



Sylvia M. Wamsley

May 20, 2025

Sylvia M. Wamsley, 71, passed away on May 20, 2025 at St. Luke's Hospital in Allentown. Sylvia resided in Allentown and worked in the hotel industry as a front desk/hospitality clerk. She was born in Arlington, VA, the daughter of the late Zina Okrut-Silo, a Latvian immigrant.

Sylvia was a people person. She befriended people in the check-out line. Always the friendliest person in the room, she often spent time asking someone everything about themselves because she was genuinely curious about what made them tick. Sylvia was a loyal friend who became the person you went to when you needed genuine and no nonsense advice.

Sylvia was a fierce music enthusiast. When spending time with her you would often catch her singing along to her favorite rock music and chair dancing. Her favorite singer was Chris Cornell and she shared a lot of his music and pictures on social media. When she found out her disease was fatal she said that when she passed she would find family first of course, but secondly she was finding Chris.

After retirement she spent a lot of time with her grandchildren who were the loves of her life. Her family was everything to her and she let everyone know it. Her children and grandchildren will miss her sunny disposition and her daily text/calls just to check in.

Survivors: Children: Jennifer Wamsley-Gross and her husband Scott Gross of Atlanta, GA, Rebekah Wamsley of Fountain Hill, Joel Wamsley and his wife Amanda McVaugh of Lancaster, PA, Benjamin Wamsley of Allentown and Jonathan Wamsley of Bethlehem. Grandchildren: Michaela Booz, Isabella McDonald, Carter Wamsley, Jonathan Wamsley, Jr., Madelynn Wamsley and Jonah Wamsley. Nephew: Robert Sorber of Sterling, VA. She was preceded in death by a Sister: Karina Sorber.

A memorial will be private, at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/pulfibfou/>

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

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“ I was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) four years ago. For over two years, I relied on prescription medications and therapies, but unfortunately, the symptoms continued to worsen. My breathing became more labored, and I experienced increasing fatigue and shortness of breath with even minimal activity. Last year, out of desperation and hope, I decided to try an herbal treatment program from NaturePath Herbal Clinic. Honestly, I was skeptical at first, but within a few months of starting the treatment, I began to notice real changes. My breathing became easier, the tightness in my chest eased, and I felt more energetic and capable in my daily life. Incredibly, I also regained much of my stamina and confidence. It's been a life-changing experience I feel more like myself again, better than I've felt in years. If you or a loved one is struggling with IPF, I truly recommend looking into their natural approach. You can visit their website at www.naturepathherbalclinic.com

Greta - November 18, 2025 at 02:14 PM

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“ The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is truly sorry for your family's loss. Please contact Jake Meding if we can provide any information or support during this difficult time. He can be reached at jmeding@pulmonaryfibrosis.org or 312-854-2627. Thank you.

Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation - May 27, 2025 at 01:53 PM

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“ I met Sylvia at Stratford Jr High in Arlington, VA in 1967, when my father moved us from Texas. Being in a new town and going to a new school was terrifying for the 15yr old me. Fortunately, Sylvia and I crossed paths while working on the school year book together. We became fast friends and bonded over our mutual love of music. Her mother and sister were very welcoming, and I spent a fair amount of time at their apartment in Arlington. When my father moved us back to Texas, Sylvia and I stayed in touch through our high school years. Post high school, Sylvia even moved down to Austin for a short while and we were roommates. After she moved back East and married, we maintained contact. My love of music led me into a career as a touring audio engineer. When I relocated to Seattle, I met up with her daughter, Becky, who was studying audio engineering there. This reignited our friendship, and as I toured around the country we would meet up whenever I was in a close proximity. My favorite memory of Sylvia is providing the opportunity to meet Chris Cornell (her favorite artist), while I was working with him. She was a dear friend of close to 60yrs, and it's difficult to imagine her not being in my life.

Terry Pearson - May 24, 2025 at 05:38 PM



You were such a wonderful friend to her. She loved you.

Becky Wamsley - May 24, 2025 at 08:21 PM

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Jennifer Wamsley Gross - May 29, 2025 at 06:37 PM



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Gail Groegler - May 24, 2025 at 05:01 PM



She came camping with us and we went fishing and she had such a great day! She caught a lot of fish!

Gail Groegler - May 24, 2025 at 05:03 PM



She loved fishing!

Becky Wamsley - May 24, 2025 at 08:20 PM



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Becky Wamsley - May 23, 2025 at 08:40 PM

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“ You have captured the essence of Sylvia’s spirit in this obituary. We met around 2012 and bonded under serendipitous circumstances. Sylvia was faithful in staying in touch with me after I moved to Arizona in 2013 and then to Mexico this year. She was so proud of her family and loved and bragged about her grandchildren, sending photos of special occasions. The quintessential grandma! Always curious about my life, my surroundings, my activities. When she visited in AZ we had to see Tombstone! I was surprisingly enlightened. I will always be wondering what news to share with her next as the days pass. Instead of texts, I’ll just communicate with you in my thoughts, dear Sylvia. Until we meet again! Rest in wholeness and peace.

Phyllis Roth - May 23, 2025 at 02:54 PM

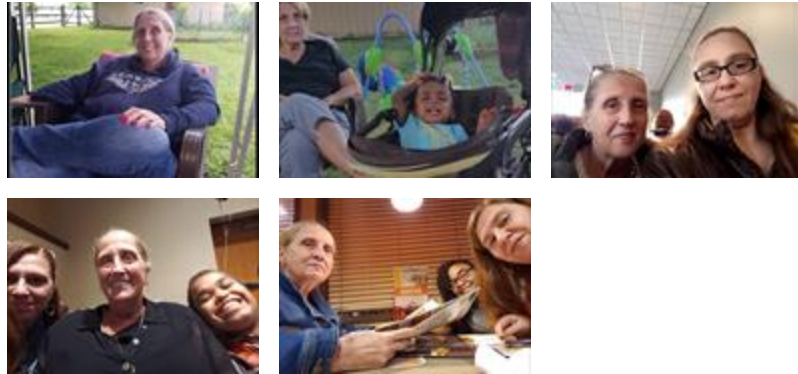


Beautiful, thank you.

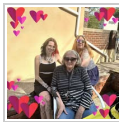
Becky Wamsley - May 23, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ I met Sylvia in 2004 . From that day on she was my mom. She was my kids grandma. She loved us as such. We became so close in 2013 when she moved down the street from me. We spent weekends bbqing drinking going to see our friends sing to just chilling 8n the back yard. She came to all my kids school programs and concerts she supported us and we did her. We were there when her mom died and when she need surgery or rides she was there when we need pool parties or anything we had each other’s back like family . Holiday baking was so much fun well anything with her was fun. We loved her and will miss her dearly. Our Sylvia our heart we love you and in our family you will continue to be remembered



Michelle Fowler - May 23, 2025 at 02:13 PM



She loved you guys. Love you Michelle. Thank you for this. 😊
Becky

Becky Wamsley - May 23, 2025 at 02:55 PM