



Maria Z. Sady-Tyrawa

March 29, 1962 - May 6, 2026

Maya Sady-Tyrawa, lovingly known as “Maya Papaya,” born March 29, 1962, passed away at her home on May 6, 2026, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Poland, Maya began her career as a nurse caring for newborn babies. At the age of 32, she moved to the United States, where she continued her lifelong dedication to caring for others. She worked for many years in nursing homes and later at Mercy Medical Center, where she provided compassionate care to patients and families. She was known for her warm personality and her cheerful greeting, “Good morning, good morning, honey child.”

Maya was a ray of sunshine in every room she stepped into and brought warmth and joy to everyone around her.

Maya was happily married for 44 years to her devoted husband, Ryszard. She was a loving wife, mother, and cherished friend whose family was the center of her life.

She is survived by her husband, Ryszard; her sons, David and Arthur; and her daughter-in-law, Ana.

The family thanks all who have offered love, prayers, and support during this

difficult times.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Morning Prayers

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Funeral Mass

MAY 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Rita of Cascia Church
750 Old Indian Trail
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-892-5918

Tribute Wall



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Z. Sady-Tyrawa.*



May 12 at 08:24 PM



“ *Tesar Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maria Z. Sady-Tyrawa.*



Tesar Family - May 12 at 03:13 PM



“ *Bozena & Piotr Krzysztofek purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maria Z. Sady-Tyrawa.*



Bozena & Piotr Krzysztofek - May 12 at 02:32 PM

AM

“ We mourn the passing of a remarkable person whose presence touched the lives of many. She will be remembered for her kindness, strength, and the warmth she brought to those around her. Her memory will forever remain in our hearts. Our deepest condolences go out to her family and loved ones during this difficult time. Artur & Sabina from Poland.

Artur & Sabina Miskowiec - May 12 at 02:01 PM

KM

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. My thoughts are with you and your family. May you find strength and comfort in the memories you shared and in the support of those around you. I will deeply miss my dear friend Maya and I share in your sorrow. With heartfelt sympathy, Krysia.

Krystyna Miskowiec - May 12 at 01:54 PM

KP

“ Krysia with family from Poland. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Z. Sady-Tyrawa.



Krysia with family from Poland. - May 12 at 01:39 PM

KS

“ Katarina Skoundrianos purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Z. Sady-Tyrawa.



Katarina Skoundrianos - May 12 at 12:17 PM

HS

“ H&R STOZEK purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Maria Z. Sady-Tyrawa.



H&R STOZEK - May 11 at 09:02 AM

HS

“ H&R STOZEK planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Z. Sady-Tyrawa.

H&R STOZEK - May 11 at 09:02 AM

SP

“ Sandy Pickens lit a candle in memory of Maria Z. Sady-Tyrawa



Sandy Pickens - May 10 at 10:36 PM

MA

“ Marcin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Maria Z. Sady-Tyrawa.



Marcin - May 08 at 10:33 AM

DA

“ I had the pleasure of working with Maya. She was one of the most caring people you could ever meet. She would brighten the unit with her beautiful smile and the biggest hugs, no matter whether it was a good day or a bad day. You will never be forgotten

Daisy Aguado - May 07 at 11:28 PM

DW

“ Maya will always be a part of my life my best friend co-worker and sister . Yes every morning when she came to work ,she would make me laugh.Betty and Stefa,Maya and my self had the 4th floor under control. I had so much fun at her birthday party, going out in to the hallway posing with the pictures,dancing in the hallway.Chicago was a blast I'm going to miss you so much Maya I will always love you forever Debbie.

Debbie Winfrey - May 07 at 07:07 PM

LM

“It is hard to find words for someone who brought so much light into every space she entered. She was truly the heart and spirit of our hospital unit—always positive, always caring, and deeply compassionate toward everyone in need.

She had a gift for lifting others up, whether it was through her comforting words, her thoughtful advice, or the way she would simply start singing and remind everyone around her that joy still exists even on the hardest days. She often spoke about how blessed she felt, calling herself “rich” not in material things, but in life, in love, in friendship, and in family.

She inspired those around her to do good, to choose happiness, and to look for blessings even in difficult moments. Because of her, many of us learned to start each day with more gratitude and a more open heart.

On a personal level, she deeply impacted me. She inspired me, reminded me of the worth we all carry, and the power we have to help others. I took her originality and tried to bring it into my own life. I now try to wake up and start my day with happiness—singing, remembering my blessings, and choosing joy the way she always did.

I will always remember her dancing through the unit, singing, calling us all “honey child,” and referring to herself as “Maya Papaya.” One moment that will stay with me forever is when she walked onto the unit singing “La Guadalupana, La Guadalupana,” filling the space with so much joy. She was so rooted in her faith and had just returned from Mexico City after visiting The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We connected even more deeply through that shared sense of faith and meaning.

Her presence was a bright light in this world, and it feels like a sparkle has been taken from it too soon. But her impact remains. She touched and changed everyone she met, leaving behind

kindness, warmth, laughter, and inspiration that will not fade.

She was an incredible soul, and I will always carry her in a very special place in my heart and soul.

LAURA MONEHAN - May 07 at 05:25 PM

LM

“ can you add what she did for me - she inspired me, she reminded me of the worth we all have, the power to help others, I took her originality and adapted it to my life. I know try to always wake up and start my day happy by singing and remembering my blessings. I will always remember her dancing, signing, calling us all "honey child" and referring to herself as "maya papaya". one day she walked on to the unit singing " la guadalupana, la guadalupana" and it filled my heart with so much joy. she was rooted in her beliefs and had just come back from mexico city where she visited The Basilica of Our Lady of guadalupe. we connected so much more . I will always carry her in a very very special place in my hear and soul.



LAURA MONEHAN - May 07 at 05:18 PM