



Sydney Elizabeth Wilson

October 7, 1990 - September 16, 2024

Sydney Elizabeth Wilson passed from this earthly realm on September 16, 2024, at her home in Reston, VA. The only child of Lori A. Myers (Wilson) and Jerome Wilson, Jr., she was born in Harrisburg Hospital, Harrisburg, PA, on October 7, 1990. Sydney was a 2009 graduate of St. John's College High School and a 2013 graduate of Georgetown University in Washington D.C., earning a B.A. in Government with a minor in Theology.

Starting her distinguished basketball career with the Pine Richland H.S. Rams (Gibsonia, PA), the PA Hoop Stars AAU team (Pittsburgh, PA), the Fairfax Stars Nike Elite teams (D.C. Metro Area), and the SJC Cadets of the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC), Sydney was recruited by the most notable Division I universities across the country starting at the age of 13. In 2009, she thoughtfully accepted a full scholarship to Georgetown University, where she was a 4-year letter earner, a 2-year starter, a member of the 2012 NCAA Sweet 16 appearance team, and a co-captain in her senior season with the Hoyas of the Big East Conference. Sydney was a fierce competitor even though her outward demeanor has been described as "girly" and "fancy," and she genuinely loved the game of basketball and all her teammates throughout the years, creating lifelong bonds.

Sydney was a member of the NAACP Georgetown University Chapter, a special guest speaker for the Hoops to Heels Student Athlete Program at

Virginia Commonwealth University in 2015, and a Young Women's Leadership Panel Speaker for All-City Leadership Secondary School BK in 2018.

Following graduation in 2013, Sydney worked briefly for Capital Partners, LLC and Stone Street Capital, LLC before following her childhood dream by moving to New York City in December of 2015 and living in Harlem until October of 2020. Starting as an Advertising Assistant for Resolution Media-Omnicom Media Group, Sydney went on to be an Account Specialist at Microsoft – Bing Ads, a Social Media & Marketing Research Strategist at Bader Media Group, and an Executive & Personal Assistant for Mind Money Media, Inc. while working part time as the studio coordinator for Body By Simone Fitness Studio. After moving back to Maryland, she started at JLL Mid-Atlantic as a temp in 2021, then was hired full time in the Tysons Corner office until being promoted to Markets Operations Manager for JLL Mid-Atlantic in Washington D.C. in 2022. Sydney managed 18-25 coordinators with some in Norfolk and Richmond, and traveled between offices in Tysons Corner, VA, D.C., Bethesda, MD, and Baltimore, MD. She co-managed the JLL summer intern program in 2023 and 2024, as well as represented JLL at several charitable fundraising galas, and participated in on-campus minority recruitment at Howard University.

Sydney loved children and was an inspirational speaker to young girls that were coached by her former teammates and aspired to play high school and college basketball. She was an active volunteer in the D.C. schools beginning in high school, and most recently participated as a judge of senior projects at the School Without Walls Senior High School. Sydney's legacy of friendship, empathy and love will live on in the hearts of everyone who ever met her.

In addition to her parents, Sydney is survived by her maternal grandmother, Betty L. Myers of Gettysburg, PA; God Mother and aunt, Yvonne L. Myers (Ron Rosensteel) of Gettysburg, PA; paternal grandparents, Jerome, Sr. and

Edith M. Wilson of Harrisburg, PA; stepmother, V. Valdetta Wilson of Columbus OH; stepbrothers, Jorie D. Aulston (Jacque) of Vieques, PR, Vincent A. Moore (Crystal) of Harrisburg, PA; aunt, Kisha L. Birden (Eric) of Harrisburg, PA; uncles, Rev. Shawn M. Wilson (Vanessa) of Damascus, MD, Kevin L. Wilson (Cyd) of Charlotte, NC, Bryan K. Wilson (Rezlyn) of Owings Mills, MD; adopted aunt, Melissa C. Battin of Raleigh, NC; and a host of cousins, extended family and countless beloved friends she made on her life's short journey.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, MEMORIAL DONATIONS IN SYDNEY'S HONOR MAY BE MADE TO THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TO SUPPORT THEIR EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMS.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

