



Salomie Perrin

January 28, 1935 - April 29, 2025

LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK AT 10:30AM <https://www.facebook.com/RobertsOfOcala/>

A life well lived...

Salomie Dixon Perrin. Third child of Septimus and Beatrice Dixon. Born December 28, 1934.

(The registrar however, made her a month younger by registering her birth as occurring

January 28, 1935. This became her official birthday.)

Sally was born at Flamstead Gardens, in the parish of St. James, Jamaica.

(Maybe

there was no Post Office or Registrar at Flamstead Gardens at the time, hence the

reason for Mocho, a district 7 miles from Flamstead Gardens being mentioned on her

birth certificate. This was rural Jamaica with smaller population, which was scattered

over many villages, unlike the larger and more closely/densely populated townships.)

Sally attended Flamstead School which was held in the Church. The church was struck

by lightning. The fire destroyed the building, seven children died but Sally was

about 8-9

years old at the time. (because Hazel who is three years younger had not started school

yet) only maintained minor burns on her feet and was able to continue her Education at

Vaughansfield All Age School.

FYI (Vaughansfield School was the largest in the region at the time, even when I got to

school it could still seat 500 children. So based on the size of the building, its location

and layout, the building probably was started before the fire at the Church, be the

proper school in the area. At that time in Jamaica's history, it was common for schools

to be started by the Churches. Such schools were later leased by the Government. The

Government paid salaries, maintained the structures, and had Triennial Examination to

ensure the curriculum maintained a national educational standard. The Churches

however, provided the local management and were allowed to maintain some influence,

especially religious influence. Hence schools such as Immaculate, Holy Childhood, St.

George's – Catholic; Ardenne and Merle Grove – Church of God; Queens, and St.

Hughes – Anglican or Episcopalian, etc.)

At sixteen, Sally, having graduated from Vaughansfield School, was sent to Kingston to

learn Dressmaking with her cousin. (She was about 16-17 years at the time)

This did

not progress as was expected, but Sally was resourceful and used the opportunity to attend Evening Classes at the St. Andrew Technical School to study for Jamaica Local Exams. With Third Jamaica Local Exam Certificate in hand, she obtained a job with the Jamaica Omnibus Service as a Conductress.

She met and married Trevor Perrin, with whom she had five children, Anthony, Trevor, Gail, Jacqueline and Richard.

Circumstances did not allow Sally to have a high school education to access institutions of higher learning or even to get better jobs, but she realized the importance of education to get ahead so while balancing wife, motherhood, and a job, she continued to pursue opportunities to improve her education and life for her family. She enrolled in Extra Mural Studies at the University of West Indies Mona, Kingston, Jamaica. The Certificate in Social Work Course which she pursued gave her the opportunity to travel to Puerto Rico for field work. She really enjoyed the travel as well as the field work. This opportunity not only motivated Sally to continue with her determination to qualify for a better job, and to improve life for her family, but it opened her eyes to greater possibilities. Sally was a person who took one step at a time, but kept her

focus forward

to see where and how the next step would get her closer to her goal. She obtained a job

at the Jamaica Penitentiary Female Prisons where she worked for years before

migrating to the United States in the 1970s.

Sally lived and worked at odd jobs while studying for her GED. To many this might have

seemed a step backwards, but she realized its importance to even entry level positions

in the job market. With GED certificate in hand she obtained a job at the New Rochelle

Nursing Home. While there, she enrolled in Iona College where she obtained a

Bachelor's Degree in Sociology.

With this degree, work experience, and naturalized citizenship, Sally obtained a job with

the Westchester Department of Social Services in Mt. Vernon, New York. She worked

with Children's services, and Department for Services to the Homeless. She retired in

2002 and relocated to Florida.

