



Cathy Yolanda MacKeller

July 12, 1926 - November 15, 2021

Cathy Y. MacKeller, 95 of Kalkaska passed away peacefully at home on Monday, November 15, 2021, with her family by her side.

Cathy was born Yoshiko Fujiwara on July 12, 1926, in Hyogo-ken, Japan to the late, Hideo and Taki Fujiwara.

Cathy married James C. MacKeller on March 4, 1949. They were married 61 years. He preceded her in passing on October 20, 2010.

She loved to travel, crochet, knit afghans, and make Japanese food. Cathy especially loved to spend time with her family.

Cathy is survived by her children, Leo (Tami) MacKeller, Suzanne (Gary) Adler, Edmund (Kimberly Tadlock) MacKeller, and Cindy (Tom) Ooley; six grandchildren, Eileen, Heather, Shawn, Aaron, Renee' and Nathan; seven great-grandchildren, Victoria, Kira, Braedyn, Adam, Emery, Aspen, and Evangeline; two sisters, Katsumi Nishiyori, and Michiko Naito.

She is preceded in passing by three siblings, one brother and two sisters.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Kim Hough will officiate.

Interment will follow in Lodi Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Cemetery Details

Lodi Cemetery

Orange Twp. , MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home
106 S. Cherry
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-5121
<https://www.wolfeoneill.com/>

Service

NOV **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cathy Yolanda MacKeller*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Cathy Yolanda MacKeller*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *With Love- from your MDHHS family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKeller.*



With Love- from your MDHHS family - November 19, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of Cathy's passing. She was a very loving and sweet lady. She was always a joy to visit with, I remember seeing her at many craft shows with all of her beautiful crocheted items. I remember purchasing some of them for gifts, and some for myself. Many times Jim would be there by her side. A very loving and caring couple. My prayers are with the MacKellar family. Rest in peace Cathy.*

Patty Rodgers

Patty Rodgers - November 18, 2021 at 12:07 PM

TG

“ Thomas Simpson Rebecca Greene purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKeller.



Thomas Simpson Rebecca Greene - November 18, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKeller.



November 17, 2021 at 09:36 PM

DY

“ Warm and wonderful memories of spending time with Cathy MacKeller and the MacKeller family under the Rose Garden Villas Tiki Hut in Cape Coral, Florida, enjoying the weather, the company and the lively conversations whenever she came to visit. I was the lucky benefactor receiving multiple crocheted pot scrubbers from Cathy. She even crocheted me a couple extra - black ones, after learning I had a black kitchen! I use them religiously and think of her each time I use them.

It was endearing to witness such a close family, enjoying each other's company, loving one another while I devoured Leo's delicious cooking! I treasure the times I have spent with the MacKeller clan in Florida. It was heart warming seeing how much you all loved your mom and took such great care of her! Your dedication did not go unnoticed.

Love your 🇨🇦 friend
Doreen Young

Doreen Young - November 17, 2021 at 07:30 PM

AB

“ I've been blessed with knowing the MacKeller family for most of my life. My Mama Toshi Bonney was one of Cathy's Japanese friends along with our dear friend Hide Waltz who also was Japanese. I met Edmund when we were just little boys we grew up together and had some awesome times together. I just wanted to tell the family that I'm so sorry for your loss and how grateful I am to have known your Mama and you all as a family. Stay strong lean on each other there is comfort in family. God bless 💕

Albert Bonney - November 17, 2021 at 06:04 PM

DM

“ What does one say about a 'Wonderful Person' that helped raise you.

Here is a 'Loving' person that loved so much, her love of her life Uncle Jim MacKeller. That she moved 1/2 way around the world to start a new life with her son Leo.

Coming to American, having to learn a new 'Language' and of course a whole new lifestyle with our American Culture.

I can only imagine how hard it was. But her Love for Uncle Jim pulled her to a new life.

As my family (Ruth and John MacKeller) would come a visit with our 6 kids, running around the house. I can always see Aunt Cathy with a smile, happy we were all there.

From the times of the early 60's TV where as we ran around the inside of the house the Rabbit Ears would fall down. And you could hear (Aunt Cathy) say slow down with her 'Beautiful Japanese Accent'. And then Uncle Jim and my dad said "stand there and hold the 'Rabbit Ears' now" until we got the station to come back on the TV.

Then I had the great honor to come and live with Aunt Cathy and Uncle Jim during the summers to Prune Christmas Trees when I was 13 and 14 years old. I was one of the family, helped with chores and learned a little of Aunt Cathy's lifestyle from Japan. We would sit, talk and she showed pictures for her Home town in Japan. (Of course I wish I had talked more).

As the years went bye and she would go to Japan for a visit and then come back to Kalkaska. Again I would find myself wanting to sit and talk with her as she would show me the pictures. How excited she was to talk about her trip and being with her family in Japan. And of course how she would love to show off America to her family from Japan when they would come a visit.

Then as we all got older..

You could see her face as she would smile, when her kids would grow up and get married. How proud she was of all of you. Then grandkids would be there to show their love to her.

Aunt Cathy you was and still are a very special person in my heart. When I lost my wife (Charlene) you would come and sit with me again and talk to me, with the big heart that you had. With the lost of your husband (Uncle Jim) just a few years earlier. You would say "I know how hard this is but you will be OK".

I could go on.

Now I have tears in my eyes.

Time to say, "I Love You and Miss You".

Your Nephew David L. MacKellar 'Mack'

David L MacKellar - November 17, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKellar.*



November 17, 2021 at 04:24 PM



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November 17, 2021 at 04:06 PM

TC

“ *The Cindrich’s purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKeller.*



The Cindrich’s - November 17, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKeller.*



November 17, 2021 at 12:55 PM

DF

“ *Dale and Gail Freeman purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKeller.*



Dale and Gail Freeman - November 17, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKeller.*



November 17, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKeller.*



November 17, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKeller.*



November 17, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ *We had a wonderful day last Saturday at Aunt Cindy's house. Grandma woke up early around 7 am. We had toast and cereal and then she insisted on washing the dishes herself. We chatted at the kitchen table until around 1 pm and even though she was tired she didn't want to nap. I told her I was tired and needed a nap, and that was the game changer. She always thought of others first and if I needed a nap we could nap.*



Renee MacKeller Sheffer - November 17, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Cathy Yolanda MacKeller.*



November 16, 2021 at 05:59 PM