OCT 5. 8:30 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church
4700 Locust Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Viewing

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church
4700 Locust Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church
4700 Locust Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Tribute Wall



“ *sydney is a beautiful nubian queen she was a amazing basketball player at georgetown university she was part of the ncca touranment her soul lives on*

Eric Battle - October 22, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ *She was the #1 customer at our catering service. I will really miss her. May god be with you all.*

Nicholas Stabile - October 17, 2024 at 08:02 AM



“ *Carol Washington lit a candle in memory of Sydney Wilson*



Carol Washington - October 15, 2024 at 11:59 PM



“ *Sydney was an inspiration in so many ways. She encouraged me to pursue my dream as a chef. She was a kind soul and will be missed.*

Bard O - October 15, 2024 at 08:24 PM

SO

“ I just learned of Sydney's passing, and I am devastated. Her bright smile and shining eyes truly lit up a room (or a Teams call). It's so unfair that she is gone far too soon when she had so much to give this world. My deepest condolences to her family and all who loved her. May her memory be a blessing.

Stephanie O'Neill - October 07, 2024 at 05:03 PM

JH

“ Sydney had a dynamic personality and kind spirit that will be missed

Jasmin Hall - October 05, 2024 at 02:34 PM

GB

“ Syd will be sorely missed - I'm going to miss her goofy laugh and big personality. A true definition of a friend. She was such a sweet and gentle person who was taken too soon.

Gena B - October 04, 2024 at 09:12 PM

SC

“ Stephanie C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.

Stephanie C. - October 04, 2024 at 06:45 PM

BF

“ Breanna Jones and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



Breanna Jones and Family - October 04, 2024 at 03:51 PM

EM

“ Sydney was a bright light in every room she entered. I will remember her for her infectious smile and contagious laugh. May she rest in peace.

Emily - October 04, 2024 at 03:19 PM

BJ

“ I will always remember Sydney for her wonderful smile, positive energy, and constant willingness to help in any situation. I will miss her in the office and send my deep condolences to her family and friends.



Breeze Johnston - October 04, 2024 at 12:33 PM

WM

“ Wright Family and Tia Magee purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



Wright Family and Tia Magee - October 04, 2024 at 10:12 AM

SM

“ Sydney was truly a sweetheart! She always made herself available to speak with my students at my annual Young Women's Leadership Conference. During her time working and living in NYC, we were able to connect over dinner and outings and it was always a super pleasant time. Sydney it was an absolutely pleasure to know you and share mutual friends during our time at Georgetown and beyond. May you rest peaceful. 💙 Praying for your family.

stacey Murray - October 04, 2024 at 05:59 AM

BL

“ *Brendan Lough purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.*



Brendan Lough - October 03, 2024 at 06:10 PM

BL

“ *I unfortunately only knew Sydney a short amount of time as work colleagues. What I appreciated about her most is her energy that would light up the room whenever she entered. Her presence in our office always immediately put smiles on people’s faces and those days were better because she was there. She is and will be missed terribly.*

Brendan Lough - October 03, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.*



October 03, 2024 at 06:03 PM

BL

“ *Brendan L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.*

Brendan L. - October 03, 2024 at 05:59 PM

TR

“ You will be missed but never forgotten.



Teresa Ruiz - October 03, 2024 at 02:05 PM

TS

“ The Stricklands purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Sydney Elizabeth
Wilson.



The Stricklands - October 03, 2024 at 12:09 PM

TS

“ The Stricklands planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth
Wilson.

The Stricklands - October 03, 2024 at 12:09 PM

OH

“ Olayinka H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth
Wilson.

Olayinka H. - October 03, 2024 at 12:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



October 02, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ Matt Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.

Matt Jackson - October 02, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



October 02, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ JLL DC Capital Markets planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.

