



Tomiko Wakefield

January 23, 1931 - February 3, 2020

Tomiko Wakefield passed on the 3rd of February, 2020 just weeks after her 89th birthday. Tomiko, lovingly known as 'Miko' to those who knew her best in her final years, fought the good fight as she battled advanced dementia for the last five years of her long life. Born in 1931, Tomiko lived a long healthy life before falling victim to the ravages of dementia in 2015, at the age of 84. To all who knew her she was considered a strong, independent, woman who overcame many challenges. Her courage, in the face of danger, and spunk, in the face of hardship, never failed to impress anyone who knew her because no challenge ever kept her down. Her final rest is well deserved but, still, she will be missed eternally. Tomiko is survived by: her son Robert, and his wife Lynn; her daughter Deborah, and her husband Kevin; three grand children Holly, Rebecca, and Marcela; and two great grand children Aiden and Isaac.

A native of Tokyo Japan, Tomiko came to the United States in 1960 after marrying her first husband Richard and bearing her two sons Richard and Robert. After only a couple of brief stays in other parts of the country, and the birth of her daughter Deborah, the family moved to Texas. Tomiko quickly fell in love with, and never left, Texas which she continued to love and consider home through her final days. Tomiko was a highly spiritual person who was very dedicated to faith and, believing that it was the path to enlightenment, worked tirelessly to bring others into that faith. Tomiko's faith kept her from having a fear of death, as she believed that life was just a temporary stepping

stone to that enlightenment. May she rest in peace. She loved deeply and was loved deeply and she will be missed.

Tribute Wall



“ *Tomiko Wakefield*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Tomiko Wakefield*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Tomiko Wakefield*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Deborah lit a candle in memory of Tomiko Wakefield*



Deborah - March 26, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ *Robert Ewing sent a virtual gift in memory of Tomiko Wakefield*



robert ewing - March 17, 2020 at 07:37 PM

PR

I'm sorry for your loss! I was trying to get ahold of you but wasn't sure if I had the right number. I will never forget you taking blame for me breaking that window. You always were the best friend any person could have.

Patricia Ortega Rolfe - August 12, 2020 at 12:19 AM

KE

“ Corrected version of Tomiko's Story of A Lifetime Video



kevin - March 17, 2020 at 02:15 PM

DE

“ Deborah sent a virtual gift in memory of Tomiko Wakefield



Deborah - March 17, 2020 at 02:17 AM

KE

“ A touching tribute from Tomiko's "Tomodachi (friend)". One of the people instrumental in improving her daily quality of life. Tomiko's family is forever grateful.



kevin - March 16, 2020 at 10:32 PM

DE

We thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, Crystal. Your loving care and compassion meant the world to Tomiko. Every day you were in it was a better day for her.

Deborah - March 27, 2020 at 11:34 AM

RE

“ *Robert Ewing sent a virtual gift in memory of Tomiko Wakefield*



robert ewing - March 13, 2020 at 05:55 PM

KE

“ *Story of a Life time in a few frames.*



kevin - March 13, 2020 at 05:17 PM

RE

This is a very nice pictorial autobiography so to speak. How do you summarize her Life of 89 years: “she did it Her Way”! Thanks for her visuals, great job!

robert ewing - March 13, 2020 at 05:53 PM

JB

*Very very nice, we'll done.
Cherish it for every!!!*

Joyce Bales - March 14, 2020 at 04:49 PM

 Julie
Harrison

“ I had the honour of helping to care for Tomiko when working at AL . She was a dignified and proud lady and her daughter Deborah worked tirelessly to ensure her dignity was maintained throughout. Tomiko using her chopsticks at meals is a fond memory as it was such an important part of her meal.
I am grateful to have been a part of caring for Tomiko and to have learned about her amazing life . She overcame so much in life her inner strength amazed me.



*Peace and prayers
Julie Harrison*

Julie Harrison - March 13, 2020 at 12:59 PM

DE

Thank you for honoring mother's memory with your kind words and thoughts. You are a blessing to all those in need, whose lives you touch and improve, and we will always be grateful.

