



Yoriko Miller

March 21, 1948 - July 23, 2023

Yoriko Miller, 75 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away at her home on Sunday, July 23, 2023, surrounded and loved by her family.

Born Sunday, March 21, 1948 in Fukuoka, Japan, Yoriko was one of six children born to the late Hideo and Miyako Kawabe.

Raised in Hakata, after graduating high school and working at Tamaya Department Store, Yoriko met and soon fell in love with Joseph Miller, a U.S. soldier who was stationed in Saitozaki at the time. The couple married at the American Consulate on November 27, 1967. Six months later the wedded couple moved to the Laurence Harbor section of Old Bridge where their first two children were born. They eventually settled in South Old Bridge where their third child was born.

Yoriko worked many years as a waitress at The Shiki restaurant in Middletown, one of the first hibachi restaurants in the area, before opening the Ichi-Raku Japanese restaurant in the Deep Run shopping Center in Old Bridge.

Yoriko was a member of the Tamarack Golf course where she enjoyed spending time with friends on the green. She was incredibly talented at sewing, knitting, crocheting and all forms of crafting. Nothing made her

happier than mending and making items for other people. Yoriko was an avid gardener; saving orchids, growing her own vegetables as well as tending to the landscaping surrounding her house. Additionally, she was an excellent cook and baker. Everyone looked forward to her sushi at family gatherings. She very much enjoyed monthly get-togethers with her best friends, bonding through homemade Japanese food and conversation. More than anything, Yoriko loved being the matriarch of her family and being such a large part of her children's and grandchildren's lives. Yoriko was a loving and caring woman who always put others first, an excellent role model and will be deeply missed by all those that love her.

Yoriko was predeceased by her parents and brother Kazuto Kawabe.

Yoriko is survived by her beloved husband, Joseph, by her loving children, Catherine Fisco and her husband Robert, Joseph Miller III and his wife Amber, and Gregory T Miller and his wife Anna, by her caring siblings in Japan, Akira Kawabe, Shinya Shibata, Hiroko Anai, and Fusayo Ohmaru, by her cherished grandchildren, Miyako, Naomi, Joseph, Brooke, Ryan, Dean, Ella, and Angus, and by her closest friends who were her support system.

The family will receive friends for a memorial gathering from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Yoriko Miller

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of your beautiful Mom and wife. My thoughts are with you all. Love Michele

Michele torre - July 28, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Yoriko Miller.

July 28, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.



July 28, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.



July 28, 2023 at 03:15 PM



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Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - July 28, 2023 at 09:28 AM



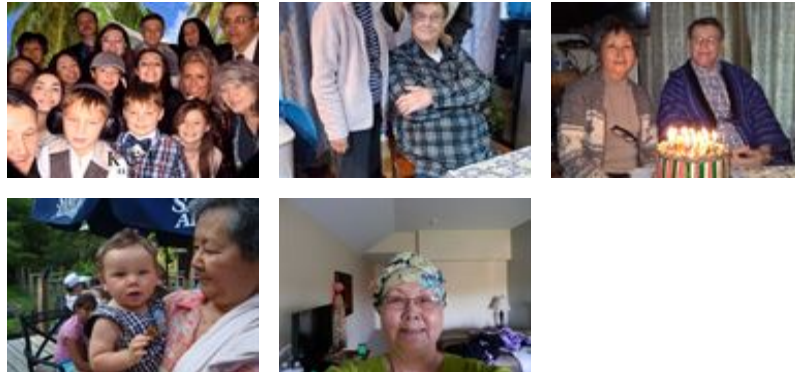
“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.



July 27, 2023 at 07:37 PM



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Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - July 27, 2023 at 05:57 PM



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July 27, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.



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“ Phil and I met Yoriko 24 years ago and immediately found her to be polite, good natured and so kind that Phil remarked to her jokingly that she would make a good Canadian! Everytime we visited Old Bridge, Yoriko would see to it that she would give Lorna a gift of some kind, for example crystal or ceramic pieces, purse, and clothing items. Yoriko not only was an excellent cook, gardener, she also sewed and helped me out several times. She was so family oriented and her nature was to give and share. Yoriko Miller was a beautiful person inside and out! After talking with son-in-law Joe, it was nice to know that she passed peacefully with family by her side. Yoriko called the shots "enough of this" "its time to go! What a strong woman. Our deepest sympathy to all the family and especially the relatives who came from Japan including our friend, Chikako Omaru Regards, Phil, Lorna and Hayden family members.

Lorna Hayden - July 26, 2023 at 04:29 PM



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July 26, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.



July 26, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.



July 26, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.



July 26, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.*



July 26, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.*



July 25, 2023 at 10:25 PM



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July 25, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ *R.I.P Yoriko, A kind friendly lovable lady, wife, mother who always wore a smile and friendly. My sincere condolences to all the Miller family and my police brother Joe Sr, Joe Jr and Greg.*

Retired Captain Jeffrey W Robbinss - July 25, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.*



July 25, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.*



July 25, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Yoriko Miller.*



July 25, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *I remember when Yoriko came to the US....i thought she was the prettiest person & was so happy for Joe.....my prayers to out to the family for strength at this time.....(cousin, Gladys Louise)*

gladys krasse - July 25, 2023 at 08:21 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences for the passing of such a remarkable, beautiful and strong soul. Thoughts and prayers for Joe, her children and grandchildren.*



Suzanne McNamara - July 24, 2023 at 10:27 PM

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“ *Such a warm caring woman*

Bob Bonfante Sr - July 24, 2023 at 10:00 PM