Sally was a very committed member of the Church of God of New Rochelle from its

inception. Sally was Secretary, an active member of the Women's Fellowship, the senior

choir, and prayer groups. She never missed the Biennial General Assembly wherever in

the country it was held. She participated in Community outreach such as the annual

Vacation Bible School. Her favorite Ministry was teaching Sunday School. She

served faithfully in this ministry until she retired in 2002 and relocated to Ocala. She quickly joined the Belleview Church of God where she continued in membership and teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir for many years. Sally delighted in reading and learning from her Bible. One of her favorite expressions during an argument or conversation was, "The Word of God said..." She liked to be busy. In New Rochelle she could always be seen in Betsy, a green Chevette car, hurrying to deliver Avon, or running an errand for an elderly person, or staying with one to relieve a family member. At the change of the Season Sally collected used clothing which she donated to a needy family. In Ocala, she volunteered at the Goodwill store in her community. She made quilted blankets which she gave away to friends and others. Sally did not say she wanted to help, or she was going to help, or even that she had helped someone in need. However, from time to time in New Rochelle or here in Ocala, you get to meet a person who knew Sally and one of the first things they would tell you is how Sis. Perrin or Sis, Sally, or Miss Sally, or Miss Perrin, had helped him/her with a monetary need or to provide transportation as was needed at the time. Sally demonstrated wisdom. In a conversation she sometimes gave such a witty

response, which you would remember long after you parted from her. Sally loved to do Crossword Puzzles period. You could always find a copy on the night table, in the couch, in the bathroom, in the car, and in her pocket book, and even in her travel luggage. She was never without a copy. She liked reading and endorsed the saying, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

Looking back over the times from Galloway Road, Duhaney Park, Bartels Place, even in Ocala, it can be concluded that she was determined to be the victor rather than the victim of life's challenges.

Salomie Perrin, 90, of Ocala, Florida passed away peacefully at home on April 29, 2025. Sally loved the Lord and her church family. She enjoyed quilting and traveling with her daughter Gail and son-in-law, James. She leaves to cherish her memory her children Tony, Trevor Jr., Gail, Jacqueline and Richard. Siblings, Hazel, Frances, Lera and Joyce. Grandchildren, David, Ashley, Alexis, Ben, Nadya, Justice, Jessie and David. Nieces, Heather and Elaine. Nephews, Kerron, Errol, Danny, Barry and Jason. She will also be missed by a host of other grieving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens

5050 SW 20th Street
Ocala, FL 34474

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 4. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (est)

Roberts of Ocala East Chapel
2739 SE Maricamp Rd.
Ocala, FL 34471
(352) 732-9944

Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

Roberts of Ocala East Chapel
2739 SE Maricamp Rd.
Ocala, FL 34471
(352) 732-9944

Family Gathering

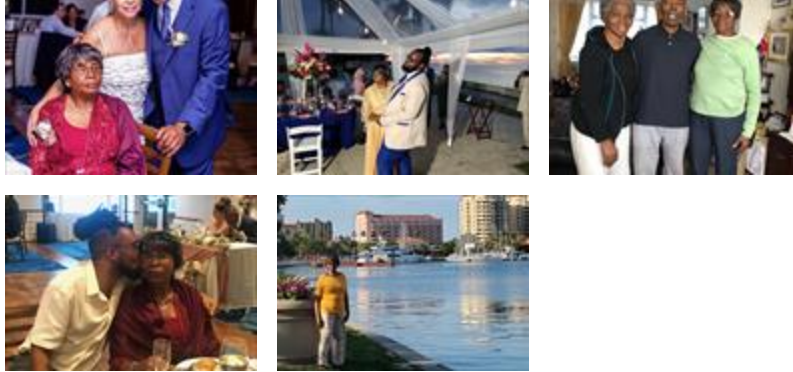
MAY 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (est)