Deborah - March 13, 2020 at 11:35 PM

DE

“ Deborah sent a virtual gift in memory of Tomiko Wakefield



Deborah - March 13, 2020 at 12:29 PM

DE

“ *Deborah lit a candle in memory of Tomiko Wakefield*



Deborah - March 13, 2020 at 12:28 PM

KE

“ *A heartfelt thought from Kelly of Sundara of Round Rock*



kevin - March 12, 2020 at 11:06 PM

DE

Kelli, and Sundara (her heart and soul) ... we will always be grateful for the love and care you showed our mother. She was one of many but was individualized with special attention and care, especially as her needs changed during her continued decline into infancy. Mom loved you all and from day one we knew that she was home. Thank you for making her life the best it could be. Thank you all!!!

Deborah - March 13, 2020 at 12:21 PM

RE

Absolutely appreciate your thoughts as they show you really cared for our Mother and her daughter as well in order to make our Moms life the Best it could be under her circumstances! Thanks So Much

robert ewing - March 13, 2020 at 06:05 PM

CF

“ I smile when I think of Tomiko. I knew her most at Autumn Leaves. I loved the way she would lock arms with me to walk to another room. It made me sad to see her confused when dementia did not allow her to understand what was happening in the moment. It brought me joy to bring her a snack and see that big grin. She was a tiny powerhouse. She made a difference in this world and a difference in me. Deborah . . . your love for her and your encouragement to her caregivers was a true tribute to Tomiko. I was honored to be a part of her story.

Charissa Fuller

Charissa Fuller - March 10, 2020 at 09:00 AM

DE

Thanks so much, Charissa. You are a blessing to those in need and we'll be forever grateful.

Deborah - March 11, 2020 at 02:47 PM

RE

“ Robert Ewing lit a candle in memory of Tomiko Wakefield



Robert Ewing - March 09, 2020 at 06:19 PM

RE

“ Robert Ewing lit a candle in memory of Tomiko Wakefield



Robert Ewing - March 07, 2020 at 11:18 AM

DE

“ A heartfelt thought from her friend and primary nurse, who took such good care of her...we thank her for sharing.



Deborah - March 06, 2020 at 02:49 PM

RE

Thanks so much! Means a lot for your tribute, as you knew her better than us as she dealt with the losses from the disease! She was full of Life! Thanks.....

Robert Ewing - March 06, 2020 at 06:01 PM

RE

Deborah I met you once and I knew you were such a Great Nurse (Care giver), and our Mother was so lucky to have and know you during her battles with Dementia. And that is an understatement! She survived so much in her long life and I think it was why she was so strong. She will be missed!, and loved Always! Thanks so Much Deborah and your friend Rebecca!

Robert Ewing - March 07, 2020 at 11:33 AM

DE

Our family will always be grateful for the care and love that you showed our mother. You made her life better by just being a part of it, thank you!

Deborah - March 11, 2020 at 02:54 PM

Julie Harrison

Deborah you truly cared for and advocated always for Tomiko . During the time we worked together as a Team at AL I know we made a difference in Tomeko's quality of life. Thank you for being so great to work with . You brought much peace and kindness to Tomiko and her family .

Julie Harrison - March 13, 2020 at 12:50 PM

RE

“ Robert Ewing sent a virtual gift in memory of Tomiko Wakefield



Robert Ewing - March 04, 2020 at 10:31 PM

RE

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Robert Ewing - March 04, 2020 at 10:27 PM

RE

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Robert Ewing - March 04, 2020 at 10:03 PM

DE

Tomiko enjoying visits with her daughter in law and grandchildren... they meant so much to her throughout the years.

Deborah - March 13, 2020 at 11:34 PM

KE

“ *Tomiko believed in sharing love through food, which she believed was vital to happiness. You couldn't visit her without her trying to feed you 😊 hungry or not.*



Kevin - March 04, 2020 at 11:08 AM

RE

Very true!!

Robert Ewing - March 04, 2020 at 10:05 PM

JB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Joyce Bales - March 03, 2020 at 11:04 PM

DE

Opening Christmas presents and loving it!

