

Sylvia Rivera

Sylvia Rivera, trans warrior and founding mother of the queer rights movement in the U.S. passed away last Tuesday, February 19th at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Sylvia's death represents a tremendous loss to queer and street communities everywhere. She was a: Fighter, Direct Action Activist, Courageous Puerto Rican Trans Woman, Stonewall Veteran, Persistent Critic of the Gay Establishment, Legend.

Sylvia spent the last few years of her life fighting for transgender inclusion in the New York State SONDA anti-discrimination bill, running the food pantry at Metropolitan Community Church (MCCNY) and living in Transy house in Brooklyn.

She is survived by her partner, Julia, her "father" Bob, her "children" (the queer and trans street youth who she mentored) and all of us for whom she has made the world a better place.



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What can I do to Honor Sylvia?

1. Come to her Funeral, held at the MCC-NY Church, 36th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues, in Manhattan at 7:00PM on Tuesday, February 26, 2002.
2. Come to a planning meeting for a community event to pay her tribute this Saturday Feb. 23 @ 3pm at the New York Peer AIDS Education Coalition: 437 West 16th Street, 5th Floor (between 9th & 10th). For more info, email [REDACTED] OR CALL: [REDACTED]
3. Keep on fighting for trans rights and social justice.