



## Samantha M. Ropchock

July 13, 1970 - April 8, 2026

Samantha M. Ropchock (Curtis), 55, of Powell, Ohio, formerly of East Liverpool, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family and friends at Ohio Health Hospice House (Kobacker House).

Born July 13, 1970, in Akron, Ohio, Samantha was the beloved daughter of Susan Marcum. Her greatest pride and joy were her children, beloved son, John Ropchock, and daughter, Elizabeth “Lizzy” Ropchock, whom she loved beyond measure. Both of Powell, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 22 years, James (Jim) Ropchock, who passed away in June 2018. She shared a remarkable and enduring bond with her beloved husband, Jim, who’s love was the cornerstone of her life and who’s memory she carried with her every day after his passing. Though he preceded her in death, their story remained ever-present – a guiding light that continued to shape her days with strength and quiet comfort. Jim and Samantha are once again reunited.

Samantha lived a life marked by compassion, dedication, and a genuine love for others. She devoted 25 years of her life to caring for others as a Registered Nurse with OhioHealth. Most recently, she served in the Department of Maternal/Fetal Medicine at Riverside Methodist Hospital in

Columbus, Ohio, where her kindness and expertise touched countless lives. She also greatly enjoyed her time working at Grant Medical Center and Dublin Methodist Hospital. Samantha earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Columbus State and, earlier in her career, spent a brief time as an EMT/Paramedic.

Beyond her professional life, Samantha embraced the world with joy and enthusiasm. She treasured traveling, especially the many cherished family trips to Disney and Hawaii. Some of her favorite places included Italy, Paris, Alaska, and Costa Rica. Samantha also had a refined appreciation for life's simple pleasures—she was a wine connoisseur who loved sharing a great glass of wine alongside a wonderful meal with those she loved.

Samantha was cherished not only by her family, but by the many friendships she built throughout her life. She formed lasting bonds with her coworkers, sharing laughter, support, and countless memories over the years. Beyond her work, Samantha was equally loved in her neighborhood where she lived for over 20 years. It was there that Samantha found joy in simple moments, conversations on neighbors' porches, shared celebrations, and the comfort of being surrounded by kind and caring neighbors. Her genuine spirit made her a friend to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She is survived by her mother, Susan Marcum; her brother, Donny Curtis of East Liverpool, Ohio; her brother-in-law, Steve (Stephanie Munno) Ropchock of Howland, Ohio; her sisters-in-law, Patti Ropchock of Twinsburg, Ohio, and Laura (Ropchock) Bunker and her husband Brian of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; as well as four nieces, Jordan, Rilee, Lillie, and Amber, and four nephews, Ricky, Richey, Evan, and Chad.

Also preceding her in death was her sister, Julie Underwood (Weaver); and her brother, T.J. Weaver.

Samantha will be remembered for her warmth, strength, and the light she brought into every room. Her legacy of love, compassion, and unwavering devotion to her family and patients will live on in all who knew her.

All family and friends are welcome to a Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow at Cypress Church, 8794 Big Bear Avenue, Powell, Ohio 43065.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cypress Church  
8794 Big Bear Avenue  
Powell, OH 43065

# Tribute Wall

LU

“ Dear John and Elizabeth, I do not know what to say. I live in Florida and have been a part of family vacations for many years, As you know I was Samantha's roommate at Ohio State and introduced your parents at Papa Joes .She lived with me in Orlando and Jim came there and proposed to her at the Wilderness Lodge during Christmas break .The rest is history .Luisa

luisa - April 24 at 08:53 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Samantha M. Ropchock.



April 24 at 08:50 AM

TD

“ The Donelson's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samantha M. Ropchock.

The Donelson's - April 20 at 07:16 PM

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“ The Donelson's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Samantha M. Ropchock.



The Donelson's - April 20 at 07:16 PM

BM

“ Brian and Maureen Musto purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Samantha M. Ropchock.



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**Brian and Maureen Musto** - April 19 at 08:06 PM

BM

“ Brian and Maureen Musto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samantha M. Ropchock.

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**Brian and Maureen Musto** - April 19 at 08:06 PM

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“ Tye Harley purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Samantha M. Ropchock.



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**Tye Harley** - April 16 at 07:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Samantha M. Ropchock.

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April 15 at 09:35 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samantha M. Ropchock.



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April 15 at 09:35 PM



“ Sam was my sister in all ways but blood. We became inseparable in kindergarten, sharing a bond that grew from the playground through all the trials of high school and into the early years of adulthood. I have always admired Sam for her fearlessness. She didn't just dream; she went after what she wanted. She was also the most honest person I have ever known. I'll never forget when I was getting married in 1997. Sam told me in no uncertain terms that I was making a mistake and refused to be a part of the wedding. Of course, she was 100% right! That was Sam, she wouldn't sacrifice her honesty to pretend everything was okay. She protected me with the truth, even when I wasn't ready to hear it.

As we grew older, regretfully, the circumstances of life caused us to go our separate ways. Despite the distance and the time that passed, I know she loved me, and she knew I loved her. That sisterly bond is something that time cannot touch and death cannot kill.

My heart aches knowing I wasn't there to help her through the pain when Jim passed. I watched from afar and admired how she persevered, enduring the unthinkable to raise their family on her own with fierce strength and grace. She was a warrior, and I will always carry her spirit with me.

Rest in peace, Sam. You were right about so many things, and you were loved more than words can say. Forever my Sammy! ❤️ John and Elizabeth, I will always be here for you, no matter what! ❤️

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Tracy Hull (Hunt) - April 15 at 04:18 PM

BH

“Lizzy and John, I knew your mom in college, we were roommates and friends. We knew the moment she and your dad met that they had something special. I can still see them together as those young kids, they were such an adorable couple. I have watched you grow up on FB, my heart broke when you lost your dad, and to lose your mom too. Tears are falling sharing a little of your grief. Your mom was the sweetest and we shared lots of laughter. I'm so sorry you had to say goodbye too soon. It's all happened so quickly, I'm sure you are struggling to find your balance, but when you do, remember she and your dad want you to have a full and beautiful life. Praying for you in Boca Raton. Beth

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**Beth Hartigan** - April 15 at 12:54 PM

DH

“I'm heartbroken to hear of the passing of Sam. She taught me so much when I became an L&D nurse at Grant in 2018. She was kind and always had a smile for everyone. Her passion for her children and the overwhelming pride she had for them was always something I looked forward to when we had conversations at work before she moved on to MFM. She will be deeply missed by everyone that knew her. My heart felt sympathy and prayers go out to her children and her family. She is now whole and reunited with her beloved Jim, but will live on in all our memories.  
With love and prayers,  
Dani Hughes

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**Danielle Hughes** - April 15 at 12:54 PM

GJ

“ My deepest condolences to Samantha family and kids. She was my cousin (by marriage) to Jim. I only met her a few times but she was a bright, friendly, caring person. The last time I saw her was a mini reunion for lunch where I was able to bring my son to meet everyone. She is not in pain anymore and her and Jim are reunited.

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**Gary Zimbelman Jr** - April 14 at 05:43 PM

TM

“ The physicians at OhioHealth MFM purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Samantha M. Ropchock.



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**The physicians at OhioHealth MFM** - April 14 at 01:50 PM