



## ROSEMARY WOLOCK

September 13, 1946 - November 16, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00 AM Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at Hebrew Memorial Chapel.

The Chapel service will be webcast.

OFFICIATING: Rabbi David Nelson

INTERMENT: Clover Hill Park Cemetery

Rosemary Wolock, age 79, died November 16, 2025.

Rosemary was born in Detroit in 1946 to a Polish-American couple, John and Estelle Kozielski. She grew up on Sussex Avenue with her older sister, Julie Ann. From a young age, Rosemary was smart and studious. She attended St. Casimir's Catholic School, where she edited the school newspaper, The Casmirette, and graduated as Salutatorian in 1963. Her intellect and determination were evident from the start. She went on to major in journalism at the University of Detroit.

Rosemary and David met through Young Democrats of Michigan. They were anti-war and advocates for civil rights, equal rights, and access to education. They wed in December 1969, following her conversion to Judaism. Their wedding, held during the Delano Grape Strike, was their first act as a married couple, as they fruitlessly begged the caterer to honor the strike and not serve

grapes.

Rosemary began her career as a journalist at small local papers, including The Dearborn Press. But after David began working as a lawyer, he supported her as she pursued her own legal education. She attended the Detroit College of Law, part of the second class to accept women. This small group of pioneering women faced significant headwinds but supported each other fiercely. Drawing on her editorial skills, determination, and intellect, Rosemary was instrumental to founding the Law Review at the Detroit College of Law.

Rosemary was sworn into the Bar in 1974 and embarked on a remarkable, decades-long career. She was a president of the Women's Bar Association of Oakland County and the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. She served on the Board of Law Examiners. She revamped the Worker's Compensation Legislation to make it gender neutral.

She held significant government appointments, serving as Chair of the Workers Compensation Appeal Board under Governor Jim Blanchard and later as a Workers Compensation Magistrate under Governor Jennifer Granholm.

In 1976, she rallied for the Equal Rights Amendment in Springfield, Illinois. She picketed the Pentagon to protest the Vietnam War. She was a past chair of the Women's Political Caucus and a proud delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

Rosemary and David were acquainted with many prominent figures, including Governors Blanchard and Granholm, Senators Sander and Carl Levin, Justices Marilyn Kelly and Patricia Boyle, and labor leaders like Douglas Fraser.

Rosemary and David raised their children as members of Congregation Beth Shalom. Their Passover Seders were famous, bringing a unique spirit of social justice and joy to the holiday. As their daughter Jana became more religious, warm and beautiful Shabbos dinners became a family standard. After David's passing in 2016, Rosemary became increasingly involved in Beth Shalom's morning minyan, and later attended services and classes at Young Israel of Oak Park.

Family was important to Rosemary and David, and she was warmly welcomed into the large Wolock-Freedman clan. The Kozielski side of the family, although smaller in size, was just as formidable in the love and joy they shared. Rosemary especially cherished her older sister Julie, with both David and Rose admiring Julie's marriage with Jerry Lucas and their parenting of their wonderful children.

Rosemary was an avid Star Trek fan, a voracious reader, a lover of Polish arts, food and the language, and a frequent visitor to the opera and the Detroit Institute of the Arts.

Rosemary retired in 2010. After David, her husband of 46 years, passed away in 2016, she lived with her daughter Rachel and son-in-law Steven, and their daughter Lilia. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's-type dementia in 2022 and later moved to Coville and then Chester Street Residence, where she made new friends.

Rosemary and David felt blessed to have wonderful children and grandchildren. During the progression of Rosemary's Alzheimer's, her children and grandchildren became a strong, united force, working together, each with their strength, to help her get the best care possible. This is a true testament of one of the greatest accomplishments of Rosemary and David.

Rosemary is predeceased by her parents, John and Estelle Kozielski, her sister Julie Ann Lucas and Julie's husband Jerry, and her beloved husband David Wolock. She was the cherished sister-in-law of Evelyn (late Arthur) Cowen and the late Lillian (late Roy) Elliott.

She is survived by her devoted daughters, Jana (Shmuel) Fried of Dallas, Texas; Rachel (Steven Kish) Wolock of Royal Oak, Michigan; and Lia (Sriram Mohan) Wolock of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was the loving grandmother to six grandchildren: Pinchas Mordechai Fried, Avraham Yaakov "A.Y." Fried, Rochel Susha Fried, Leah Mindel Chaya Fried, Yehuda Lipman Fried, and Lilia Hadley Kish. She was the dear aunt of John (Jennifer) Lucas, Cindy Lucas, Jennifer (Bill) Bryant, Jeremy (Laura) Elliott, Aaron Elliott, Sarah (Moshe) Morgenstern, Yitzchak (Tzipka) Cowen, and Terry (Leo Fried) Cowen. She is also survived by other loving relatives. She is fondly remembered by many good friends, made throughout the years of her involvement in politics, legal work, religious activities, and her innumerable interests.

#### SHIVA:

Shiva will be at the home of Rachel Wolock and Steven Kish

7900 Huntington Road

Huntington Woods, Michigan 48070

Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30-8:00 pm with religious services at 7:00 pm

Jana will also be sitting Shiva on Thursday from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at

The Hochheiser Residence

26020 Marlowe Place

Oak Park, MI 48237

If you would like to send something to the family for Shiva etc., please coordinate through Jana Fried at (214) 632-4694.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you wish to honor the memory of Rosemary Wolock, you may do so by donating to

ACLU

<https://action.aclu.org/give/now>

or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Clover Hill Park Cemetery

2425 East 14 Mile Road  
Birmingham, MI 48009

# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel  
26640 Greenfield Rd  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 543-1622  
info@hebrewmemorial.org  
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of  
**ROSEMARY WOLOCK**



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**Hebrew Memorial Chapel** - November 18, 2025 at 09:33 AM

TC

*I wish I could be there in person. All my love to you and your families. I made a donation to your mother's charity. She always supported the good fight.*

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**Terry Cowen** - November 18, 2025 at 03:59 PM

LM

“ I heard so much about Rose in my early years as a young intern in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Her husband, David, was my mentor, supervisor and friend!!! He was quite talkative and his favorite subject was his family. I know that you will all miss her but, please remember that her amazing legacy (and that of David) will live on!!!

*Attorney Lynda McGhee  
Michigan Children's Law Center*

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**Lynda McGhee** - November 24, 2025 at 06:45 PM

MK

“ I'm confident that the many who worked with and knew Rosemary will remember her, as I do, as a highly intelligent, principled and hard working person who made the world around her a better place and who was an exemplary wife and mother.

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**Marilyn Kelly** - November 24, 2025 at 03:37 PM

RD

“ Rosemary was such a beautiful human being. She was so intelligent, and smart and curious. I had the pleasure of knowing her when I was her social worker at Coville. I admired her so much. She was such a one of a kind person. When one of the residents on her floor passed away, she took interest in the residents piano. Not sure if she knew how to play, but she wanted that piano. I think I saw her play it once. I enjoyed all our times together and am sad that she is gone. But I have so many memories with her. I send my condolences to the family. She was such a remarkable human being and she is going to be missed.  
Rosalie Dunaskiss

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**Rosalie Dunaskiss** - November 18, 2025 at 10:48 AM

SM

“ Rosemary, along with her beloved husband, David, dedicated her life to making the world a better place. May her memory be for a blessing.

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**Sarah Morgenstern** - November 18, 2025 at 07:56 AM

SM

“ Rosemary along with her dear husband, David, worked to make the world a better and just place. May her memory be for a blessing.

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**Sarah Morgenstern** - November 17, 2025 at 11:48 PM

GT

“ I loved interacting as a volunteer with Rosemary when she lived at Coville. She was an interesting woman.  
Deep condolences.  
Gaye

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**Gaye Tischler** - November 17, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JK

“ I am so sorry about Rosemary..I so enjoyed her company, her wit and her thoughts. We missed her at Coville. Joanne Kristal, Jewish Senior Life

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**joanne kristal** - November 17, 2025 at 09:57 AM

BB

“ So sorry to here of her passing. A lovely and spirited lady who fought for her beliefs.

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**Beverly Bella** - November 16, 2025 at 03:59 PM

TC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rose's passing. May her Memory be for a blessing.

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**Terry Cowen** - November 16, 2025 at 03:18 PM