



Toshie Gordon

January 1, 1944 - December 8, 2010

Toshie Nakamura Gordon passed away on December 8, 2010. She was the third daughter of Goichi Nakamura and Setsuko Morifuji Nakamura and was born in Iwakuni, Japan in 1944.

While attending Hiroshima Shudo University, Toshie worked at the MCAS in Iwakuni, Japan until 1966. Toshie came to Oregon State University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1971.

It was here that Toshie met and married Richard A. Gordon in 1969. They had a son, Tei Allen Gordon (40) and a daughter, Kana Leigh Gordon (36), both born in Corvallis.

When the children were growing up, Toshie helped with children's activities while earning a Master of Arts degree from the University of Oregon.

Toshie taught Japanese Culture and Intercultural Communication courses at CVHS, LBCC, OSU and Willamette University. She completed her working career in 2009 at the Research Office at OSU. Toshie enjoyed scrapbooking, quilting and genealogy. During her last year she searched for her great grandfather's brother who had immigrated to Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1919 from Japan. She found numerous Brazilian family members and has been able to reconnect with their families. She also reconnected with the Tanaka branch of the family in Hawaii. Her son and daughter, Tei and Kana, will continue the genealogy research.

Toshie had planned to visit the Brazilian relatives that she located. Toshie has left this for her husband, son and daughter to do to reunite the Nakamura's

and their descendants.

Toshie was preceded in death by her grandfather, Tamezou Nakamura, her father Goichi Nakamura, and two sisters, Fumie and Tsunae.

Survivors include her mother Setsuko Nakamura of Iwakuni, Japan, her husband of 41 years, Richard Gordon of Corvallis, her son and daughter, Tei and Kana, both of Tokyo, her brother Hisao Nakamura, and her sisters Kazue Sagawa, Tamie Matsumura, Sayoko Kajikawa and Naoko Araya. Her brothers and sisters live in Iwakuni and Hiroshima, Japan. Memorial contributions are suggested for the Benton County Foundation in the Name of Richard and Toshie Gordon or a contribution to the City of Corvallis Parks and Recreation department for installing a bench and name plate in the memory of Toshie Gordon.

A visitation will be held from 3 – 7 pm, Tuesday, December 14th; a Funeral Service will held at 3:00 pm, Wednesday December 15th, both at McHenry Funeral Home. Private interment at Oak Lawn Memorial Park.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *With deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

Cepolk Corporation - December 17, 2010 at 03:43 PM

JD

“ *Hello,
I regret having met Ms. Gordon but once, when she came to visit Kana at the school where she and I were working back then. At the same time, however, I am very grateful and honored that I had the chance to meet her at least once.
I would like to offer my deepest condolences to her family and friends.
David Jackson*

Jackson, David - December 14, 2010 at 10:35 AM

MS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Although I've met Toshie for only a few times, she always impressed me with her upbeat, positive attitude. I especially enjoyed listening to her genealogy quest into the Brazilian soil.*

Midori Stock - December 13, 2010 at 10:30 PM

MD

“ I was so sorry to read about Toshie's passing, and I would like to send my deepest sympathies to her family. I so enjoyed my time working with Toshie when we did joint projects between TIUA ESL and WU Japanese language classes as well as conference presentations in the 1990s.

Although I was not in touch with Toshie in recent years, I often thought of her fondly. What a wonderful creative spirit she was!! I am so glad to have had the chance to get to know and collaborate with her.

MaryJane Danan - December 13, 2010 at 01:23 PM