



Sumiko Kwas

September 1, 1930 - September 28, 2021

Sumiko (Osaki) Kwas, age 91, of Godfrey, Illinois, died at 6:40 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at Alton Memorial Hospital. She died peacefully a few days after a sudden cardiac event.

Born in Choshi in Chiba prefecture in Japan on September 1, 1930 to Shotaro and Chiyo (Tennebe) Osaki.

She married Frank Kwas in October 1951, who preceded her in death in June 1988. She was a busy homemaker and excellent cook. Besides her talent for preparing wonderful traditional cuisines, she was celebrated for her Japanese cooking and famous for her almond poundcake. She was wise counsel to her family and great family historian of Japanese history and culture.

Surviving are her children Charles Kwas of Bethalto, John (Paula) Kwas of Brighton, Frank (Kim) Kwas of Oxford, Mississippi, and Carol (David) Gentry of Godfrey; seven grandchildren: Andrea Schwartz, Brad (Destiny) Kwas, Robert (Amanda) Kwas, Kevin (Emily) Kwas, Vincent Kwas, Amy Kwas, Sarah Kwas; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Kimi Tanaka, of Choshi, Japan.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law Lori Kwas and three brothers.

Private funeral services will be held at a future date.

Gent Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

An online guestbook and information are available on gentfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Sumiko Kwas

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Sumiko Kwas

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Sue (“Obachan”) was such a SWEETHEART!! I know how much her presence will be missed!! I remember her warmth and how her face would light up when she saw her grandchildren. My love and condolences to All of her family. ❤️



Sharon Hyink - October 02, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ Dear Carol and David,
So very sorry for your loss. We remember her coming to one of our 4th of July celebrations. Sumiko presented us with a Doll (cannot remember the name) because we welcomed her to our home but it such a prevledge to have her! Sumiko’s journey is complete in this life!
Love, Dennis and Rollie

Dennis and Roselee Antolik - September 30, 2021 at 07:44 PM

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*Dear Carol and David,
So very sorry for your loss and know this will leave a hole in your heart.
She has blessed you with so many beautiful memories for you to hold
in your heart. Prayers for you and your family.
Sherrill and John Sabo*

Sherrill Sabo - September 30, 2021 at 07:50 PM