



Kazuko Yamamoto Tu

August 16, 1927 - December 16, 2012

Kazuko Yamamoto Tu, of Fort Collins, age 85 passed away on December 16, 2012. Kaz was born August 16, 1927 in Hanford, California to Fujitaro and Mitsuye Yamamoto. The Yamamoto family prospered running a laundromat and restaurants in the San Joaquin Valley of California until World War II disrupted their lives. Kaz spent her high school years behind barbed wire in internment camps in Fresno, California May 1942, Jerome, AR 1942-1944 and Rohwer, AR 1944-45. She graduated from Rohwer Center High School in 1945. Following the war she graduated from the University of California-Berkeley in 1950 with a degree in Public Health. She worked as a Medical Technologist at Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City, CA for 11 years. In 1957, she married Anthony T. Tu in San Mateo, CA. The Tu family moved to Fort Collins in 1967. She was an active member of the Toastmistress Club in Fort Collins and was active in local politics. She also served as a personal ambassador to help school children understand what she said was a terrible mistake the U.S. Government made when it detained Japanese-Americans during World War II due to fear and mistrust. She loved to read books, travel and be with her family. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, and will be deeply missed. Kaz Tu is survived by her husband, Anthony T. Tu professor emeritus of Biochemistry at Colorado State University; her five children, Marcia Tu Bernstein Scott of New York, NY, Janice Garbarini Stephen of Boulder, CO, Caroline Tu Farley Shedden of Fort Collins, CO, Kenneth Tu of Denver, CO. and Alan Tu Evelyn of Princeton, NJ; and four

grandchildren: Grace Farley, Logan and Brooke Garbarini and Nicole Bernstein. She also is survived by her brothers, Aki Yamamoto Los Altos, CA, Bill Yamamoto and Hisashi Yamamoto Redwood City, CA. A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 22, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Bohlander Funeral Chapel. A spring memorial service will be held at Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto, CA. for her many friends and family there. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Japanese American National Museum or Mile Hi chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League in care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Dear Janice, I've lately been thinking of you and have tried on line to find you. Then, I read your mother's obituary. I'm so sorry for your loss. She must've been a remarkable woman. I'm hopeful that you'll be inclined to respond to my email. All my best, Connie

Connie Rothermel - June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We miss you very much. You were a good mother, mother-in-law and grandma.

Shedd, Caroline and Grace Farley - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Dear Tony, Caroline and family, please accept my heartfelt condolences upon your loss. I recall Kaz' gentle and quiet voice, and her pleasure in family gatherings. I appreciated her steadiness, kindness and commitment which I know best through Caroline. I particularly recall Aunt Linda's and her interactions and caring, at a couple of events, and Kaz' appreciation of Venetian fish soup! : May you know the consoling love and presence of one another today, and in the days to come. Family members can be precious gifts to one another. Kaz and you have been blessings to us. Thank you!

Ann Farley Rolle' - January 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ Dear Alan, My thoughts are with you and your family at this sad time. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Howard Pitkow - December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. She sounds like a wonderful and interesting woman. Take care - Pam and Jon Skeels co-workers of Ken

Jon and Pam Skeels - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ Lear Caroline, Along with the rest of the Uba family, our deepest sadness and sincere condolences to your entire families on the loss of your loving mother and cherished family head! Please give my regards to Shedd, Grace, Marcia, Janice, Kenny, Alan and other immediate members of your family! Obviously, your mother lived a full life and challenged obstacles with the grace, confidence and understanding reflected in more than one lifetime. I wish you all the comforts of knowing that the tapistry of many communities, friend and family will continue to cherish the fine memories she forged and defined for others to follow! Peace, Love, Prayer and Hope! - Ron Uba

Ron Uba - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Tony and Family; We wish you peace at this time as we all remember Kas and the wonderful woman that she was. Fondly, Jan and Gary Hess

Jan and Gary Hess - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Alan; We will always remember your mother for her very warm ways and her many kind deeds. Love, Jan and Gary

Jan and Gary Hess - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Deepest condolences to the whole family. She will be missed by us whose lives she touched.*

Massimo Rolle - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *I was deeply saddened by the news about the death of Kazuko Tu. She was always such a kind person, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Michala Rolle - December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Dear Tony, We are saddened to hear about the passing of your beloved wife. Her warm smiles and many many humorous talks will forever stay in our memory.*

Li-Ching and Yi-Show Tsai - December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *Ken, our Deepest Condolences with Prayers, are with You and Your Family with the passing of Your Beloved Mother. Evelyn Gross and Family*

Evelyn Gross - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *I'm very sorry for your loss. Alan, my thoughts are with you and your family.*

Shai Ben-Yaacov - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ I first met Kaz in 1961 on a street in Washington DC where she was sitting in her car with Tony and the kids as I interviewed Tony for a job at Utah State University. Not a usual place for an interview! They joined us there and our families enjoyed the time together. I remember Kaz all bundled up skating on the ice in frozen Cache valley.

Frank Stermitz - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ Dear Alan, My sincere condolences. No one can replace "mom" but the memories are what will keep her alive. - Fran

Fran Orodeckis - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Ken, so sorry to hear that your mother had passed. My deepest condolences to you and your family. My thoughts are with you during this sad time.

Mark Martin - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Dear Alan, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Hillary

Hillary Baker - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Dear Alan, So very sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother will always be with you in spirit.

Trudi Brown - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Alan my condoleces on the passing of your mother.May GOD bless and keep you and your family. Paris

Paris Johndson - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Caroline, Shedd and Grace, I was very saddened to learn of the passing of your Mother, Inlaw and Grandmother. I hope that your memories of her will bring you comfort and give you strength in the days ahead. My Deepest Sympathy to the Farley and Tu Families at this spiritual time. Richard Hamai

Richard Hamai - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Caroline, My sincere prayers to you and your familiy at this difficult time.

Gayl & Jamie Tsutsui - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ I send my sympathy to the family. I remember talking with Mrs. Tu about some of her travel adventures, including one where she was the driver and everyone else was asleep in the car! She was kind enough to loan me some items for a display I put up in my library that celebrated Asian heritage. She is going to be missed by more than her family.

Naomi Lederer - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Sorry for your families loss. I recall her smile and positive attitude she brought to this world and her sharing her time in the internment camps, she is an amazing person who brought up her kids to become great people, her lagacy lives on throught her children.

Alan Connelly - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Kazuko was a warm, friendly soul with a beautiful smile. Please accept Will and my condolences for the loss of a wonderful monther. It was fortunate to get to see her recently in her home. Take care and focus on all of her wonderful memories.

Dennis Spencer - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Ken Tu, my friend: My condolences to you and your family; I wish I could have known your mother, and I wish you the comfort of fond memories during this time of loss.

Tom McClure - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ I remember well her kindness and hospitality during my visits to Fort Collins. Recently I saw "Allegiance" the musical, and I wish I could learn from her about her internment experience. May she rest in peace.

Charles Tu - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Dear Aunt Kazu, How well I remember your kindness & warmth, from your very first visit with the children to Charles & me in New Haven, to our visits with you & your family in Fort Collins, to the time you spent with me in La Jolla while Uncle Tony was at meetings. Our condolences to your family, & love for the time that you spent with us. With love,

Linda Tu - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ It has been a pleasure and an honor to know Kazuko Tu and her family. My fondest thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Carol Strini - December 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM