



Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester

March 14, 2009 - December 5, 2024

Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester (Mandy) was born on March 14, 2009 in Decatur, Georgia and was an instant joy to her parents, Barbara Elizabeth Sylvester and Anthony Elliott Sylvester, Jr. She was both the baby and the boss to three older siblings, Andrew, Theo and Tyler, all at the same time.

Mandy was an accomplished and active student from elementary school through high school. Mandy was in Junior Beta, which was a marker of her academic excellence (and on her way to Senior Beta). In elementary school, she led her team to win first place in the 2019 Junior Beta Elementary Convention Quiz Bowl. In middle school, she captained the Junior Beta quiz bowl team to more success. Mandy continued as a strong student in high school. She had straight A's at Southwest DeKalb High School in the High Achievers Magnet Program. She particularly loved science and planned on a career in marine biology.

Mandy was also an excellent athlete. At the age of 8 years old, she formed an interest in volleyball and discovered something that would be a love for the rest of her precious life. After building her skills through countless hours of practice and games, Mandy ultimately served as the middle blocker on The Dream Chasers Volleyball Club team and made the varsity team of her high school in 9th grade.

In January of 2015, at the age of 5 years old, Amanda was diagnosed with Type I diabetes. A scary diagnosis for anyone of any age, and yet, she handled it as she did everything else - with an understanding beyond her years, with confidence and with command. Mandy did not let her condition stop her from leading a full and joyful life. She had plans to win the Nobel Prize one day, and no one doubted her ability to do it.

Mandy loved musicals, baking, traveling and animals. Mandy cherished her dog and 3 cats. She knew all the lyrics to Hamilton and had special moments with her mom seeing shows like Six. She was an excellent baker and enjoyed trying new foods with her dad - Korean fried chicken was a recent favorite. At Thanksgiving, Mandy treated her family to delicious, made from scratch cheesecake. Volleyball tournaments took Amanda to many places and she always took the opportunity to explore a new place and learn more about where she was visiting. And of course - she loved shoes, sneakers in particular. Her collection was extensive.

More than any other accomplishment, Mandy is most known for how she made people feel. She was a best friend to her brother Andrew and a cherished team and community leader at school. She led with the brightest smile imaginable and created a light everywhere she went.

Mandy's light rose to our heavenly Father on December 5, 2024. Amanda is survived by her mother and father, Barbara and Anthony; her siblings, Andrew, Theo and Tyler; her grandparents, Judith Sylvester, Anthony Sylvester, Sr., and Ellis Wilson, her aunt Margaret Helen Sylvester a host of great aunts, great uncles, cousins, and other relatives. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that people consider a donation to one of Amanda's favorite places to go - the Georgia Aquarium or Camp Kudzu, where Mandy loved to attend summer camp with other kids on a journey like hers.

The Celebration of Life Service for Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester will be held on

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4785035>

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration of Life (Live Streamed)

DEC 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Tribute Wall

TS

“ I remember going to upper elementary school with Amanda. She and I were never close friends, but we got along as far as I remember—if I'm not wrong, she was one of my fellow clarinetists. I'm just now hearing of this, and I'm truly sorry. I suppose I never would have guessed.

TT Sallie-Nelson (formerly Tajhi Sallie) - Yesterday at 11:11 PM

BS

“ I've been up thinking about her, and I miss her so much. She was my first friend in 6th grade, and we have been close every since. She always made sure that her friends were doing well, and she always made light of situations no matter what. She was too nice for this world. <3

book shelves - April 03, 2025 at 12:51 PM

EF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayer, because he cares for you. Sharing your sadness.

Evans family - January 23, 2025 at 11:12 AM

KL

“ Barbara, please know you and your family have my deepest condolences. May God continue to keep and comfort you during this time of bereavement.

Katrina Lynch

Katrina Lynch - December 18, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ Amanda was such a beautiful spirit! She was always eager to help and left a lasting memory for everyone who knew her. I pray that her family will keep her cherished memories in their hearts, and know she is now there forever Heavenly Angel. With all of my love, Katherine Roseberry Wadsworth Family



Katherine Roseberry - December 18, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.



December 17, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ I'm so saddened to hear my condolences and sympathies go out to the Sylvester family and prayers ❤️

Greg Echols - December 17, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Allison Prather lit a candle in memory of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester



Allison Prather - December 17, 2024 at 09:19 AM

AW

“ Albert and Evelyn Wilson purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.



Albert and Evelyn Wilson - December 16, 2024 at 09:40 PM

MJ

“ Mr & Mrs Woodrow Wilson Jr purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.



Mr & Mrs Woodrow Wilson Jr - December 15, 2024 at 07:46 PM

MJ

“ Mr & Mrs Woodrow Wilson Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.

Mr & Mrs Woodrow Wilson Jr - December 15, 2024 at 07:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.

December 15, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.*



December 15, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ *Condolences to her family*



Carson Loveless - December 14, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.*



December 13, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.*



December 13, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.*



December 13, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ *Yolanda Thedford lit a candle in memory of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester*



Yolanda Thedford - December 13, 2024 at 12:52 PM



Amanda was an amazing young lady. I enjoyed having her in my class. She will be deeply missed. My prayers to the family.

Yolanda Thedford - December 13, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ *Family KNOW that your loss is the community's We all mourn the loss of this angelic child*



BRENDALYN A GARDNER - December 13, 2024 at 11:54 AM

TF

“ *The Tine Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.*



The Tine Family - December 12, 2024 at 01:20 PM

TF

“ *The Tine Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Elizabeth Sylvester.*

The Tine Family - December 12, 2024 at 01:20 PM

TR

“ *Amanda was a lovely, sweet and shining light, ever since we met her at WMS. We are devastated by this loss and sending prayers to Barbara and the family for strength and comfort during this difficult time. Trin and Gustav*

Trin - December 12, 2024 at 11:33 AM

DH

“ *Barbara, my condolences to you and your entire family! I too know the heartache of losing a child. There is no greater sorrow! Please take comfort in knowing Mandy is now in God's loving arms and that she will be okay.*



Deatra Hines-Bey - December 12, 2024 at 08:11 AM