JLL DC Capital Markets - October 02, 2024 at 11:41 AM

LF

“ Love: Jacque & Jorie's Vieques Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



Love: Jacque & Jorie's Vieques Family - October 02, 2024 at 11:14 AM

JM

“ I shall miss Sydney's shining face and welcomed smile. I am so sorry for the Family's loss and for those of us who called her friend and JLL associate. May God bless her soul. JEMAY

Juliana E. May - October 02, 2024 at 09:44 AM

SB

Praying for Elder Jerome Wilson and family. 💕🙏💕

Sandra Battle - October 03, 2024 at 12:30 AM

VY

“ Sydney was my manager, we worked together for 2 years at JLL. She was such a kindhearted person. After I had my son, she reached out consistently to see how I was doing and to get photos of Silas. She will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.



Victoria A Yates - October 02, 2024 at 09:23 AM

MW

“ Sydney was such a kind and wonderful soul, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have worked closely with her. Her warmth, generosity, and positive spirit left a lasting impact on me and everyone who knew her. I will always remember her fondly and miss her deeply.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Malanda*



Malanda Worrell - October 02, 2024 at 09:03 AM

MO

“ My Condolences Goes Out to The Wilson Family's I Met Sidney in 2014, When She Flew In to Chicago To be a Model in My Fashion Show, Picking Her Up From The O'Hare Airport, In Chicago, Wow When I heard and Saw This Sad News, It Really Touched My Heart, She Had A Beautiful Spirits, I am So sorry To Hear of this Tragedy Bad News, May She R.I.P. Marshall Oliver, From Chicago.

Marshall Oliver - October 01, 2024 at 11:44 PM

JM

“ I was sadden to hear of your loss, my heartfelt prayers goes out to the family..
Joyce McClain..

Joyce McClain - October 01, 2024 at 09:57 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



October 01, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ Luc de Kroon purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



Luc de Kroon - October 01, 2024 at 04:02 AM



“ Luc de Kroon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.

Luc de Kroon - October 01, 2024 at 04:02 AM



“ I am so sorry to see this. My heart felt condolences go out to you Lori and your family.

Angie - September 30, 2024 at 07:25 PM

HH

“ Her presence will be missed, but her spirit lives on ❤️



Hannah Hoffman - September 30, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



September 30, 2024 at 07:16 PM

LA

“ Lisa A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.

Lisa A. - September 30, 2024 at 07:13 PM

RB

“ Robert Lee Jackson Jr, (a.k.a. Bamm) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.

Robert Lee Jackson Jr, (a.k.a. Bamm) - September 30, 2024 at 04:55 PM

RB

“ Robert Lee Jackson Jr, (a.k.a. Bamm) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



Robert Lee Jackson Jr, (a.k.a. Bamm) - September 30, 2024 at 04:55 PM

DA

“ DRCS Accounting lit a candle in memory of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson



DRCS Accounting - September 30, 2024 at 02:58 PM

DD

“ DRCS Accounting Department lit a candle in memory of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson



DRCS Accounting Department - September 30, 2024 at 02:55 PM

MF

“ Melissa Williams & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



Melissa Williams & Family - September 30, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ *Sydney was the best roommate, teammate and sister. She was truly such a bright light and she would shine in any room she entered. Sydney made the rough times bearable , her joy and laughter was something that I admired. While we went through tough times she also found a way to see the upside and make things fun. Sydney is missed dearly. I will love you forever Syd <3*



Brittany Horne-Wright - September 30, 2024 at 10:07 AM

KM

“ *To Jr and the Wilson Family:
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'm am deeply sorry for your loss. Jr, your daughter is beautiful and left an impact in many lives. Sending my sincere condolences to all of you.* 🙏🙏🙏

Karen McCullough - September 29, 2024 at 08:41 PM

PL

“ *Paul L. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.*



Paul L. - September 29, 2024 at 06:36 PM

DV

“ *Deanna Vanasco lit a candle in memory of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson*



Deanna Vanasco - September 29, 2024 at 11:41 AM

AB

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the family. My heart aches for you Lori and may God bring you peace and comfort during this incredibly difficult time.* 🙏

Alicia Brooks - September 29, 2024 at 09:41 AM

HF

“ *Helen & Pappas Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.*



Helen & Pappas Family - September 28, 2024 at 10:37 PM

HP

“ I’m proud to say that Sydney was one of the best friends I’ve ever had. We grew together through our time at Georgetown into young adulthood post-college and beyond.