Deborah - March 06, 2020 at 11:43 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Bales lit a candle in memory of Tomiko Wakefield*



Joyce Bales - March 03, 2020 at 10:46 PM

JB

“ *Tomoko can into our lives by ways of our son Kevin, who was taking classes at CTC. Tomoko daughter Deborah was taking classes there, and the rest is history. They meet in classes and dated. Then decided to move to El Paso to start a new married life. Tomoko, was received into ours lives for ever. Ever Christmas until the time she couldn't send out Christmas cards any longer we all ways sent each other cards. I would call her from time to time. When she travel to Austin to visit, Harvey and I would go down and see her. She was so loving and loved our Kevin so much. We would visit her at the nursing home and enjoyed talking to her so much. There will be a big hole in our heart. But know she in a much place, than a nursing home. Until we meet again.*

Joyce Bales - March 03, 2020 at 10:05 PM

RE

“ *Robert Ewing lit a candle in memory of Tomiko Wakefield*



Robert Ewing - March 03, 2020 at 09:35 PM

RR

“ *Rebecca Renuard lit a candle in memory of Tomiko Wakefield*



Rebecca Renuard - March 03, 2020 at 07:54 PM

RE

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Robert Ewing - March 03, 2020 at 07:27 PM

DE

Adorable bonding moment with her great grandson. A picture does speak a thousand words.

Deborah - March 06, 2020 at 11:56 PM

KE

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



kevin - March 02, 2020 at 10:03 PM

KE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



kevin - March 02, 2020 at 10:01 PM

DE

Mom enjoying a visit with the biggest cat she ever saw. She loved cats her whole life.

Deborah - March 06, 2020 at 11:52 PM

DE

“ Deborah lit a candle in memory of Tomiko Wakefield



Deborah - March 02, 2020 at 09:49 PM

JB

Lit a candle in memory of Tomeko Wakefield

Joyce Bales - March 03, 2020 at 10:40 PM

JB

Peace be with you.

Joyce Bales - March 03, 2020 at 10:42 PM

RE

“ Robert Ewing lit a candle in memory of Tomiko Wakefield



Robert Ewing - March 02, 2020 at 07:30 PM

RR

“ We love and miss you, grandma! Thank you for the memories and laughs, and for the letters we would write back and forth when I was younger. I'm thankful that your great grandchildren were able to meet you!

Rebecca Renuard - March 02, 2020 at 07:05 PM

DE

Rebecca, thank you for sharing. Your grandma loved you, and her beautiful grandchildren, very much. She always talked, and talked, about your visits and was so proud.

Deborah - March 17, 2020 at 02:20 AM

DE

“ Tomiko spent her life dedicated to her faith and the idea of eternal enlightenment. She worked tirelessly to help others achieve peace in their lives through spiritual connection and kindness.



Deborah - March 02, 2020 at 10:23 AM

DE

“ Deborah lit a candle in memory of Tomiko Wakefield



Deborah - March 01, 2020 at 07:11 PM

KE

“ Robert was added to the Family Tree.

kevin - March 01, 2020 at 05:16 PM

KE

“ Deborah was added to the Family Tree.

kevin - March 01, 2020 at 05:16 PM

KE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



kevin - March 01, 2020 at 12:48 PM

FA

“ 1 file added to the album Tomiko



Family - March 01, 2020 at 12:46 PM

KE

“ *In Loving memory of Tomiko.*



kevin - March 01, 2020 at 12:46 PM

RR

Beautiful ❤️

Rebecca Renuard - March 03, 2020 at 07:56 PM

KE

“ *Kevin lit a candle in memory of Tomiko
Wakefield*



kevin - March 01, 2020 at 12:43 PM

FA

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Family - March 01, 2020 at 12:40 PM

FA

“ 1 file added to the album *Tomiko*



Family - March 01, 2020 at 12:39 PM

DE

Mom enjoying one of the things she loved most in life, sharing a meal with family and friends.

Deborah - March 11, 2020 at 02:50 PM