



## Helen Pauline Wallis

March 22, 1943 - March 20, 2021

Helen Pauline Wallis, affectionally known by Sam, died March, 20, 2021. She is survived by her husband, Joe Wallis, her three children, Kenyon Wallis and wife Stephanie, Jennifer Williams and husband Danny, and Jesse Wallis and wife Juliana, and her grandchildren, Jeanne and Joyana Wallis and Brian and Sarah Williams, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She worked at USGS where she helped pave the way for GPS. Soon after retiring, she walked into Bowles Aquarium, noticed how busy they were and offered to help. Martha Bowles said "Absolutely, be here tomorrow at 9." She worked at Bowles for another 20 years, not because she needed the money, but because she genuinely liked people. Many a child left with a pet that they loved, but couldn't afford.

She was born in Rocky Ford, Colorado to the late Dewey Sasse and Marian Spaulding. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four sisters and a brother, Otis Sasse, Katherine Thompson, Dorothy Price, Milly Latta, and Nora Hill.

She was a masterful weaver, some of her weaving upholstered a sofa in the governor's mansion, a poet, a painter, and hands down the smartest person I've ever known. She was strong and so very kind as many, many people can attest too. She was difficult to insult, because she assumed the best in

everyone. She would always say "They didn't mean it that way." She thought better of most people than they did of themselves.

She graduated from the College of the Ozarks, where she met my father, who says he knew she was the one as soon as he saw her, because she had a "couple of good points" They were married 59 years and were true partners. Her generous, loving spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

There will be a private service held in Colorado. Please honor her memory by doing something kind for someone else today.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Pauline Wallis*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Helen Pauline Wallis*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Memorial service will be held on September 8th and 9th at the Cedars in Colorado*

**Jennifer Williams** - June 02, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. She was always kind and had a smile. I missed she and Joe when they retired from USGS. Please accept my condolences to the family and friends.*

*Sheila Ruhl  
USGS-retiree*

**Sheila Ruhl** - April 26, 2021 at 11:54 AM



*Thank you for your kind words. Jenny Wallis Williams*

**Jennifer Williams** - May 26, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear this sad news and my heart goes out to the family. I have many fond memories of working with Sam. She was always so wise and kind and she challenged me to see myself and my capabilities differently. I will always be grateful for her positive influence on my life.

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**Linda Smith (Scotty)** - April 26, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. She was a wonderful person and always so kind. I have many fond memories of her at Anutt Community Church when I was a kid. She always had a hug and a smile. My condolences to the family.

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**Jon Logan** - March 31, 2021 at 11:15 AM