



Eiko Yamazaki Patterson

May 8, 1930 - January 16, 2018

Eiko Yamazaki Patterson, 87, previously of West Columbia, SC passed away peacefully in the presence of her family January 16, 2018 after a 10+ year battle with vascular dementia/Alzheimer's disease. She is survived by her daughter, Kim Patterson Kelly and granddaughter, Ava Kelly.

Eiko was a native of Hokkaido, Japan. She first met her husband Thomas A. Patterson, who pre-deceased her in 2013, while he was stationed in Yokosuka, Japan with the U.S. Navy from 1961 to 1963. They were married in Fukuoka in 1966 when he returned to Japan and was stationed in nearby Sasebo. She courageously came to live in Long Beach, CA by herself while her husband served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Later she moved with her husband to his native state of North Carolina, had a daughter, then settled in West Columbia, South Carolina. They were married 47 years.

Eiko spent her life as a devoted wife and mother, always selflessly putting her husband and daughter first—her only indulgence being bowling, wherein she participated in many women leagues in the Columbia area.

She was the epitome of self-sacrifice and will be remembered for her gentle demeanor and being in constant motion/activity (often with a cleaning broom in hand!) prior to being stricken with her illness.

In lieu of flowers, condolences may be made via donation in Eiko's memory to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) or the American Heart Association (www.heart.org).

A memorial service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington,

D.C. where Eiko will be interred with her husband at a later date.

Tribute Wall

GD

“ Beautiful Lady Indeed! Kim, You definitely have her smile! Lots of great memories of you and Heather with our parents at all your ball games! Praying for you! Love Gretchen

Gretchen Dickinson - January 30, 2018 at 09:04 PM

CS

“ Dear Kimmy Sue and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. With love Steve, Cindy and Abby

cindy swann - January 20, 2018 at 04:49 PM

HL

“ I can still see your mom and my mom sitting on the bleachers at our softball games. She was always so nice to all the moms and girls. I remember her taking us to Burger King after the games and the Japanese movies and shows she would watch on tv or VHS tape. And who could forget her white station wagon! I know you miss her but I am glad you have so many great memories with her!

Heather Munn Little - January 19, 2018 at 10:22 AM

JJ

“ A beautiful mother, what a smile, and a daughter who looks so much like her. My condolences but also a reminder of the promise of Jesus; love on... John

John Jones - January 19, 2018 at 09:06 AM

DM

“ Our deepest condolences to Kim, Brian and Ava upon hearing of the death of your Mother/Grandmother.
God Bless, Dan & Terri McNeil



Dan McNeil - January 18, 2018 at 05:58 PM

CM

My condolences ❤️

Cy McNeil - January 18, 2018 at 06:39 PM

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“ Purple Rose with Carnations and Lilies (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Eiko Yamazaki Patterson.



January 18, 2018 at 05:36 PM