Gwenllian (died 1136)

Name: Gwenllian  
Date of death: 1136  
Spouse: Gruffydd ap Rhys ap Tewdwr  
Child: Gwladus ferch Gruffydd  
Child: Maredudd ap Gruffudd ap Rhys  
Child: Rhys ap Gruffydd  
Parent: Angharad ferch Owain ab Edwin  
Parent: Gruffydd ap Cynan  
Gender: Female  
Area of activity: Royalty and Society; Politics, Government and Political Movements; Military  
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Daughter of Gruffydd ap Cynan, by Angharad, daughter of Owen ap Edwin. She married Gruffydd ap Rhys shortly after 1116, the most famous of her sons being the ‘lord’ Rhys ap Gruffydd. At the opening of the great Welsh uprising in 1136, she led an attack on the Norman fortress of Kidwelly, in her husband’s absence, and was killed fighting outside the town, at a spot still known as Maes Gwenllian.

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Sources

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