



Hitoki "Jackie" Higashi

June 28, 1928 - August 21, 2016

Hitoki "Jackie" Higashi, 88, of Highland, CA passed away on Sunday, August 21, 2016. Jackie was born in Nagoya, Japan on June 28, 1928. She arrived in San Francisco on the Henry W. Butner in 1952. She worked as a Seamstress for 20 years. Jackie was an accomplished ballroom dancer who enjoyed many competitions with her loving husband. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Harry Higashi of Highland, sons Art Clevinger(Vicki), and Bob Clevinger(Judy), Miyoko Gibson(Tony), Linda Wintringham(Robin), Lester Higashi(Faye),Miyoko Gibson(Tony) Linda Wintringham(Robin), Lester Higashi(Faye) 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. A visitation will be held at Bobbitt Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, August 31, from 4pm to 7pm. A graveside service will be held at Riverside National Cemetery on September 1, at 10:45 a.m. staging area 4.

Comments



“ My mother and I met "Jackie" and her husband when I took my mom to Patton for the AARP ballroom dance sessions. My mom was a bit shy until she got to know people and she was starting to be mentally confused. The outing where she came in contact with lovely people like the Higashis was very much a highlight for my mom. She really enjoyed watching Jackie and her husband dance--they were wonderful on the floor. Jackie was very gracious in suggesting that her husband partner with my mom on occasion to give her a chance to dance. One time I told Jackie that I had given my Siamese cat the Japanese name of "Toshi" . She asked me if it was a boy or a girl and I said it was a boy. Then she told me it was the right form of the word except I needed to put "eh" at the end to make Toshi-eh. For the girl cat I named Yoshi she told me the same thing--I should make the name "Yoshe-eh" in order to be correct. My mom enjoyed talking to Jackie and her husband and hearing their stories. She was a delightful lady!

Janet Chaney and on behalf of my late mother, Doris Chaney

Janet Chaney - September 02, 2016 at 03:06 PM



“ Jackie was a wonderful, supportive friend of my mom. They both were from Nagoya, both married servicemen after the war, and immigrated to the United States. They were close friends through the years that stayed in contact no matter the distance that separated them. Though slight of build, Jackie was a strong soul, hard-working and one of the nicest ladies you would ever meet. She was a joy to be around. Rest in peace Jackie. We were so lucky to have to be part of our life.

Howard, representing Rex and Kazuko High family (Eddie, Susie and Peggy)

Howard High - August 29, 2016 at 01:10 AM