



Smith, (Hiroko) Matsuura

February 10, 2012

Smith, Nancy (Hiroko) Matsuura, age 80, of Susan Street, New Martinsville, WV, received the ultimate healing when she went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 10, 2012.

Nancy was born in Osaka, Japan on December 5, 1931 to the late Hansaburo and Koto Kimura Matsuura.

She was a graduate of the Hamada School and Tengachaya School in Osaka City.

In 1949, Nancy met US Army Staff Sgt, Arnold "Jiggs" Smith, whom she married in 1950.

After the birth of their first child, June, the couple boarded the Navy ship, the USS Patrick, leaving Japan and destined to San Francisco and later, West Virginia.

In her early years, Nancy obtained her naturalized American Citizenship status.

Nancy was a "giver"- many of her endless friends and acquaintances were recipients of her homemade pies and potato salad. She believed that it was truly greater to give than to receive.

In addition to her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold in 1999.

Survivors include her daughter and caregiver during her brief bout with cancer, June (Ronald) Goddard of Proctor, WV; two sons, Jimmy (Suzette) Smith of Youngsville, NC and Robert (Diana) Smith of Proctor, WV.

After the death of her husband, Arnold, Nancy was blessed by "MB" Melvin Brookover, whom she considered her best friend. Melvin made the last weeks of Nancy's life as comfortable as he could by providing love, care and encouragement.

Also surviving are Nancy's most precious grandchildren, Jason (Michelle) Goddard of Franklin, TN, Chad (Carissa) Goddard of Matthews, NC, Jordan Goddard of Proctor, Jamie (Kara) Smith, Shelly (Kirk) Palmer, and Heather Guffery all of PA, Terry Smith of Massillon, OH and Kelly (Jordan) Jenkins of FL.; great grandchildren, Cayden, Ashley, Bindy, Camden, James, Emalynn, Abby, Nathan, Corbin, Stella Grace, and Ryan who will arrive in the spring.; three brothers, Takeshi, Yukio, and Sigeo Matsuura all of Hyogo, Japan and numerous other relatives in Hyogo and Osaka, Japan.

Nancy was a Christian by faith.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 11 until 1pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville with a celebration of life by Rev. David Snyder at 1pm

Interment in Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville, WV.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Dear Don & Vivian, thank you so much. Mom loved her chemo family which included you and Don. As you know, mom fought valiantly, having completed 10 chemo treatments. I had prayed for a healing here but God chose to heal her on the other side...however, I am thankful she experienced minimal pain. I will continue to keep Don in prayer as he is continues the battle. love, June

June Smith Goddard - March 02, 2012 at 04:44 PM

JS

“ Thank you. I know that Mom always thought highly of you—as did Dad. Jim & Suzette

Jim & Suzette - February 21, 2012 at 10:28 PM

AM

“ I'm very sorry for your loss of your loved one. I thought this scripture might be comforting in this time. John 5:28,29

Amy Meko - February 20, 2012 at 04:28 PM

FG

“ I ran into Nancy down at Parkersburg one day and Roderick was only about 8. I will always remember what he said about her afterword. Who was that lady that was smiling and laughing. When we told him that she was his grandma's best friend, he replied, "that's why she smiled and laughed, she was just like grandma! Our prayers are for you kids, keep God in your lives as he can comfort. Love, Fred Sue and the boys.

Fred & Sue Goddard - February 13, 2012 at 06:05 PM

DL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Smith family and to "MB". Dana and Debbie LuskMilton WV

Dana & Debbie Lusk - February 13, 2012 at 05:58 PM

LD

“ June our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Praying God will send down his peace to help you and your family make it through the next few months. So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and Love. Larry & Susie

Larry & Susie Dent - February 13, 2012 at 05:44 PM

CR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy's family and friends.

Connie & Joe Rowland - February 13, 2012 at 05:07 PM

DT

“ Dear June and family. We were saddened to read of your mother's passing. She was so sweet to those around her at the Cancer Center. We are sorry that we are unable to be there in person but you have our heartfelt sympathy and prayers. God comfort you and keep you in His love, Don and Vivian Taylor

Don and Vivian Taylor - February 13, 2012 at 04:27 PM

ER

“ Nancy was our neighbor and friend, she was a loving and caring lady we lked her very much and will miss her she was always cheerful and made you feel better after just a short visit with herGod bless all her family, may he bring you peace and comfort as she was so proud of each and every one and loved talking about them

Ed & Hazel Rayburn - February 13, 2012 at 04:18 PM

CK

“ June, Jim and Bobby, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Candy and Bob

Candace Kosecki - February 13, 2012 at 03:10 PM

GL

“ Bubba, Diana, and family, We were so saddened to hear of the passing of your mother, Nancy. She always had time to stop to talk, with that beautiful smile on her face, wherever she saw you. It was obvious she loved her family. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Gary and Karen Lancaster - February 12, 2012 at 07:46 PM

RC

“ I am so sorry. I did love seeing Nancy in the local stores and hearing her stories...and visiting with her with my mother was in. She was a generous, loving, happy, sweet person. She always brightened my day.

Rosy Cozart - February 12, 2012 at 03:27 PM

PR

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy's family & freinds. Nancy held a special place in our hearts & she will be missed in our community. Please know that she was in our prayers at Limestone United Methodist Church.

Pastor Don rush - February 12, 2012 at 01:04 PM

LL

“ June, Jim, and Bob, so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a wonderful lady. I remember the good times on Maple Ave. May God comfort you and surround you with His love.

Lois Rush Lawrence - February 12, 2012 at 10:28 AM

JM

“ my thoughts are with all her family here and abroad.. memories:... She and Bobby(Bubba) were the first two people my Mom and I saw on my first day of grade school. She made us feel comfortable and made the day better. Now she is in the best place and is at peace with no pain.

Judy Mason - February 12, 2012 at 08:53 AM

II

“ June, Jimmy and Bobby, My heartfelt sympathies. Your mother was always so friendly. My she RIP. I will not be able to come on Tuesday and I am very sorry about that. May you all have the peace that she is in a better place. God Bless. Deaner

Iris Isaacs - February 12, 2012 at 12:47 AM

RD

“ We are so sorry to hear about Nancy's passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of remembrance.

Russell and Raechel Daniels - February 12, 2012 at 12:30 AM

WS

“ June, Jim, Bobby "Bubba" and to all Family, I send my love, and sincere sympathies,, my heart goes out to each one of you,..Nancy "SMILE" is what I remember when I would talk to her,she radiated with joy, happiness,we will very much miss you!Hugs

Willa Sargent - February 11, 2012 at 07:37 PM

LM

“ was so sorry to learn of nancy's death.my sympathies goes out to the family

lloyd miller - February 11, 2012 at 05:21 PM

TB

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Nancy was a beautiful & caring lady.

Tiffany & Jake Brookover - February 11, 2012 at 04:25 PM

LH

“ We send our sympathies to all of Nancy's family. She was a delightful lady, one we always enjoyed talking with. Such a lovely smile she shared with everybody! Embrace wonderful memories of a very, very special mother and grandmother. Much love to all.
Linda Hill

Linda Hill - February 11, 2012 at 03:20 PM

EF

“ Nancy and Family, my thoughts Prayers and love are with your family. I will remember all the good happy moments that I shared with Nancy. God Bless.

Ella Fletcher - February 11, 2012 at 03:08 PM

AO

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our Deepest Sympathy to all of you. Aloha and God Bless! Henry & Amy Entendencia & OhanaHonolulu, Hawaii

Amy Entendencia & Ohana - February 11, 2012 at 01:49 PM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.Love and prayers from our family!Jim and Mona Shepard

Jim and Mona Shepard - February 11, 2012 at 01:27 PM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Lynn Cole Stecklein - February 11, 2012 at 01:22 PM

RH

“ Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Roger and Janice HallPeggy (Lewis) Riggs and Cody

Roger and Janice Hall - February 11, 2012 at 10:03 AM

DM

“ June,Jimmy,and Bobby, My thoughts and prayers are with the family.I'm so sorry about the loss of Aunt Nancy,she will be missed and will remain in our hearts.I'm sure your Dad is smiling and so happy now!Sending my love to you all.

Dorothy Masters - February 11, 2012 at 08:14 AM