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Katie Meyer, who helped Stanford win 2019 soccer championship, dies at age 22



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Katie Meyer, whose penalty kick saves lifted Stanford to a title in December 2019, died in her on-campus residence. (Jamie Schwaberow/NCAA Photos via Getty Images)

Stanford senior goalkeeper Katie Meyer, whose penalty kick save was one of the most memorable moments of the 2019 NCAA women's soccer championship, has died, [the school said](#).

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The school first mentioned a death in an on-campus residence on Tuesday, but did not release a name until family had been notified. It did not give a cause of death. The school said counseling staff has been on-site at her residence hall and athletics counseling staff has been working with student-athletes.

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Meyer was a senior majoring in [International Relations with a minor in History](#). She was also a resident assistant and captain of the Stanford women's soccer team. She has one older sister and one younger sister and had turned 22 in January.

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"Katie was extraordinarily committed to everything and everyone in her world," Stanford Vice Provost for Student Affairs Susie Brubaker-Cole and Director of Athletics Bernard Muir said in a letter to the community. "Her friends describe her as a larger-than-life team player in all her pursuits, from choosing an academic discipline she said 'changed my perspective on the world and the very important challenges that we need to work together to overcome' to the passion she brought to the Cardinal women's

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North Carolina to help Stanford win its third
 NCAA women's soccer championship in 2019.
 Katie was a bright shining light for so many
 on the field and in our community."



It was her celebration during penalty kicks of the 2019 NCAA women's College Cup title game that endeared her to fans across the nation while also irking others. Stanford and North Carolina were tied after regulation and still sat 0-0 through the two overtime periods. It sent the match to penalty kicks for the first time in NCAA championship history.

Meyer saved the first penalty attempt, but the sides built to a 4-4 even score. That was when Meyer saved another shot to keep it there and gave a fired-up celebration to the camera near the goal post. Kiara Pickett scored to give Stanford the 5-4 edge and the program's third title.

katie meyer
 @kdmeyer19

some tough replies under this one...
 but if you told my 9-year-old-gk self that ESPNFC show a SAVE SHE MADE? i think she'd find a way a few mean comments. girl power forever.

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While many loved it, others said it crossed the line and some lobbed sexist comments. Meyer addressed those comments — and noted that she was 19 at the time, and therefore had never "been there before" — [in an interview with Just Women's Sports in January 2020.](#)

"Going forward, I hope that if girls react that way again, which they will, because women are fierce, and everyone likes to play and be competitive — I hope the reaction stays positive. In the end, I'm happy a conversation was started about women being competitive because that's what we are. We get heated in the moment. You can find that competitiveness anywhere, from lawyers, to moms, to someday, the future female president. People just need to take a step back and ask themselves, why do I think this? Why am I so shocked by a woman showing her passion?"

Meyer went on to be an intern at JWS, which was founded by Stanford alumna Haley Rosen.

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Stanford urged everyone to check on on friends and loved ones, "be caring to yourselves and one another," and said there will be more opportunities to honor and remember Meyer as a community.

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Russian troops have seized their first major Ukrainian city since the start of an invasion ordered by Russian President Vladimir Putin, the [New York Times reported](#).

The port city of Kherson, located 126 miles east of Odessa, has a population of roughly 300,000, which would make it the largest locality to come under the control of Russian forces since Russia began its invasion last Thursday, if reports of its capture are confirmed.

“There is no Ukrainian army here,” Kherson’s mayor, Igor Kolykhaev, told the Times. “The city is surrounded.

Russian forces entered Kherson's City Hall Wednesday, according to the Times, and told the mayor that they were setting up a new military administration. Russian troops encircled the city, and local officials reported that there were hundreds of Ukrainian casualties.

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Breaking: The strategically important city of Kher: southern Ukraine has fallen to Russian forces, bec first major city to come under Russian control.
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“I’ve brought on volunteers to help gather up bodies and we’re burying them immediately because many of the bodies have been blown apart,” Kolykhaev told the Times. “If we can make a photograph it makes sense to try to identify them, but if not we put them into bags and bury them that way.”

Earlier in the day, the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense denied initial reports that the city had come under Russian control.

A military tank on a street in Kherson, Ukraine, on Tuesday. (Video obtained by Reuters)

“According to the info from our brigade, the battles are going on now,” a government spokesperson said. “The city is not captured totally — some parts are under our control.”

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city at this point," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.



Late Wednesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's office told the AP that the [battle for the city was ongoing](#).



If confirmed, the fall of Kherson would represent one of the first major victories for the Russian army in the seven-day-old conflict. Battles continue to rage in other Ukrainian cities, including Kyiv and Kharkiv, the two largest population centers, as outnumbered Ukrainian troops mount a ferocious response that has been aided by ordinary citizens wielding Molotov cocktails.

[Russian casualties](#) have been higher than many analysts had predicted, and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Putin was to blame.

"This is President Putin's war. This isn't the Russian people's war. It's becoming clearer by the day that the Russian people oppose it," Blinken said on Wednesday. "Members of the Russian military oppose it and had no idea what they were being sent to do. And now the Russian people will suffer the consequences of their leader's choices."

The U.S., NATO allies and several other nations have imposed wide-ranging sanctions on Russia as punishment for invading Ukraine.

On Wednesday, the United Nations passed a resolution by a vote of 141 to 5 to condemn Putin's "special military operation." While 35 nations, including China and India, abstained from voting, only Belarus, Eritrea, North Korea, Syria and Russia voted against the resolution.

"This is not very much a club that I would want to be a member of," Blinken said of the vote.





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