be sad long around Sarah Francis. She was a ray of sunshine and brightened up any room where she was (even in high school). She even explained to me what constituted a "date" with a guy and what did not. Oh, the wisdom of the ages! She just made you feel good that she noticed you. I had her mother as a teacher in high school; Sarah Francis was her pride and joy. Dean, to you and your family, my sincerest condolences. The world is a better place that she was here; it is not now that she's gone. Like a comet, she flashed across the space of our lives! Mary Singleton Harvey



Mary S Harvey - May 13, 2025 at 08:29 PM

JB

“ Graduated Westminster High School with Sara and Dean in 1964. Both of them were very nice. Joyce Wynne Brewer



Joyce W Brewer - May 13, 2025 at 06:20 PM

DS

“ Your Loud Laugh and Energy will be Missed by all. Blessings to your Family.

Darlene Saalwachter - May 13, 2025 at 05:43 PM

DS

“ Darlene Saalwachter lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall



Darlene Saalwachter - May 13, 2025 at 05:41 PM

HM

“ A life well lived!

Hank Miller - May 13, 2025 at 02:14 PM

AM

“ I am ever thankful to have had the privilege of knowing and working with Sarah at Keowee Elementary. Her love for children and adults alike, her energy, her many talents and gifts, her excitement for learning, her wild and crazy sense of humor, and the lens through which she viewed life inspired us all to be better, to do more, and to enjoy what we were doing. A great lady who will be missed but will be remembered with a smile.

Ann Miller - May 13, 2025 at 01:38 PM

PC

“ Sarah loved “out loud” and she loved everyone. She gave her all as a teacher, a storyteller, an actress, a grandmother, or just being my friend. I love you, Sarah. You will be greatly missed. Until I see you again, I will keep “finding my joy.” Family and friends will be in my prayers in the days ahead.
Pam

Pam Chambers - May 13, 2025 at 01:09 PM

JN

“ I so loved Sarah Duvall!! What a blast it was to have shared the stage with her, several years ago, in the presentation of "Steel Magnolias" @ the Walhalla Performing Arts. How hilarious she was!! Such fun we all had!
Ever since I met Sarah, I don't think there has hardly a day gone by that she hasn't come to mind.
And yep, my signature, too, is written on her signature wall inside her home.
What an honor to have known this precious lady.
Rest in peace sweet friend!
What a legacy you have left upon many.
Love to the family - you are in our prayers.
Joyce Hughes Nix

Joyce Nix - May 13, 2025 at 01:07 PM

BD

“ *Becky Dyar lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall*



Becky Dyar - May 13, 2025 at 01:02 PM

HF

“ *Herman and Alison Fletcher Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.*

Herman and Alison Fletcher Family - May 13, 2025 at 12:50 PM

HF

“ *Herman and Alison Fletcher Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.*



Herman and Alison Fletcher Family - May 13, 2025 at 12:50 PM

KK

“ *My sincere condolences to you, Dean and your family. Sarah was truly a light and joy in many lives including my own. I will always have fond memories of time spent with Sarah and her humor and wit. No one could tell a story quite like Sarah. She will truly be missed. You all will remain in my prayers during this time of adjustment. Kathy Adams Brown Kempf*

Kathy Kempf - May 13, 2025 at 12:10 PM

LF

“ Love Forever, your Alaskan Army Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.



Love Forever, your Alaskan Army Family - May 13, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JA

“ Sarah was everything that is good. A shining star in an all-to-often dark world. She will be greatly missed:

Jennifer Adams - May 13, 2025 at 11:09 AM

RS

“ Dear Dean and family, We are very to hear of the passing of your lovely wife, mother and grandmother. Our prayers for peace and comfort as you go through this painful loss.



Ronnie and Diane Sheriff - May 13, 2025 at 10:34 AM

SN

“ So very sorry to hear of Sarah's passing. Growing up, I had her Aunt Gladys Duke, and her mother, Mary Wall, as teachers. We heard stories about her during almost every class. God blessed Sarah with many gifts as a wonderful teacher, speaker, and musician, but mostly for her capacity to love and care for others. May God grant peace and strength to her husband, Dean, children, Edward, and Jackie, and grandchildren Kari and Noah. She loved you all so much!



Susan Duvall Neal - May 13, 2025 at 04:05 AM

DA

“ Don & Darlene Albertson lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall



Don & Darlene Albertson - May 12, 2025 at 10:11 PM

MM

“ Sending sincere condolences to loved ones, family members and friends.



Michelle McMahan - May 12, 2025 at 09:48 PM

KM

“ Praying for all 🙏... Love yall from Kathey Mckee & family



Kathey Mckee - May 12, 2025 at 09:17 PM

RS

“ My sweet friend, the world isn't as bright now. You brought so much love and life everywhere you went. You made such an impact on the lives of children and adults. Thank you for inspiring me to become a librarian, though I could never fill your shoes. Your wisdom, humor, storytelling, and advice have guided me through many years. Gosh, I'm going to miss you. We are ALL going to miss you. Love you, Sarah.

Rachel Smith - May 12, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JK

“ A brilliant lady who brightened any room with her presence. She will be missed but her legacy will thrive!!

John Kelley - May 12, 2025 at 08:15 PM

RG

“ Ms. Duvall was my second grade teacher at Sandymount Elementary. I remember her standing on desks and singing Skinny marinki dinki dink or the Friday song. She read us Ms. Piggie Wiggle.

My mom, Joyce Yanke, used to help out Ms. Duvall and Ms. Davis since she used to teach elementary school as well.

I'm so sorry for your loss or such a wonderful, funny person.

Robyn (Yanke) Gilden

Robyn Gilden - May 12, 2025 at 08:08 PM

SW

“ This makes me sad. I am so sorry Dean. Sarah was a special lady with much talent.

