



## Vesna Skaljic

August 31, 1966 - February 9, 2025

Vesna Skaljic, 58, of Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood, passed away after an 18-month battle with cancer.

Born in Tuzla, Bosnia, Vesna graduated from Gimnazija Meša Selimović (Gymnasium "Mesa Selimovic") high school and earned her Associate's Degree in law from the University of Sarajevo.

Her family fled Bosnia in 1994 for Croatia, where she translated for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). The family was relocated to Salt Lake City, Utah, where they were settled by the generosity of the Mormon community. Vesna worked as a case worker for Catholic Community Services of Utah, in the refugee settlement program. After fourteen years in Utah, Vesna returned for a few years to Bosnia with her five-year-old daughter, helping victims of domestic violence.

After returning to Chicago, Vesna found a position at the Cook County Public Guardian's office as an office administrator for a judge. She kept a quiet life to herself and had a very strong work ethic, taking the CTA downtown in freezing cold up until ten days before her death.

Vesna was a wonderful mother- she took Zara on many exciting trips, including Disney, Caribbean and the Croatian Coast. Vesna was a joy to be

around. She loved helping people and had deep compassion and empathy in and beyond her professional life. Her favorite place in the world was the Adriatic coast in Croatia. She loved nothing more than having a beer on the beach.

Vesna is survived by her daughter Zara Iman Skaljic and brother Damir (Ina) Skaljic, all of Edgewater, and her mother Suhra (the late Osman Talic) Hodzic of Bosnia. She is preceded in death by her father Fazlija Skaljic.

Services are private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. <https://www.stjude.org/>.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or [www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com](http://www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com).

# Tribute Wall

VM

“ My heart goes out to Zara, Damir and Teta Suhra. I hope you find strength to go through this difficult time. We didn't see each other for over 35 years, but I will always remember Vesna's beautiful smile and her noble personality. Laka ti zemlja I pocivaj u miru draga Vesna💔

vesna Jovanovic Mladjenovic - February 15, 2025 at 06:44 PM

SK

“ Sadeta K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vesna Skaljic.

Sadeta K. - February 12, 2025 at 11:04 AM

AU

“ Dear family Skaljic,  
my deepest condolence to you. In this sad und hard times for you I wish you a lot of patience and power to go through it.  
Vesna was extraordinary person, she was smart, gentle and kindly with a great sense of humor. I will always remember her laughing.  
Rest in peace my old scoolfriend.

Alma Uscuplic - February 12, 2025 at 09:21 AM

ED

“ Naša draga Vesna, uvijek prijatna i nasmijana. Takva si bila i takvu ćemo te svi pamtići.

Emir Delalić - February 12, 2025 at 08:04 AM



“ *Draga Vesna, pamtim te po tvom širokim osmehu i vedrom duhu. Iskreno saučešće porodici koja te prati na večni počinak.*

February 12, 2025 at 06:36 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Eldina Miščević** - February 12, 2025 at 05:59 AM



*Draga Vesna, fališ mi još odavno! Pretužna sam! Zauvijek ćeš biti u srcu mom!*

**Eldina Miščević** - February 12, 2025 at 06:02 AM



“ *Dear Vesna's dear family, I am deeply sorry for your loss, for our loss.  
We had a lot of beautiful moments in our youth days. Everything about her was so noble and delicate.  
My heartfelt sympathy to you all, special greetings for Mother Šuhra.*

**Jovanka Gašić** - February 12, 2025 at 05:50 AM

NM

“ Dear Zara, Teta Suhra, Damir, and Ina, my deepest condolences. Moje saucesce. I am thinking about Vesna and you all; we are all so sad that she left us so soon. She was a great friend and a great person to be around. I loved her laughter and her sense of humour. She was wonderful, inside and out. I miss her so much... and our song, and dance with I've been thinking about you, ... remembering Dom and going out... Love you loads, my friend, rest in peace.



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**Neca Nejira Nalic McCarrick** - February 12, 2025 at 05:08 AM

VI

“ *Violeta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vesna Skaljic.*

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**Violeta** - February 12, 2025 at 02:31 AM

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“ *Violeta purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vesna Skaljic.*



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**Violeta** - February 12, 2025 at 02:31 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Vesna Skaljic.*



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February 11, 2025 at 11:29 PM



“ *I worked with Vesna during her entire time at the Public Guardian's Office. Her kind and gentle soul was apparent from the moment we met. My heart goes out to her daughter and entire family. Your mother was a special woman and she will be remembered and missed.*

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**Todd Kooperman** - February 11, 2025 at 12:07 PM