



Rose M. Konishi

April 22, 1928 - May 6, 2023

Rose M. Konishi, age 95, peacefully passed away at her home on May 6, 2023. She was born Michiko Haruki on April 22, 1928 in Selma, California to the late Shinjiro and Mitsu Haruki.

Rose was the youngest of six children. She and her family were interned at the Gila River War Relocation Center in Arizona during WW II. After the war, Rose moved to Cleveland, Ohio where she graduated from Cleveland Heights High School in 1946. She then worked as a bookkeeper in the Cleveland area. Rose met Jim Konishi at a YMCA dance in Cleveland and shortly after were married on August 4, 1951. Together, family was always of the utmost importance to them. Rose also enjoyed the camaraderie of other Japanese Americans who settled in Northeast Ohio. For many years, Rose remained an active member of CARP (Cleveland Asian Retired Persons). In addition, she was an avid bowler and loved to spend time gardening with the Willowick Garden Club. Rose will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband of 72 years, James "Jim"; Children: Jeffrey (Dianne), David (Patricia) and Carol (Tom Ward) and Granddaughter: Sarah Rose Konishi. Rose was preceded in death by her siblings Jerry, Grace Uehara, Mickey, Jim, and Betty Tsuboi.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donation be made in Rose's honor, to CARP, Attn: Joyce Culek, 55 Ranch Rd, Willoughby, OH 44092.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Rose at JC Penney at the Great Lakes Mall in the mid- to late-1960s when I was a student at Cleveland State University. She was a delightful, creative and kind person. She told us stories of the internment during WWII and about Jim's war service. I am so sorry for your loss.

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