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Statement From The Children of Bernice and Sylvan Simon:

Our lives were forever shattered on the morning of October 27, 2018 when our beloved Mother and Father were senselessly, brutally, and savagely murdered at Tree of Life Congregation along with nine other fellow congregants.

Our parents did everything together as a married couple. They were deeply in love with each other and persevered in the tragic loss of a son in 2010. As long-time and deeply-rooted Pittsburgh residen...

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“They were inseparable,” said David Wolf, of Squirrel Hill, who previously attended Tree of Life. “If you saw Bernice, you’d see Sylvan. If you saw Sylvan, you’d see Bernice.”

Wolf described them as active members of Tree of Life “who lit up the room.”

“They were always together, and they were always happy,” Wolf said. “Their life was being at Tree of Life.”

Pam Glaser, a neighbor of the couple in Wilkinsburg, knew the Simons for two decades. They used to meet up to walk their pugs, Glaser’s named Ming-Toi and the Simons’ named Max.

She remembers that Bernice was always done up – “her hair was done; her nails were done.” She also recalls Bernice’s baking abilities, saying she always made cookies and brownies if somebody had a death in their family.

“It’s a void,” Glaser said. “You look at the house and you expect them to come out.”

Another funeral will be held at 4 p.m. today for Dr. Richard Gottfried, 65, of Ross Township.

Seven other shooting victims – Joyce Fienberg (<https://theincline.com/2018/10/31/squirrel-hill-synagogue-shooting-victims-joyce-fienberg-and-daniel-stein-laid-to-rest/>), 75; Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz (<https://theincline.com/2018/10/30/dr-jerry-rabinowitz-remembered-as-a-healer-and-mensch-in-all-capital-letters/>), 66; brothers Cecil, 59, and David Rosenthal (<https://theincline.com/2018/10/30/they-were-perfect-souls-mourners-remember-brothers-cecil-and-david-rosenthal-of-squirrel-hill/>), 54; Daniel Stein (<https://theincline.com/2018/10/31/squirrel-hill-synagogue-shooting-victims-joyce-fienberg-and-daniel-stein-laid-to-rest/>), 71; Melvin Wax (<https://theincline.com/2018/10/31/melvin-wax-remembered-as-a-mensch-jokester-and-dedicated-past-president-of-new-light-congregation/>), 87; and Irving Younger (<https://theincline.com/2018/10/31/tree-of-life-greeter-irving-younger-doting-family-man-and-failed-comedian/>), 69 – have already been buried.

Rose Mallinger, 97, [will be buried Friday](https://triblive.com/local/allegHENY/14227716-74/funeral-services-announced-for-squirrel-hill-synagogue-shooting-victims/) (<https://triblive.com/local/allegHENY/14227716-74/funeral-services-announced-for-squirrel-hill-synagogue-shooting-victims/>).

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