



Aniela Teresa Szwed Wolny

August 25, 2022

Aniela Teresa Wolny (née Szwed), took her final breath and passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 25, 2022, surrounded by her loved ones. Aniela was born in Sandomierz, Poland where she lived until she was a teenager, when she was then relocated to London, England during WWII. There she served as a soldier in the Polish Supplemental Army, PSK, during the aftermath of the war.

She emigrated to New York City in 1952, and made her home in New Jersey, living in Wallington and then Passaic, finally settling in Wayne, NJ over 30 years ago. In her first year in the U.S. Aniela worked as a fashion model in NYC. Soon thereafter, she was named the first Miss Polonia in 1952, an honor that sparked a lifelong passion for activism in the Polish Community. She became a member of the Polish American Congress of both the Passaic and Bergen Chapters, and a member of the Polish Republican Caucus, as well as the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America. She was a founding member of the Polish American Youth Association where she served on the board of directors for decades, volunteering and organizing dozens of sightseeing tour groups for members of the Polish Community. She planned exploratory tours to historic sites along the Eastern Seaboard including the Nation's Capital and Niagara Falls. Her commitment to her community continued to evolve, she was a former Director of Kracovia Manor in Wallington and an active member of the General Pulaski Memorial Parade

Committee. She also focused on the children of the Polish Community serving as both a teacher and camp counselor at The Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School in Passaic.

A true professional and asset to her community, Aniela enjoyed a career as a Benefits Administrator for Magnetek Universal in Paramus where she was a valued colleague for over 25 years.

As a committed Catholic, Aniela was a Benefactor of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C., and a parishioner of St. John Kanty R.C. Church in Clifton.

Aniela was a clever wit who lived her life to the fullest which she shared with a wide social circle of beloved friends. She had a love of nature and animals as well as an athletic prowess as a champion in volleyball and ping pong. She will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Aniela was the beloved wife of the late Mieczyslaw Wolny, and a devoted mother to her two daughters. She is survived by Karen Wolny and her wife, Dorée Duncan Seligmann, of Manhattan, and Diana Wolny and her partner, Mark Harari, of Manhattan.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation on Wednesday from 4-8 PM at the Kamienski Funeral Home, 106 Locust Ave, Wallington, and the funeral at 10 AM on Thursday. The Funeral Mass will begin at 11 AM at St. John Kanty R.C. Church in Clifton and a private entombment will take place at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Wallington
106 Locust Avenue
Wallington, NJ 07057

Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 10:35 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Wallington
106 Locust Avenue
Wallington, NJ 07057

Funeral Mass

SEP 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Kanty Roman Catholic Church
49 Speer Ave
Clifton, NJ 07013

Tribute Wall



“ *Aniela Teresa Szwed Wolny*

September 27, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Aniela Teresa Szwed Wolny.*



August 31, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *The world is round, and the place which may seem like the end may also be the beginning.*

Angela Gelber - August 30, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Angela and Steven Gelber purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Aniela Teresa Szwed Wolny.*



Angela and Steven Gelber - August 30, 2022 at 04:39 PM



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Anthony Pagano - August 30, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ ODE TO ANIELA

*My towering Sequoia, my little bird, my precious stone,
My survivor, my teacher, my nemesis, my champion
Your love was fierce and brutal and ugly,
And valiant and vulnerable and tender at times.
You were complicated and loyal
Savage and stormy
Classic and grand
Your humor was priceless and witty and wry
And when I remember you now
My lips will forever curl upwards in a sparkle.
You were abandoned by family and embraced by strangers
You marched through life like an intrepid soldier
Sweeping across nations with epic flair.
Forging relationships with ease and allure.
Braver than you I will never know.
When I walk with you again some day
Arm in arm
Shoulder to shoulder
You will once again be in my foxhole
And we will bleed together
Heal each other
Fortify our spirits
And thrive
I am the woman here today that I have become
Under your spell, your tough love, your wisdom
And I hold dear all that you have taught me is right and true.
I celebrate your life and I celebrate mine.
And I thank you for your magic in all its lustrous and gory tones.
Fly to the sky my little bird
Purr your song in my ear some morning
I will know it is you
My Mother*

-Diana Wolny

Anthony Pagano - August 30, 2022 at 08:57 AM

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Beautiful ☐

Barbara Pilny - September 01, 2022 at 08:46 AM

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“ *Leszek ,Ela Wojt purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Aniela Teresa Szwed Wolny.*



Leszek ,Ela Wojt - August 30, 2022 at 04:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Aniela Teresa Szwed Wolny.*



August 28, 2022 at 01:59 PM