

Sally Ravel Died: October 8, 2024

Sally was born in San Francisco but raised in San Jose; her family are third generation residents of Willow Glen. She attended UC Berkeley studying English, but left to marry. After she had three children, she went back to school getting a BS in speech pathology and audiology from San Jose State U. She then worked at Crippled Children's Society and taught at St. Stephen's School in Almaden Valley. She also volunteered at her children's schools, for Scouts,

Her biggest project was co-authoring three books on retirement living with SRC resident Lee Ann Wolfe. They started Retirement Living Advisory in 1990, a counseling and referral agency for seniors, giving workshops and publishing directories of more than 350 retirement communities on the West Coast.

After Sally's first husband died, she married a long-time acquaintance, Dr. Bernie Axelrad. They moved into SRC in June 2012 and Bernie died Dec. 5, 2012 after 14 years of marriage.