



# Nyra Ann Dorko Potemra

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**N**yra Ann Dorko Potemra, age 68, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday, December 3, 2021, after a nearly two year battle with brain cancer in Plano, Texas.

Nyra is survived by her husband of 45+ years, David Potemra of Plano, Texas, her son, Brandon, (Jacynnda Griego) Potemra of Allen, Texas, her daughter, Kacy Young of Plano, Texas, her sister, Collette (Walt) Dukewich of Kennedy Township, Pennsylvania, and sister, Pamela (Allen) Faires of Rowlett, Texas, as well as nieces Christina Dukewich and Megan (Travis) Bawcum and nephews Matthew (Allison) Dukewich and John Dukewich. Nyra is also survived by her three precious grandchildren who knew her as Gram: Bentley and Brody Young and Gwendolyn Potemra.

Nyra was preceded in death by her parents, John and Florence Bidula Dorko of Munhall, PA.

Nyra's family was very devoted to her, and she felt very loved. This included a very large extended family and many friends whom she worked to stay in touch with as much as possible.

Nyra would like to be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, daughter, sister, and aunt. She would also like to be known as a good friend and a kind, helpful person. She also wanted to be sure to mention her most precious best friend of 30+ years, Peggy Hansen, whom she could always count on in times of need and fun.

As a strong supporter of Montessori and early childhood education, Nyra served as an educator to hundreds of young children and as a mentor/teacher to a large number of Montessori interns for over 30 years. She also aided in the opening/relocation of four Montessori schools.

Family kindly asks that a facial covering be worn during your visit with them at the funeral home.

Family and friends are welcomed on Friday, December 10, 2021 from 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 8 pm at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pleasant Hills. A Blessing



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Service will be held at the Graveside of Jefferson Memorial Park on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 2:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Nyra's name to the American Cancer Society, at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

Online condolences may be shared at [www.jeffersonmemorial.com](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.com).



## Tribute Wall

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JF

**Julie Finley** posted:

All my memories of Nyra were special. She was a loyal giving and selfless friend. We'll miss her.

December 9 at 3:08 PM

KC

**Karen Lombardo Cortese** posted:

My sympathy to Nyra's family. I knew her at IUP where we were sorority sisters of A Di Pi. We were also roommates for a semester. Nyra was a very sweet and kind person. I am keeping all of you in my prayers.

December 9 at 12:43 PM

JL

**Josephine Van Linden** posted:

So sorry to hear about Nyra. I taught Home Ec. with her many years ago at Steel Valley. She was very kind and a great teacher. We were all so young. Joanne (Long) van Linden

December 9 at 10:04 AM

DM

**Don & Pam Mihalevic** posted:

Our deepest sympathy for your loss of Nyra. Do know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

December 9 at 10:01 AM

DS

**Deborah Seman** posted:

I've just recently connected with Nyra after 50 years. I found out she lived in Plano which is nearby my location. We talked and texted trying to arrange a lunch date. Unfortunately, something always got in the way. I had a cancer surgery in January of this year and she was very helpful and encouraging. She adored her husband and children and I could feel her smile when she spoke of them. To all her family and friends please accept my deepest sympathies on the loss of this very lovely person.

December 9 at 8:43 AM



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BC

**Bob Cordray** posted:

A lovely lady and a member of a Great Family. The entire Family is in our Prayers.

December 9 at 7:12 AM

LW

**Lynn Wachter** posted:

Dave and Pam, Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Nyra. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

December 9 at 4:10 AM

JB

**Jackie, Andrew, Max & Jameson Barkus** posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

December 8 at 12:06 PM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Nyra by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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