Roberts of Ocala East Chapel
2739 SE Maricamp Rd.
Ocala, FL 34471
(352) 732-9944

Tribute Wall

AP

“ 12 files added to the album *Remembering Mom*



ANTHONY PERRIN - May 12, 2025 at 11:34 AM

BB

“ *To the family of Salomie Perrin my sister in Christ, 2Corinthians 5:8 “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and be present with the Lord. My Sis Perrin was a walking word of God she had so so many fruits of the Spirit which she shared and encouraged me along the way. She taught me how to bounce back from many challenges of life which I am so very grateful, and that only what you do for Christ will last.*

Bobby Estes Brady - May 04, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ I will remember the kindness Mrs Perrin showed to me when I first met her in New Rochelle. She accepted me as one of her own. I will also remember the care packages she would put together when I visited her in Ocala. In one of our last conversations she reminded me that she has nothing to fear because she has placed her trust in God.

Ingrid, Byron, Andrew and Christina Bachelor

Byron Bachelor - May 04, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ Sister Sally came into my life over 20 years ago. She has been such a blessing to me. She was such a powerhouse for God! No matter what was going on at Church, she was there. I remember how she would sing as she cleaned the Church. My heart is heavy because I will miss her, but she has finally received the heavenly home she has longed for. My prayer go out to all of her children, especially my baby, Richard. You will always be a special part of my life. God bless you all.

linda lane - May 04, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ LIVE STREAM BEGINS AT 10:30AM

<https://www.facebook.com/RobertsOfOcala/>

Roberts of Ocala - May 04, 2025 at 08:22 AM



“ Prayers for “Sally’s “family. I was blessed to know “Sally”. Great memories of her volunteering at the Shepherd’s Lighthouse Thrift Store in Belleview.

Bradley W. East - May 04, 2025 at 05:01 AM



“ Mrs. Perrin gave of herself to others. She loved her family and worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of those who came in close contact with her. I will remember always the nuggets of advice she sowed and encouraged. Rest well and bask in the glory of the creator.

Ann Marie Burke - May 03, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ Ann M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Salomie Perrin.

Ann M. - May 03, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Sister Perrin, a true woman of faith whose kindness and generosity touched everyone she met. Her life was a reflection of Christ's love, always helping others, always giving without asking in return. Sally was a true blessing to everyone she encountered.

With love and sympathy - the Minott family Carmen, Andrea, Stacey, Richard, and Michelle.

Minott Family - May 03, 2025 at 04:03 PM

AP

“ *Pinnock and Creary family*
When my mother Ruby Pinnock came to America she was staying with her sister, but after a while her sister went to Florida to stay with her son, Sister Perrin let her stay with her (they went to the same church) Sister Perrin went a step further, she helped her to file for her children to migrate to America, and even assist her to get an apartment. To us she, her husband and children were family. She was an angel sent from heaven she was loving and kind hearted person. We all loved her, she will be surely missed.

Avis Pinnock - May 03, 2025 at 05:25 AM

SF

“ *Shuronda Ulmer & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Salomie Perrin.*

Shuronda Ulmer & family - May 02, 2025 at 06:29 PM

SF

“ *Shuronda Ulmer & family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Salomie Perrin.*



Shuronda Ulmer & family - May 02, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Salomie Perrin.*

May 01, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salomie Perrin.*



May 01, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *Sally had a way of making everyone feel welcome. I was a young child when she came to live with us in New Rochelle and from the first 'hello', Sally treated me and my brother, Shawn, as though we were her own children. Though she'd worked a lot, whenever Sally was home, I was on her heels wherever she went (mostly church). It was Sally who taught me to hem a skirt, and sew a button. Later on, my brother and I were traveling to Jamaica in the summer to spend time with her family. Those summers were among the best ever. Though we lost touch when it came time for us to attend college and begin our careers, Sally and the entire Perrin clan remained on my mind and close to my heart. That said, having been able to reconnect with Sally and spend time with her these past few years has been wonderful. Sally never skipped a beat and we picked up right where we left off. I will miss her but I'm grateful to have had time with her.*

Andrea Williams - May 01, 2025 at 11:29 AM