



## Mrs. Teresa M. Krzysztof

September 16, 1950 - November 21, 2020

Mrs. Teresa Krzysztof, 70, of Pittsfield, MA, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2020. Born in Chorzow, Poland on September 16, 1950, the daughter of the late Jerzy Filipczyk and Magdalena Kurczyk. Teresa graduated from the Institute of Pedagogical Sciences at the University of Opole earning a Master's degree in Mathematics and Education. Teresa taught in Poland as a lead teacher in a model classroom observed by Medical and Education Professionals observing her unique methods of teaching. Upon moving to the United States in 1977, Teresa spent her career working at the Early Childhood Development Center and later at Berkshire Center for Families and Children, in the role of head teacher, site director and mentor to students from Miss Hall's School as well as local college students. Teresa was a passionate, extraordinary teacher of over 45 years, who possessed the rare gift of being able to care deeply, and was fiercely on the side of children who came from all backgrounds (including traumatized, and special needs children). Teresa was exceptionally unusual in being able to care for, nurture and help all children's inner light's shine! Anyone who knew her, knew she was a force to be reckoned with and had high expectations from all that worked for and with her. Music was so very important to Teresa that she made sure a piano was brought to the second floor of the old victorian building (now the Elizabeth Freeman center) so she could play and sing with her preschool class. Teresa was beloved by her students, and their families that she worked so hard for. Teresa was highly respected by other educators in the community and will be remembered as a staunch advocate for children in the community. Teresa retired from BCF in 2014 as Director of Crosby Preschool.

Besides being an educator, Teresa was an accomplished pianist and singer. In College she was the lead singer in a well known band that traveled throughout Poland. For the last 17 years, Teresa enjoyed singing with the Sweet Adelines International Barbershop Chorus. She loved the friendships she made and participating in competitions. Teresa lived a healthy and active lifestyle and enjoyed swimming, being outdoors, and traveling. Teresa loved the Berkshires, and her community, she enjoyed spending summers picnicing on the lawn of Tanglewood, Onota lake, and loved the theater. But her greatest joy in life was her family.

Besides her beloved husband of 45 years, Edward Krzysztof, whom she married on May

3, 1975, Teresa is survived by her mother, Magdalena Kurczyk as well as her children, Melisa Krzysztof and Diane Wright. She leaves behind her grandchildren, Madeline, Lucas, Ada, and Izzy and her siblings, Heinrich and Roman Filipczyk. Teresa was a bright and shining star, who was the definition of "Embracing life to its fullest"! She truly lived her life with profound meaning and purpose and was an amazing example to us all. She exuded happiness on a daily basis and we will miss her smile everyday. She will be missed more than words can say by all those who were blessed to have known her.

#### Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Teresa Krzysztof will be Thursday, December 3, 2020, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Church celebrated by the Msgr. Michael A. Shershanovich, Pastor. To view this service, please click the following link, <http://www.dwyerfuneral.com/obituaries/permalink/9736290/LTWebcast>, which will be available by 3pm. on Thursday, December 3, 2020. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 4pm until 6pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jimmy Fund in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in her memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery

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## St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.

Pittsfield, MA, 01201

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Dwyer Family Funeral Home

776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA, US, 01201

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - December 01, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ A beautiful service and music for Teresa. It sounded like her singing to us. She will be missed! So very sorry we couldn't attend and pay our respects in person. Love to you all.  
Carl & Jill Wright

**Jill Wright** - December 03, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Dear Melissa and Diane,

I remember Aunt Teresa as an extremely friendly and nice person. I met her when I was little, she took care of me then in the kindergarten where she worked. Then I visited her during my stay in the USA (probably in 1994). I know how devoted she was to her family and You-Her daughters.

Please accept my remembrance and sympathy,

Ewa Skardowska,

Your cousin

pianist

Poland

**Ewa Skardowska** - December 04, 2020 at 03:37 AM



“ What a wonderful service honoring and celebrating Pani Terenia's amazing life. She will always be dearly loved and missed. I am sorry I could not be there in person, but extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to everyone. With much love, Anita

**Anita Bunner** - December 04, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ To Melisa and to Teresa's entire family & friends, please accept our heartfelt condolences. The Dresner family will always have fond memories of Babcia. She epitomized the sweet strength of East European women, and we are happy to have known her.

Love,

Natasha, Avi, Lev & Sasha

**Avi Dresner** - December 08, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ It has been a couple days since my beloved friend was laid to rest. The totality of her not being in my life is just beginning to hit me. I will forever miss her smile, her positive outlook on life, her good advice or just an ear to listen to, when I needed one. We shared 43 years of friendship and I was so lucky to have a friend who was more like a sister I never had. Rest In Peace my beautiful friend and enjoy in heaven all the things that were dear to you on this earth. And to Edziu, Melisa, Diane and Pani Magdzia I wish you to reach a point where when looking at Teresa's photos, there will be no pain or sadness, only smile.  
With love  
Ewa

**Ewa Jancewicz** - December 06, 2020 at 10:40 AM

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“ Serdeczne wyrazy współczucia dla całej Rodziny, a dla zawsze uśmiechniętej i serdecznej Teresy wieczny odpoczynek racz jej dać Panie niech odpoczywa w pokoju wiecznym, Amen,  
Łączymy się Kochani z Wami całym sercem  
Andrzej i Kasia Lampert z dziećmi

**K.** - December 03, 2020 at 02:59 PM

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“ Teresa was truly a gift to all who had the good fortune of knowing her. Her beautiful smile, her kindness, her positive attitude, and her love for her family were qualities that made her so endearing and that I admired. I will miss hearing her beautiful voice, seeing her smiling face, and singing with her in the Berkshire Hills Chorus.

All My Love,  
Janie Pellish

**Jane Pellish** - December 03, 2020 at 07:25 AM

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“ You passed away so unexpectedly, Terenia.  
We will not forget about you ...  
We express our sympathy to everyone whom you and you have loved  
Urszula with her family from Poland



**Urszula** - December 02, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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“ Kelley DeLorenzo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Teresa M. Krzysztof.



**Kelley DeLorenzo** - December 02, 2020 at 11:26 AM

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“ Teresa shared her beautiful voice and generous heart with the Berkshire Hills Chorus for many years. Her love of music, her joyful manner and her devotion to her family inspired all of us. We are so grateful to have known Teresa and will miss her very much.

Janice, Berkshire Hills Chorus

**Janice Toran** - December 02, 2020 at 11:10 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Teresa M. Krzystof.



December 01, 2020 at 05:48 PM

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“ Berkshire Hills Chorus purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Teresa M. Krzystof.



**Berkshire Hills Chorus** - December 01, 2020 at 12:01 PM

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“ Your mom was such a lovely woman with a sweet voice whose light shone on everyone around her. She sang with me, encouraged me and invited me to go with her to our 1st Tuesday events. The joy Teresa brought to our lives will not be forgotten!  
Mary, Berkshire Hills Chorus.

**Mary Davis** - December 01, 2020 at 11:44 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**edward krzystof** - December 01, 2020 at 10:28 AM

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“ Dianna Schnopp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa M. Krzysztof



**Dianna Schnopp** - November 30, 2020 at 05:40 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



**Edward Krzysztof** - November 30, 2020 at 04:51 PM