



## Nayda Kay Littlefield

June 11, 1945 - December 4, 2019

Nayda Kay (Schlien) Littlefield, 74, of Moses Lake, Washington, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Nayda was a 27 year fighter of breast cancer. Her first bout was in 1992 followed by a 7 year remission and then again in 1999 followed by a 10 year remission. Over the last several years her cancer treatments picked up again as it had metastasized throughout her body. Giving up was not in her vocabulary and she would have wanted to keep fighting but her body would no longer allow it. She was able to enjoy her last Thanksgiving dinner with her family on Friday where she said she was most thankful for her Faith, Family, and Friends. Her last days were spent surrounded by her family and several visitors where there were hugs, kisses, tears, laughter and many prayers.

Born on June 11, 1945, in Yakima, WA, she was the second of three daughters to Chester "Chett" and Angie (Olson) Schlien who owned and operated a dairy farm in Mabton, WA. Chett was also a teacher and principal and her mother Angie was a school teacher as well. Nayda was active in 4-H growing up and earned a National 4-H Conference trip to Chicago in 1964. She graduated Mabton High School in 1963 and Washington State University in 1967 with a Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education. She taught second grade for 33+ years. She resided in Moses Lake since 1967 and was a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. She married her husband Greg on June 10, 1972 at their church.

Nayda's primary joy in life was helping others. She took care of everyone else first before tending to herself. She loved being a wife and mother. She was like a mother to everyone including all of her students over the years and her children's friends. She volunteered and was active giving back to the community. She was a member of AOPi at WSU, and active with her church and Chapter GH in PEO. She also volunteered as a swim official while her daughter swam. She continued to Judge for 4-H at the County Fair even up until this past summer. She was also a Lioness and member of the Lions Club, receiving the Melvin Jones Lifelong Achievement Award. Being a cancer survivor she was an inspiration to many. Everyone would always take note that if she could continue to fight with a positive attitude then so could they, even when she had many reasons to have a 'pity party'. One of the highlights of her life was being recognized and given the honor to be a torch bearer for the 2002 Winter Olympics because of her continuous positive attitude despite her challenges.

Nayda was a 'social butterfly'. She looked forward to her daily trips to town to play Bridge at the Senior Center, have lunch with the Retired Teachers group or in the hopes to bump into someone she knew. She always found a friend or made a friend. It was uplifting for her to be involved in the community and that is where she gained her strength. Anyone who knew her knows her trademark greeting was "Hi-Ho" followed by a smile and giggle.

Nayda is survived by her husband Greg; son Bryce Littlefield (Moses Lake), daughter Kayla Littlefield (Big Sky, MT); bonus daughters Lisa Solomon (West Valley, UT), Erilyn Littlefield (Richfield, UT); grandson Dylan Littlefield (Moses Lake) and sister Marlys Williams and her husband Kirk (Lucas, TX); bonus siblings Tom Smith (Ponderay, ID) and Bobbie Sahr and her husband John (Spokane Valley, WA), among many loving friends that she also considered family. Nayda is preceded in death by her parents Chester and Angie Schlien

and sister Carolyn Quantrille.

A celebration of life service will be held Wednesday, December 11 at 1:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Moses Lake, Washington. Internment will be at Mabton Cemetery Thursday, December 12 at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center or a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1020 S. A Street  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Sending condolences from our family to yours. Mrs. Littlefield was my son's teacher at Larson Heights Elementary. He is now 38 years old .She was such a fine teacher and helped him overcome his fear of being away from "mommy" She made a great impact on him at that early age. And saw the potential in him and helped bring that out. Such a fine teacher and person. Thank you.*

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**Beverly McGinnis** - December 14, 2019 at 11:09 AM

TA

“ *Trina Alfaro lit a candle in memory of Nayda Kay Littlefield*



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**Trina Alfaro** - December 11, 2019 at 10:04 PM

KG

“ *A bright light in my life has been dimmed. To her beloved family I can't begin to imagine the pain you must be feeling. She was truly one of the most gracious, loving and courageous people I have ever known. Her passing has left a hole in the hearts of so many. May your precious memories give you some sort of peace during this difficult time. 🙏*

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**Kim Green** - December 11, 2019 at 07:54 PM

AD

“ I will miss my dear friend, tho I am happy she is no longer suffering, I am saddened at the loss of her. I will remember her with a smile on my face and love in my heart. Until we meet again...May you walk through the gates of Heaven and be Welcomed by all who went before you! I will always love you Nayda!



Your friend, Anne Desmarais

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Anne Desmarais - December 09, 2019 at 11:51 PM

JT

“ I first met Nayda at church, about 18 years ago, and couldn't help notice her energy and friendly disposition, thinking to myself, “isn't she going through cancer treatments?” My family then moved to the Ephrata area, and became involved in the 4-H program. When it came time to search for volunteers to help with 4-H judging and teaching, there was Nayda, ready and willing to teach and serve to a program that was near and dear to her heart with that same energy and enthusiasm. While giving her time, there were days she was feeling very tired, as she was taking chemotherapy/immunotherapy and she would just put her head down for literally a few minutes. Then, back to smiles on and focus on how she can best help and serve the kids.

A few months ago, Nayda stopped by the extension office and part of her visit was to donate the money she earned as a volunteer to go back into the 4-H program to help kids. That day, she also wanted to share that she had just received good news about a recent oncology scan. Feeling thankful, she went and bought this sweet sign and decided to share her gratitude with someone else, she tells me this with a smile and hands me the sign.

I want to be more like Nayda now and when I grow up. I pray our Lord will help all of us be inspired by her generosity, hospitality, servant heart, friendliness, and perseverance. She was a beautiful woman inside and out, and I am thankful, grateful and blessed to have known her. I imagine she will be helping prepare a place at the table for the rest of the family in the heavenly home. Prayers for comfort, peace for her family.

~Janelle Todaro

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**Janelle Todaro** - December 09, 2019 at 10:20 PM

WL

“ Wendy & Lane lit a candle in memory of  
Nayda Kay Littlefield



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Wendy & Lane - December 09, 2019 at 05:17 PM

DI

“ A light has gone out of our lives, but Nayda has gone to Glory. My  
dear cousin has finished her journey, may she rest in peace.

Don Ivie

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Donald Ivie - December 09, 2019 at 01:16 PM

DG

“ Denise And Gary lit a candle in memory of  
Nayda Kay Littlefield



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denise and gary - December 09, 2019 at 11:26 AM

RM

“ Mrs Littlefield was my teacher and a friend of mine. Greg my  
condolences to you and the family. God speed and Gods love

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RJ McFadden - December 08, 2019 at 12:20 PM

AN

“*Nayda was an angel on earth she always gave to others. On her birthday celebration in June this year she invited my mom and myself to surprise my Aunt Anne it worked. My aunt and Nayda have been friends since she moved to Mabton. All of us at Safeway will miss her positive and inspiring attitude. I loved her and will miss our talks Rest In Peace beautiful lady*

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**Annemarie** - December 07, 2019 at 07:37 PM

GR

“*I WAS FORTUNATE TO HAVE NAYDA ON MY TEACHING STAFF. SHE WAS A DEDICATED TEACHER AND INDIVIDUAL. SHE WILL BE MISSED*

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**George A Rapozo** - December 07, 2019 at 03:36 PM

 Robin  
Childress

“*Nayda was a dear friend and colleague of mine for the last 41 years. I credit my start in education to a great extent to the friendship and nurturing that Nayda gave me during those first years of my teaching career. She was always there to share her vast knowledge with me, clever teaching ideas and also ways to work with a difficult student. She helped many a young teacher get their start in the classroom and gain self confidence. Nayda was a treasure and a true friend. I will miss her smile, her warm hugs and her passion for life. She was a good one! May she find peace wrapped in the arms of our loving Lord.*

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**Robin Childress** - December 06, 2019 at 09:56 PM

LJ

“*Nayda, Kathy Erickson and I (Linda Lipscomb Juergensen) went to Europe together in 1970. It was for the whole summer and saw many countries of Europe together. We had some awesome times. We threw coins together into Tivoli Fountain and promised to come back. We all got busy after our trip and did not make it back. But I will always have the warmest memories of our times and adventures together. My heart goes out to her family. She was a wonderful person. She will definitely be with the angels.*”

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**Linda Juergensen** - December 06, 2019 at 07:55 PM

DM

“*Mrs. Littlefield was my 2nd grade teacher. I adored her - I eventually met Bryce thru a mutual employment. I was able to see her run the race and carry the torch. I was so blessed to have known her. Prayers for the family...*”

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**Darla Mast** - December 06, 2019 at 02:54 PM

LR

“*Greg and Family - Nayda was a truly wonderful person, a friend to all who needed a friend. She was an inspiration to so many people. Larry & Katie Rigsby*”

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**LARRY RIGSBY** - December 06, 2019 at 02:26 PM

BE

“*Sending our love and prayers to the family. We wish we weren't so far away. Know that we are gathering with you in spirit. Aunt Nayda will always be remembered with her "Hi Ho! greeting and for her lively personality. I did not see her often but it was always a pleasure when I did. -Thinking of you all. - Betsy Dollard and Family*”

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**betsy** - December 06, 2019 at 01:50 PM

SG

“ I can hear Nayda greeting Jesus with Hi Ho! And I will always miss her & that greeting. Such a valiant fighter & true friend. My condolences & prayers for her family.

Sally Goodwin - December 06, 2019 at 09:57 AM

DF

“ Delores Carvalho & Family lit a candle in memory of Nayda Kay Littlefield



Delores Carvalho & family - December 06, 2019 at 07:34 AM

DC

“ Beautiful Obituary for a beautiful soul... Nada, thank you for your friendly smile, hugs and "Hi-ho"! Many memories and support you have left us and we will miss you at the 4-H building at Fair time. Our heartfelt sympathies to your family... RIP my friend...

Delores Carvalho - December 06, 2019 at 07:33 AM

VV

Nayda was such a precious friend. I will miss her cheery phone calls with that wonderful "Hi Ho". Also I will miss her positivity and loving courage. We called one another "double sisters" because of groups we both belonged to. She was a terrific wife, mother, and grandmother and it all gave her such joy. She was an outstanding teacher which we enjoyed sharing. I am certain God greeted her with open arms. I know that the angels are surrounding her with love and joy. Oh how I miss having Nayda in this world.

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Velma VanderWal - December 07, 2019 at 02:34 AM

JJ

“ *One of my favorite teachers. Rest In Peace Mrs. Littlefield.*



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**Jolene Justice** - December 06, 2019 at 12:30 AM