



## Starllie Swonyoung

March 24, 2002 - January 10, 2024

Saugerties - On January 10, 2024 Starllie Swonyoung, a bright and uplifting presence, was walking with her good friend Johnathan, when she was struck by a motor vehicle. She was 21 years old.

Born March 24, 2002, she was the daughter of Emmallyea and Croft Swonyoung. Starllie was a Junior at SUNY Purchase where she established herself as a reliable and devoted friend. There she studied political science, journalism, and law in order to further her ability to advocate for others. Her spirit and personality were admired by both her friends and teachers. She also volunteered at SUNY Purchase to support students who put on a performance of The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

A graduate of Woodstock Day School where she actively participated in the WDS Newspaper and The Battering Ram, a youth journal that operates out of the school. She also organized LitCon at Woodstock Day School and invited many notable authors to participate. Starllie performed and sang in almost all the plays produced at Woodstock Day School during her time there.

Always active in her community, she volunteered for local food pantries and community refrigerators in both Rockland and Ulster Counties and donated her time to many community engagement projects including For The Many, Citizen Action, Rockland County Democrats and Saugerties Democrats. At the beginning of her senior high school year, she worked as a paid intern in the coordinated campaign that helped elect many of our currently serving representatives.

Starllie was an enthusiastic participant in the Saugerties Mural Arts Project, Rock Academy, Saugerties Ballet Center, and New Genesis Shakespeare. Her love of fantasy and history led her to work at the New York Renaissance Festival. She was once pictured in the Daily Freeman as a child participating as a "Zombie Scout" as an ode to her membership in the Girl Scouts. An avid hiker, she appreciated the beauty of nature in every way.

In addition to her parents, survivors include her sister Cathrine Swonyoung for whom she was both best friend and advocate; her grandmother Kathryn MacDonald, with whom she resided in Rockland County while attending school; and many cousins, aunts and uncles and dear friends.

A celebration of her life is being planned to take place around her birthday this Spring. Please offer your condolences for Starllie and her family online at [www.BuonoFuneralService.com](http://www.BuonoFuneralService.com).

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ Lorene Knowles lit a candle in memory of Starllie Swonyoung



Lorene Knowles - March 08, 2024 at 07:14 PM

LK

Losing a child is unimaginable Starllie sounded like an amazing young woman who might have changed the world someday may her memory be a blessing 🙏

Lorene Knowles - March 08, 2024 at 07:17 PM

KB

“ Our family has fond memories of a very young Starllie at Saugerties Ballet Center. Even at a young age she was a spark of joy, a friend to her classmates, and a proud big sister. Our hearts go out to her family.

Kathy Barkey, Henry & Alice Davies, Scott Davies

Kathy Barkey - March 04, 2024 at 11:56 AM

DE

“ I'm sending my deepest condolences to Starllies family and friends. I'm so sorry for your tremendous loss. She was a beautiful young lady who did so much while on this earth. You now have a special guardian angel watching over all of you. Sending huge hugs, prayers and love. I have no words. Xoxoxo

dana Eppy - February 16, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ *Ana Silva lit a candle in memory of Starllie Swonyoung*



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**Ana Silva** - January 26, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ *We are sending love and condolences to Starllie's family and friends. We are so sorry for your tremendous loss. We've been looking at beautiful photos of Starllie playing music and know she will be missed in many artistic communities, too. We just learned what happened and share in your anguish. - Ana, Josh, Alice and Mia*

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**Ana Silva** - January 26, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ *The Oakwood Friends School Faculty purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Starllie Swonyoung.*

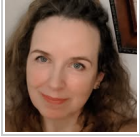


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**The Oakwood Friends School Faculty** - January 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *What an incredible and principled young woman! Working with her on political campaigns was an honor as I witnessed her commitment to social justice, human rights and the environment. She made the world a better place. My heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Christine Dinsmore** - January 25, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ *Resa Moran lit a candle in memory of Starllie Swonyoung*



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**Resa Moran** - January 25, 2024 at 07:57 PM

AK

*Dear Resa, I am so sorry about your loss of your goddaughter. May god bless her soul. our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love Aya and Nasser Kuzbari*

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**Aya Kuzbari** - January 26, 2024 at 12:37 PM

JA

*I just want to wish the family love and peace as they journey this next chapter without Starllie.*

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**Janice** - January 26, 2024 at 08:23 PM