

# SARA VIRGINIA NAYLOR



## In Memoriam

Sara "Sallie" V. Naylor of Tucson, AZ, died at her home on January 15, 2025, at 91 years old. Her children, Leslie, Blake, and Tony and their respective spouses; and her goddaughter, Kelley, were at her bedside while she gently passed from the physical world, surrounded by love. Sallie was a loving grandmother to 13.

As an only child, Sara grew up in Pittsburgh, attending

The Ellis School before matriculating to Sarah Lawrence College, where she graduated with a degree in comparative literature in 1955. She earned an MFA in filmmaking from Brandeis University in 1974, and pursued a love of learning throughout her lifetime through enrollment in various classes such as literature, the arts, foreign affairs, counseling, philosophy, foreign language, and more. A lover of good music, Sara was also a proficient pianist.

Sara lived in Boston from 1959-1977, contributing to many civic and educational causes while she raised her children and maintained a comfortable home for her husband and family. In 1978, she moved to Tucson, where she enjoyed travel, dance, study, hospitality, and foreign relations. She even sponsored several dance students from the University of Arizona School of Dance. One of her greatest accomplishments was designing and supervising the building of a stunning ranch in Sonoita, AZ, where she lived and cared for a variety of animals, including Arabian horses.

Sara loved to travel, and had the opportunity to visit many countries in both Europe and Asia during her lifetime. She especially loved spending time in Grand Cayman with her family and friends, swimming, snorkeling, hiking and exploring the island. She also greatly enjoyed visiting Mexico, especially Rocky Point, where she took sanctuary in the quiet beauty of the ocean and beach.

Sara was a practicing Christian Scientist, and an adventurous spirit in all things. She loved the Southwest, had a "joie de vivre" and an infectious smile that influenced and endeared both friends and family. She had an extraordinary capacity for caring for her friends, and lent tremendous support to them. Known for her immense strength and independence, Sallie was a unique and beautiful individual with an uncommon ability to persevere. She will be dearly missed.

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