Steve White - May 12, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ Sarah was a gem to talk to, and her creativity shone bright in everything she did. Sarah's passion and energy were contagious, and she left a lasting impact on all those who were lucky enough to know her.

-Ryan, Kimberly, Ben & Westin Baker

Ryan Baker - May 12, 2025 at 07:16 PM

JE

“ Joseph Evans lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall



Joseph Evans - May 12, 2025 at 06:57 PM

SH

“ Sandi Hood lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall



Sandi Hood - May 12, 2025 at 06:52 PM

SW

“ Sarah Frances, you were absolutely a gift from God to a weary world. You radiated love, joy, and wisdom. I will always cherish our time together and the love we shared. John and I know that we WILL meet again. Until then, I'll love you forever.
John and Susannah White

Susannah White - May 12, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.



May 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM

JC

“ *Janice Bryant Cobb lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall*



Janice Bryant Cobb - May 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM

JD

“ *Dean, on behalf of 235 of your veteran friends from the Walhalla American Legion Post #124, we are saddened at the loss of your life mate, Sarah Frances. God rest her soul and may he give you and your family his peace and comfort at this time.*
Jerry Dyar

Jerry Dyar - May 12, 2025 at 04:25 PM

LC

“ 🙏💔🙏 *Dean may God give you and your precious family strength during this difficult time. Linda Carver Chapman* 🙏🌹



Linda Chapman - May 12, 2025 at 03:48 PM

HA

“ *Harold Alexander lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall*



Harold Alexander - May 12, 2025 at 03:45 PM

JC

“ *Janice Bryant Cobb lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall*



Janice Bryant Cobb - May 12, 2025 at 03:22 PM

TP

“ *This truly breaks my heart . She was our son’s third grade teacher, librarian at Ravenel and a friend. I loved her laugh and since of humor. She will be missed.*

Teresa Pruitt - May 12, 2025 at 03:17 PM

RD

“ *I only knew Sarah for a few years through the Abbeville Opera House I shared the stage with her in some plays and had the good fortune to Direct her in some. What can I say, in the business of entertainment you only meet a very small percentage of of honest and genuine people. Sarah was definitely one of those people. Until we meet again and share laughs RIP Sarah. I will truly miss you*

Rick Dettmann - May 12, 2025 at 03:05 PM

LP

“ *I had the ladies store “Firefly”, in Seneca. I will never forget the first time I met Sarah, she was dressed in a clown costume and these big shoes and she came in the store, like it was the most normal thing in the world. I loved her then and still do. I will miss her and my heart goes out to all her loved ones. God Bless!*

Libby Payne - May 12, 2025 at 03:01 PM

ZA

“ Zachary Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.

Zachary Anderson - May 12, 2025 at 02:42 PM

ZA

“ Zachary Anderson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.



Zachary Anderson - May 12, 2025 at 02:42 PM

LP

“ Lisa Peden lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall



Lisa Peden - May 12, 2025 at 01:57 PM

MM

“ My family and so many are deeply saddened by the loss of a truly wonderful teacher and storyteller. Mrs. Duvall's wisdom, warmth, and ability to inspire through stories touched so many lives both young and old. May her legacy live on in the hearts and minds of all who were fortunate enough to learn from them. She was such a bright light in my life as a young mother. She was my biggest cheerleader for me and my children. I loved her so much!!!

Michelle McMahan - May 12, 2025 at 01:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.

May 12, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sarah Frances Wall Duvall.



May 12, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ Sarah tried so hard (and failed) by NO fault of her own to teach me chords on the piano. We spent lots of days laughing about what? Anything and everything. What a joy she was to be around. I espt love her wall of fame where all of her guests signed their name in the hallway between the kitchen and the living room. Dean, we love you and will always hold both of you close in our hearts. God bless and keep you during this this very difficult time.

Marianne Kunst - May 12, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ Sarah was awesome!! She and I shared a love of children's literature, and I once got to spend a few hours drooling over her collection. She always saw the bright side & humor in life, and had a way of lifting your spirits. She is a beautiful soul, inside & out, who leaves behind a space that cannot be filled.



Kathie Hicks - May 12, 2025 at 12:44 PM

JQ

“ Judy Quarles lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall



Judy Quarles - May 12, 2025 at 12:36 PM

DF

“ Denise Farris lit a candle in memory of Sarah Duvall

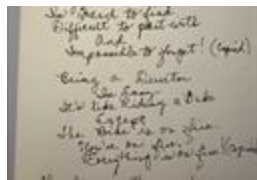


Denise Farris - May 12, 2025 at 12:11 PM

HL

“ I am her biggest fan because she was always mine...

Sarah, much like my mom Sara Frances...lol, is the best example of awesomeness!!! I wish the family comfort and condolences in this tough time.



Harrison Light - May 12, 2025 at 11:42 AM

KW

Sarah Duvall was one of those special, unique individuals that brought color to the world: in the way she taught, in the way she told stories, and in the way she lived. As both a teacher and an artist, she inspired not just minds but hearts! She was a proud and passionate part of Ravenel Elementary and Ravenel Elementary's Artists on the Green, where she shared her creative gifts for many years. I'm so thankful to have known her and worked with her! And I still agree with her "Friday, Friday...Friday is my favorite day!" Prayers and Hugs to all of her family!!

Karen Walden

Karen Walden - May 13, 2025 at 08:47 PM

MS

“*Sorry for your lost. Mrs.Duvall was the best story teller she always got the students attention. Love that she would dress up as different characters and the smile the students would have on their faces when she would come in the classroom was amazing.*



mary Smith - May 12, 2025 at 11:29 AM