



## Sylvia Ann Trayser

June 13, 1951 - May 7, 2024

Sylvia Ann Trayser of Centreville Maryland passed away on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

She was born in Baltimore on June 13, 1951, to Ethel Naomi Joiner and Phillip Gerard Trayser.

She grew up in the Highlandtown community of East Baltimore, where she established lifelong friendships at St. Matthews Church. Sylvia loved the Eastern Shore of Maryland and cherished her childhood summers spent there with her Aunt Agnes Stauffer, her grandmother Annie Estelle Joiner, and her many cousins. She graduated from Patterson High School in 1969 and worked at Western Electric for thirteen years.

She married James Garland Plumley on October 14, 1979, at St. Matthews Church in Baltimore Maryland. Sylvia had two children, Melissa Ann Plumley and James Travis Trayser Plumley, and worked as a homemaker while she raised them. Afterward, she had various jobs ranging from substitute teacher for the Queen Anne's County school system, to LaMotte Chemical. She found her true calling while employed by Kent Center, where she worked as a job coach and a residential counselor until she retired.

Sylvia had a love of gardening and a true green thumb. Her generous, and

nurturing nature expressed itself through her love of animals and gardening. She took great pride in caring for living things and found great joy in watching them grow.

Her father Phillip Gerard Trayser was an artist and from him, she inherited a natural sense of creativity and artistic ability. She loved to sew, crochet, and make crafts.

Later in life, she used her talents to paint rocks for kindness, which she met weekly with a group of friends she called 'The Rockers' Sylvia's other hobbies included reading, and traveling to Tennessee and Ireland.

She is remembered for her warm-spirited nature, her positive outlook on life, her sense of humor, and her ability to make friends wherever she went.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children Melissa Ann Plumley, James Travis Trayser Plumley, son-in-law Michal Bajdiuk, and Travis's fiancé Cassie Walter. A sister, Susan Hershey, and niece Sheena Hershey. Nephew, Donny Plumley, and his wife Jennifer Plumley. Lifelong friends Patricia Freeman, Karen Brown, and Carolyn Williams. Cousins Billy Joiner, Patricia Joiner, Edwin Joiner, Joan Melvin, Carol Joiner, Cathy Crawford, Jamie Warfield, Pam Boulter, and family friends Jeff Starkey and Melissa Zador. Close friends Myra Wilson, Helen Benchoff, Mary Littleton, Phyllis Laro, and Peggy Lane. Animal friends include her miniature dachshund Lillie, and cats Emmy and Beau.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 17, 2024 from 5-7 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, Md. The funeral service will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 11:00 am at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Rock Hall, Maryland.

Pallbearers will be James Travis Trayser Plumley, Michal Bajdiuk, Chris Crossley, Jeff Starkey, Rondell Bryant and Brandon Leech.

Flowers can be sent in memory of Sylvia to the funeral home, or if you choose, a memorial contribution can be made in her name to National Breast Cancer foundation (<https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>)

# Cemetery Details

## Wesley Chapel Cemetery

6179 Rock Hall Road  
Rock Hall, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
408 S. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

## Funeral Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church  
6065 Rock Hall Road  
Rock Hall, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sylvia Ann Trayser*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 15, 2024 at 03:11 PM

TK

“ *Sylvia will be missed, she loved life even in the hardest of times. Sylvia was a sweet, kind hearted person, who helped so many people with always lending an ear and giving her best thoughts.*

*Her love for animals was so special, she loved them all.*

*Sylvia had the most beautiful flowers you ever laid your eyes on.*

*Sylvia always mentioned her greatest blessings, her children, Melissa and Travis and how she smiled and glowed when she talked about them.*

*Rest In peace Sylvia.*



Tammy Kendall - June 06, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Sylvia Ann Trayser.*



May 16, 2024 at 06:29 PM

HB

“ *Sharing tea with "The Rockers". You will be so missed Sylvia.*



Helen Benchoff - May 16, 2024 at 04:05 AM

ST

“ *1 file added to the album wall*



Sharon Truitt - May 15, 2024 at 11:21 AM

MR

“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Trayser*



Maryann Ruehrmund - May 15, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia Ann Trayser.*



May 15, 2024 at 08:04 AM

BJ

“ You will be missed Crazy Lady!!



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**Bill Joiner** - May 14, 2024 at 09:22 PM

HF

“ Miss you hun



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**Helen fisher** - May 14, 2024 at 07:31 PM

TS

“ Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Trayser



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**Todd and Diane Smith** - May 14, 2024 at 08:27 AM

DB

“ Donna Blackiston lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Trayser



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**Donna Blackiston** - May 14, 2024 at 05:30 AM

AL

“ *She will be missed by many. Prayers to the family.*



ASHLEY LEWIS - May 13, 2024 at 09:20 AM

YF

“ *Your Stan & Joes Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Ann Trayser.*



Your Stan & Joes Family - May 12, 2024 at 11:13 PM

SH

“ *My deepest condolences to Sylvia's family. She was a dear friend and loved people... she could make you laugh ❤️ and loved telling stories 🌹 Rip Sylvia 🌹🌹*



Sharon Hines - May 10, 2024 at 11:50 PM

PC

“ *Peggy Clothier lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Trayser*



Peggy Clothier - May 10, 2024 at 08:21 PM

ST

“ *Sharon Truitt lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Trayser*



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**Sharon Truitt** - May 10, 2024 at 07:58 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Trayser*



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**Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell** - May 10, 2024 at 05:09 AM



“ *April Rieken lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Trayser*



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**April Rieken** - May 09, 2024 at 09:36 PM