One of my (many) favorite memories was a tv show about being tall women that we filmed together in 2015. We spent days trying outfits and makeup looks to be on camera and practicing how to introduce ourselves. She settled on “I’m Sydney, I’m 6’6” and I am fabulous.” It perfectly summed her up.

I will never forget the pure joy and laughs we shared in our friendship. Her confidence encouraged me to become more confident in myself too, and for that I am grateful.

In loving memory of Sydney Elizabeth 💜



Helen Pappas - September 28, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“ Georgetown University Class of 2013. 💙💙



Vanessa Moore - September 28, 2024 at 08:15 AM



“ Georgetown University Class of 2013. 💙💙



Vanessa Moore - September 28, 2024 at 08:14 AM



“ Sydney impacted so many of our lives, whether the encounter was for years or only a few hours. With her statuesque height and head always held high, Sydney was a role model for many young women, including myself as we came of age together during college. In a world where women are told to shrink themselves, Sydney walked into rooms standing tall and proud. In 2015 she did a presentation for the VCU Women’s Basketball team’s “Hoops 2 Heels” program and presented on dressing confidently for the professional workforce. The team was instantly drawn to her and her infectious personality. For years, alumni and players of the program would ask “How’s Sydney?”. It only took 1 meeting with her to never forget her. This small memory is one of many that I will cherish with her. May she rest in peace. ❤️



Vanessa Moore - September 28, 2024 at 08:05 AM

KA

Beautiful💜

Kisha (Sydney’s aunt) - September 28, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



September 28, 2024 at 06:49 AM

CK

“ Caden Krawchuk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.

Caden Krawchuk - September 28, 2024 at 12:09 AM

CK

“ Caden Krawchuk purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.



Caden Krawchuk - September 28, 2024 at 12:09 AM



“ *In loving memory of Sydney,*

I am devastated by the tragic loss of my dear friend, Sydney. From the moment we met when I was in high school, she became more than a friend—she felt like an older sister and mentor. She always gave her unwavering support and created a safe space where I could truly be myself.

I will always cherish the memories of watching her compete as a basketball player for Georgetown University, especially during the exhilarating Sweet 16 run in the NCAA Women’s Tournament. Those moments filled me with pride and joy, reflecting her incredible talent and determination.

Over the past 13 years, our bond remained strong. Sydney was genuinely excited for me when I became a Hoya, and we shared an unbreakable love for Georgetown University.

I am heartbroken and filled with grief over her loss. Sydney’s spirit will always be with me, and I will never forget the amazing person she was. In her honor, I commit to fighting against injustices and advocating for access to mental health services.

Hoya Saxa Forever, Syd.

With love,

Caden Krawchuk

Caden Krawchuk - September 27, 2024 at 11:35 PM

CM

“ *My Deepest Condolences & Prayers to The Family 🙏🙏🙏
Carol McLamb-Bair*



Carol McLamb-Bair - September 27, 2024 at 10:47 PM

KA

Thank you, Auntie 🙏

Kisha (Sydney's aunt) - September 28, 2024 at 09:02 AM

CD

“ *Coach Williams, Brown, McNeill, Davis purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.*



Coach Williams, Brown, McNeill, Davis - September 27, 2024 at 09:59 PM

SR

“ *Jerome and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I am keeping all of you in my prayers.
Love,
Staci Rowland-Haggerty*

Staci Rowland-Haggerty - September 27, 2024 at 07:52 PM

SR

To the family our prayers and condolences go out to you all if need us in any compasty. From Under the Blood of Jesus Pentecostal Cathedral servant Leader&SR Pastor James T Reeves and Leading Lady Tillery

SERVANT JAMES REEVES - September 27, 2024 at 11:19 PM

AB

“ Anne Boonpeng sent a virtual gift in memory of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson



Anne Boonpeng - September 27, 2024 at 03:51 PM

DJ

“ Sending love and light to all of you, and praying for you daily.



Darryl Jones - September 27, 2024 at 02:51 PM

RY

“ Rebecca Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sydney Elizabeth Wilson.

Rebecca Y. - September 27, 2024 at 02:47 PM