



Mutsumi Spencer

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Mutsumi Spencer, much loved by family and friends, passed away peacefully at her home in Lakewood Washington, on April 11, 2023 at the age of 95.

Mutsumi, the eldest of nine children, was born in Tokyo, Japan to Tsuchiya and Hana Irie on January 16, 1928. Mutsumi came to America after her marriage to William Spencer, an American soldier stationed in Tokyo, Japan, in 1953.

Mutsumi traveled to the United States, Germany, and Okinawa before settling down in the state of Washington. She was preceded in death by her husband, William, her daughter, Carolyn Ryan-Clark brother Michinobu Irie and sister Terumi Irie. Her surviving relatives include her sons, William Jr, Andrew (Anna), and Roy and her siblings, Mikazu, Tomie, Mitoshi, Yoko, Nobuyuki, and Nobumasa, of Japan. Grandchildren Sarah, Wilfred, Jason (Shannon), Daniel, Wendy (Jeff), and Lacey (William) Alden, and Great Grandchildren Samuel, Tabitha, Madison, Spencer, Jessica, Garrett, Gabriel and Great great grandchild Kieran.

Mutsumi was actively involved in volunteer services for many years working with her dearest friends at the (Japanese Womens Association?). She performed traditional Japanese dance with friends and family. She was a kind and caring person who never failed to recognize the good in others.


A service will be held later in May for family and friends.





Events

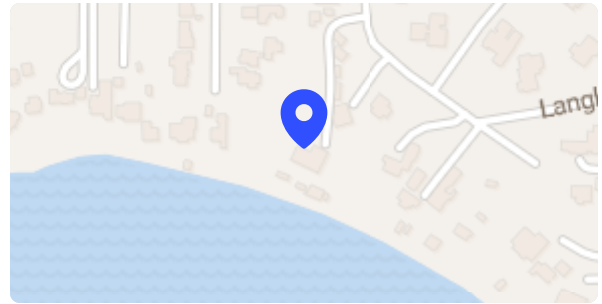
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Celebration of Life

 **Thursday**, May 25, 2023

 2:00 PM PT

 **Lakeside Country Club**
21 Lakeside Country Club SW, Lakewood WA
98498





Tribute Wall

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LM

Lorraine Millay posted:

I am very saddened to hear of your mother's passing. Mrs. Spencer was one of the most kindest and loving ladies I have ever met. She and my mother, Michiko "Miki" Millay, were very good friends and spent a lot of time together. She touched many lives with her kindness and beautiful smile. I am blessed to have known your wonderful mother. My condolences to all of you. Lorraine Millay

June 2 at 4:50 PM

DM

Doris Fujioka McConnell posted:

Mrs. Spencer was a close friend of my mother, Irene Fujioka. I believe they met when our families lived in Okinawa. At the time, my Dad was doing a tour in Vietnam and we lived in Okinawa. I think most of the kids in both families were under the age of 13, I can't imagine the work those two moms did keeping track of the family as their husbands moved them around the world. Between both families, there were lots of kids to play with in that little neighborhood. Even as the oldest sibling, I do not know the extend of my parent's friendship with the Spencers at that time, but the two mothers kept in touch after we moved away. Eventually, both families retired in Lakewood, blocks from each other and they reconnected, as did their kids...as much reconnecting as can be done between a houseful of girls (us) and except for Carolyn, the rest of her kids were boys. I know from talking to my sisters that we love Mutsumi. We were all extremely sad to hear of her death, but she was fortunate to have lived a very long life and to know her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her first great grandchild. Rest In Peace.

May 25 at 8:17 AM

MM

Mark Micone posted:

Dear Spencer Family Your mother was a caring and gentle lady and left a great heritage of life for her family. The Lord bless you and keep you and make his face shine upon you and give you peace. Micone family

May 15 at 2:08 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mutsumi by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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