



## Yasuko Montgomery

December 12, 1929 - December 25, 2020

Yasuko Montgomery, age 91 of Springfield, OR.

Born: December 12, 1929, Seoul, Korea.

Died: December 25, 2020, Omaha, NE.

Yasuko Tomotani Montgomery was born in Seoul, Korea on February 12, 1929. She is the daughter of Eizo and Teruko Tomotani and had nine brothers and sisters. Yasuko graduated from Seoul Girls School in 1944. That same year her Mom died of tuberculosis. As the eldest daughter she became the caregiver for her siblings.

Yasuko met Ezra Montgomery in Japan. On September 10, 1950 they were married in Sapporo, Japan. Ezra was in the Army. After leaving Japan Ezra was stationed in Washington state. Ezra retired from the Army as a Master Sergeant and the family settled in Dexter, Oregon where he was a foreman at Georgia Pacific lumber mill.

They had 3 children, Lilly, born in 1953, Lewis, born in 1955, and Lloyd, born in 1960. Yasuko has three grandchildren, Tina Lowe, Lance Montgomery and Leslie Montgomery and 4 great-grandchildren. Yasuko was involved in the local Grange and as a Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts den mother. She had a garden, enjoyed sewing, knitting, crochet, and playing cards. Yasuko became a United States Citizen on February 18, 1965. Yasuko's husband of 19 years, Ezra, passed away from a heart attack on April 14, 1970. Having been a housewife she had to learn to drive, get a driver's license, and seek employment outside the home to support her three children. She worked many different jobs over

the years including selling Avon and caring for an elderly lady. Yasuko retired from Fred Meyer (a store similar to Walmart) as a stocking clerk. She made many good friends over the years.

On December 27, 2013 Yasuko's daughter Lilly passed away unexpectedly. In September 2015 Yasuko's son Lloyd and her daughter-in-law Connie moved Yasuko to Autumn Pointe Assisted Living in Fort Calhoun, NE where she lived until she passed away. Yasuko was also survived by her many friends back in Oregon and was loved by all her family and friends and will be missed!

PRIVATE SERVICES IN OREGON AT A LATER DATE

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I have known her my whole life. I spent many days and nights with her and my uncle and my cousins. My sister and I called her Aunt Patty we couldn't say yasuko at our young age. I love her and will miss her so much

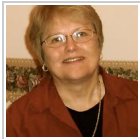
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**Carol Holzman** - January 01, 2021 at 10:18 PM

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**Connie Springer** - January 01, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ In 1976 a Japanese Exchange Student, Kazue, spent a month with us. She was a very shy girl and did not speak English. Yasuko helped so much by interpreting her letters before she came and visiting with her while she was here. Yasuko and Kazue fixed us a Japanese meal - the seaweed soup I was not so sure about as they fixed it but loved it - and the Tempura was fantastic. A great meal and Kazue loved her time with Yasuko!!



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**Polly Hanson Chaffin** - December 30, 2020 at 02:50 PM

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“ My ❤️ condolences to all of the Montgomery family. I will fondly remember Yasuko as our neighbor and a friend of my mother's. As a child I loved visiting with Yasuko. She taught me and my friend Mica how to count to 10 in Japanese, (which I still remember) would make us tea and show us her beautiful Kimono's and pottery. She had a beautiful garden and shared her flowers wuth us. She loved her family and all the neighbors on Lost Creek Rd loved her. Rest in Paradise Yasuko til we meet up again. I know you are reunited with my mom and so many other's from our neighborhood. Peace be with you.

Pudy Salva - December 28, 2020 at 09:21 PM

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“ I remember the first time we met Yasuko...it was at a World O water dive event. She always talked so proudly about her son. After that when we got to see her and visit with her over the holidays, I will never forget how her face always lit up when she would see Lloyd walk in the room or when we were talking about him and Connie. She was a very special and caring lady!



Karen Siewert - December 28, 2020 at 07:27 PM

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“ I wanted to share a funny story about Yasuko. Since we moved Yasuko to Nebraska in 2015 we have decorated her doorway and apartment for the different seasons. One year we headed out to visit her and take down her Christmas decorations, if I remember correctly it was sometime the first week of January. Apparently we weren't as prompt as she would have liked. When we opened the door to her apartment, all the Christmas decorations were in a pile in the middle of the living room floor! We laughed and laughed!

Connie Springer - December 27, 2020 at 08:09 AM

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Connie Springer - December 27, 2020 at 07:08 AM

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Connie Springer - December 26, 2020 at 02:17 PM