



## Nyima Lee Ward

January 2, 1995 - May 29, 2024

Nyima Lee Ward of Ocala, Florida blew into this world on January 2, 1997 destined to live life his own way. He left it May 29, 2024 having lived fiercely, loved deeply and made memories with the kind of fervor that only a young man who never met a stranger could do.

Nyima was born in New York City. In Tibetan, Nyima means “the Sun.” There is no doubt that when he was born, he was the sun to parent’s Aaron Ward and Trish Goff’s whole system. He remained there throughout his life.

With family spread all over the world – New York to New Zealand, London to Florida – Nyima didn’t get to see everyone every day. He got to see everyone for long, meaningful periods. And that suited him just fine. It was deep, present connections he craved.

He was a boy of the world, traveling extensively, who grew into a man of the earth, falling in love with farming and animals and chasing his dreams from California to Florida.

It wouldn’t have been unheard of to find Nyima with a stray animal he’d saved on the side of the road or calling his mom to ask about animal care tips.

He loved the water, always choosing boots and jeans for a day on the boat,

and opted outside whenever he had the chance.

The only thing in life that matched his height was his love of friends and family, never missing an opportunity to tell his people he loved them or ensuring he had stayed in touch with his people.

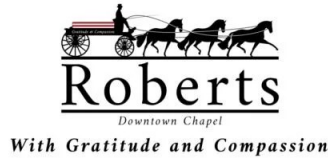
Memories of Nyima will carry forward in the hearts of his Dad Aaron Ward, Mom Trish Goff and David Bonnouvrier, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to be made in Nyima's memory to The Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation. [floridawildlifecorridor.org](http://floridawildlifecorridor.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Nyima Lee Ward*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - June 06, 2024 at 05:14 PM

JB

*I going to miss you bro you left too soon* 🕊️🕊️🕊️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Jonathan Bornemann - June 06, 2024 at 04:23 PM

SC

*Naima Lee Ward may you be carried safely on the Wings of the Albatross* 🙏

Sabina Chiquet - June 06, 2024 at 05:41 PM

MN

*Fly free dear Nyima ..rest in paradise ,all your Aotearoa family are with you in love xx*

Monde Norden - June 07, 2024 at 04:50 AM

CK

*I'll miss you always brother* ❤️

cole kwiatkowski - June 07, 2024 at 02:15 PM

JM

*I don't know any of you but I feel your pain. My deepest condolences to you and yours. May he rest in peace. The world has lost a beautiful soul.*

*Jane Missakian, Tucson AZ*

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**Jane G Missakian** - June 07, 2024 at 07:46 PM

SW

*We were so lucky to have Nyima our beautiful Grandson in our lives. He will always be with us in the sun, moon, stars. The rustle of the trees the birds and animals. Fly safely darling. Grandma & Grandpa* ❤️  
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**suzanne Ward** - June 07, 2024 at 08:03 PM

LB

*We are deeply saddened to hear of Niyimas passing. We meet him at BDBBeans and loved chatting with him when he came in the restaurant periodically. Such a great guy. Send love and prayers to family.*

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**Linda and him brown** - June 08, 2024 at 12:56 PM

VR

*May your beautiful memories, moments, and merry times remain in your* 💕 *heart*  
*spirit- family, friends,* 🕊️ *faith is everlasting -*  
*Resting in Peace* ☮️

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**Veronica R** - June 08, 2024 at 08:40 PM

VR

*Your Love* 💕 *memories, will always remain*  
*Stay Strong* 💪

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**Veronica R** - June 08, 2024 at 08:42 PM

ST

*Praying for his Family members during this difficult time, may he rest in heavenly peace.*

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**Steven Taylor** - June 09, 2024 at 02:53 PM

RP

*Praying for comfort and peace for your family. We have three sons who are our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Blessings.*

**Rhonda Potter** - June 09, 2024 at 04:13 PM

JC

*We are all going to miss your laughter and smile. May you fly high. You left this world way to soon,*

**Jodie Marie Clarke** - June 10, 2024 at 01:48 AM

DH

*Nyima, life was short for you. You were a breath of fresh air to my soul when I first met you. Your kindness, bright smile and energy was sunlight to all who met you.*

*Your bright sunlight grabbed my heart the moment I met you. Your light will continue to shine in all the hearts of those that you have given the pleasure of great memories to treasure your presence.*

*You had a wholesome spirit; full of life with a love for nature and a quest for life's adventures. You had a free spirit and enjoyed life to the fullest.*

*Life doesn't seem fair that you're gone now. But, I pray you are resting in God's eternal peace.*

*Your life on this earth has left a great impact of great memories upon your friends and family. And, you will be missed greatly. I pray for God's comfort and peace upon your friends and family as they grieve the great loss of your kind soul and spirit.*

*Rest in peace, we all love you and miss you.*

**Debra Holt** - June 13, 2024 at 11:55 PM

AK

*This is so sad. First Ivan Bart, then Stella Tennant, and now this!*

**Aidan Kemp** - January 17, 2025 at 11:54 PM

MA

*I was truly saddened to hear of Nyimas or as we knew him Nemo passing he was good friends with my son Matthew We all send our deepest condolences to his family I got a chance to talk to him when he got back to Florida but we never got to see him sadly Rest In Peace young man you will be missed*

Monique Allen - April 22, 2025 at 10:19 PM

RE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Rebekah - August 03, 2025 at 05:25 AM

BG

“ Barbara Griffin lit a candle in memory of Nyima Lee Ward



Barbara Griffin - January 21, 2025 at 01:58 PM

SW

“ I ran into Nemo in Queens on day and we started talking for a few minutes. A week later it was like we were best friends. He welcomed me into his life with open arms. There's are very few people in this world with the openness to love others and care, instead of ignore. When he moved to CA, I helped him pack up and he gave me a bunch of his stuff. Its a lot more than that now. He was a beautiful soul and I look forward to seeing my homie again 🙏  
Love you my dude

Steven Wagner - July 29, 2024 at 10:35 PM

LY

“ *A beautiful soul who was loved by many. He will be missed.*

Lyle - June 19, 2024 at 09:13 AM

RE

“ *Reggie lit a candle in memory of Nyima Lee Ward*



Reggie - June 08, 2024 at 11:52 AM

AC

“ *Such a special light sending so much love to all of you.*

amber clapp - June 07, 2024 at 08:18 PM

CB

“ *Dear Aaron ,Trish ,and Ward Family .  
Like yours, our hearts are Broken for you All .  
No words can take this pain away for you ,  
Hope in time your memories will help you through  
This heartache .  
Condolences and our Love to you all ,  
With love Carol ,Paul and Melissa xx 🙏❤️🕊️🕊️*

*Rest in Love Nyima*

*Flyhigh and Safe .*

*Your star will shine up above us forever 🕊️🕊️*

CAROL BEECHEY - June 06, 2024 at 08:57 PM

SM

“ 1 file added to the album nyima lee ward



Saïf Mahdhi - June 06, 2024 at 04:36 PM

MN

“ Dear Az's , I am so sorry for your loss , Nyima was the most free spirited adorable beautiful child , i didn't know him in his adult years but he always had a place in my heart . My heart goes out to Trish , Sue, Noel , Daryl and Deb and of course you Az's , i am heartbroken for you . Much Aroha Monde XXXX

Monde Norden - June 06, 2024 at 01:09 AM

MN

“ 11 files added to the album nyima lee ward



Monde Norden - June 06, 2024 at 12:57 AM

SH

Thank you for sharing these beautiful pictures of beloved Nyima

SHALOM HARLOW - June 06, 2024 at 10:22 AM

MS

*Thinking of you Aaron and Trish at this heartbreaking time. He was a gorgeous boy. Love from Guss and family in New Zealand*

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**Michele Sutherland** - June 07, 2024 at 12:37 AM

PA

*Such sad news of Nyima dying so young. We knew him from PS234 elementary school in TriBeCa. I will always remember him as the being the kind and sweet child who took it upon himself at a birthday party to teach my son to ice skate at Chelsea Piers. Pam, Alec's Mom.*

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**Pam** - June 10, 2024 at 11:26 AM