

SARA V. 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, 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, earning a degree in comparative literature in 1955. She also earned an MFA in Filmmaking from Brandeis University in 1974, and exhibited a love of learning throughout her lifetime through enrollment in various classes studying literature, dance, the arts, foreign affairs, counseling, philosophy, foreign language, and more. A lover of 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 husband and family. In 1978, she moved to Tucson where she enjoyed travel, dance, study, hospitality, and foreign relations. One of her favorite pursuits was the University of Arizona School of Dance where she spent much time and treasure. 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 race horses.

Sara loved to travel, and had the opportunity to visit many countries in both Europe and Asia. 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 was of 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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