



Toyoko Imakura Laney

February 15, 1934 - December 18, 2018

Toyoko Imakura Laney, fondly known as “Rose”, 84, passed away peacefully with family at her side, in her daughter Diane’s home in Olympia, Washington, on December 18, 2018. Toyoko was born in Tokushima, Japan, on February 15, 1934. She was a longtime resident of Tacoma, Washington. She was a general contractor and started Laney Construction, one of the first female owned construction companies in Tacoma. Laney Construction specialized in both residential and commercial construction. Later she started a second business selling satellite dishes with the technology to bring Japanese television to Japanese American viewers. She enjoyed flower arranging, gardening, and many traditional Japanese arts. She performed Japanese opera in kimono and sung with groups in Tacoma. She practiced a form of traditional calligraphy called shuji. She had a deep appreciation of the beauty of the natural world and enjoyed making art of all kinds. She was known for her warm, infectious smile. Toyoko was preceded in death by her parents Shouichi and Teruko Imakura and by her husband J.W. Laney, Jr. She is survived by her daughters Mieko Laney Cronk, Diane Laney Guthmann, and Doris Aiko Laney; grandchildren Chrissy Cronk-Hively, Becky Cronk Boman, Justin Cronk, Brianna Cronk Campbell, and Brian Guthmann; and great grandchildren Alyssa Williams Blackford, Logan Boman, Alexander Boman, Adelynn Cronk, Willem Cronk, and Mikala Nelson. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association at alz.org.

Cemetery

Mountain View Memorial Park

4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW

Lakewood, WA, 98499

Comments



“ Toyoko "Rose" is such a beautiful lady - inside and out. She leaves a loving legacy behind for her family! Heaven gained a beautiful angel. Lots of love to her family! She will definitely be missed so very much but have comfort in all the beautiful memories she left with you all!

Joe and Cathy Marpasert - December 24, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ Dearest Cathy and Joe, thank you for your wonderful support, helping me through my mom's different moves, and being there for me then and now. With love, Diane

Diane Guthmann - December 29, 2018 at 01:29 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Toyoko Imakura Laney.



December 23, 2018 at 10:25 PM