



Hiromi Terashima Diekman

July 12, 1945 - March 13, 2024

Woodland

Hiromi passed away on March 13, 2024, in Woodland Memorial Hospital surrounded by son, husband and an extraordinarily caring hospital staff.

Hiromi was born on July 12, 1945, in Gunma, Japan where her mother was sent for safety due to the then bombing campaign in their home city of Yokohama, Japan. She was the first of three children born to Michiko and Hiroshi Terashima.

Hiromi spent her early years in Yokohama as it rebuilt after the war. She maintained a very close relationship with her family and friends in Japan throughout her lifetime, and she graciously shared those relationships with her family and friends in the US.

Hiromi graduated from Ochanomizu University with a degree in Early Childhood Education and took her first teaching post at the CFAY Pre-school at the Yokosuka Naval Station. In 1969 she met her future husband Karl who was stationed there at the time. On December 12, 1970, Karl and Hiromi were married in Seminole, Florida. While in Florida Hiromi enjoyed the challenge of adapting to life in the US and on October 12, 1976, became the mother of her son Luka.

In 1986 the family moved to Ramona, California where Hiromi reengage in early childhood education and took a teaching position at Ramona Head Start. After moving to San Ramon in 1992 she took a teaching position with CAPE in Livermore and soon became a Mentor Teacher.

In 2001 Hiromi and Karl moved to Woodland where she busied herself adapting to Woodland where she flourished. She developed relationships in Woodland that were new to her and enriched her life. In her final conversation she talked about her many friends in PEO, gym classes, Sacramento calligraphy group, and the staff at the Woodland Clinic all of whom she developed a close bond with over the past 14 years.

Hiromi is survived by her husband Karl, her son Luka, her brother Izumi, and her sister Naomi, all of whom loved her very much. Hiromi had many dear friends here in the US and in Japan which she maintained through regular visits and travel together. Hiromi's family extends their heartfelt appreciation to her especially close friends Reiko, Margaret, Cath, and to Dr. Albers Alali and the entire Woodland Clinic and Hospital staff who supported and encouraged her throughout her illness.

Visitation will be at McNary's Chapel, 458 College St., Woodland, CA 95695 from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Please come and let her family and friends thank you for being part of her life. Donations to your favorite charity are something she would like.