

Mutsuko Murakami was born on October 8, 1936, the daughter of Kazuki and Satsuko Murakami in Osaka Japan. She was raised and educated in Japan.

On February 10, 1964, she was united in marriage to Clem Calhoun Jr. in Japan. Following their marriage they were stationed at several bases before moving to Minot Air Force Base. Mutsuko was a very devoted and loving spouse. Clem died March 29, 1999.

She enjoyed baking, cooking, crocheting, knitting, fishing, and entertaining large groups of family and friends.

Mutsuko is survived by: Her sons Jimmy Calhoun, of Minot, ND, Tommy Calhoun, of Seguin, TX, and Paul, (Fiancée-Nicole) Calhoun, of Bismarck, ND; daughter Susan (Jim) Overmeyer, of Minot, ND; five grandchildren: Mikey Calhoun, Christopher Bachar, Harriett Ruth Overmeyer, Kiyoko Faye Gerjets, and Kenji Jake Gerjets, and her three brothers currently living in Japan. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Mutsuko was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Clem.



How swiftly the days pass! It makes us realize how few years we have left. Friends enjoy the cherry blossoms together on spring mornings, and then they are gone, carried away like the blossoms by the winds of impermanence, leaving nothing but their names. Although the blossoms have scattered, the cherry trees will bloom again with the coming of spring, but when will those people be reborn? The companions with whom we composed poems praising the moon on autumn evenings have vanished with the moon behind shifting clouds. Only their mute images remain in our hearts. Though the moon has set behind the western mountains, we will compose poetry under it again next autumn. But where are our companions who have passed away?

(Letter to Niike, WND P. 1027)



In Loving Memory
of
Mutsuko Calhoun
October 8, 1936, Osaka, Japan
July 24, 2008, Minot, ND

Funeral Service
Monday, July 28, 2008 at 10:30 AM
Thompson-Larson Funeral Chapel,
Minot

Officiant
Verna Leigh

Music
Kabuki and Other Traditional Music

Active Bearers
Mutsuko's Family will serve as casket bearers

Final Resting Place
Rosehill Memorial Park, Minot

Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to drive with both headlights and hazard lights ON. Once at the cemetery, double park and follow the family graveside for final prayers.

The Calhoun family would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to them during this difficult time. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. May God bless the memory of Mutsuko.

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot