



Kimiko Ashcraft

February 13, 1935 - May 30, 2019

Kimiko Ashcraft passed away on May 30 at Arden Courts in Winter Springs, FL at the age of 84.

Kimiko was born in Yahata, Japan and lived through World War II. She went to work at Ashiya Air Base where she met her future husband, Thomas Ashcraft. They married and moved back to his home in West Virginia, where they raised their three children.

Thomas died in the Consol Number 9 mine disaster in 1968. Afterwards, Kimiko went back to school to obtain her GED. She went on to get her Associate Degree in nursing from Fairmont State College in Fairmont, WV. She worked the remainder of her career at Fairmont General Hospital, mostly on the night shift. Her friends there remembered her as a hard worker. Kimiko was always proud of being a naturalized US citizen and thankful for the opportunities that she had here that she might not have had in Japan.

Kimiko developed Alzheimer's disease in the last several years of her life, eventually necessitating a move to Arden Courts Memory Care. She was known as quite a character there and never missed a chance to give her opinion. She also maintained her love of eating out and any opportunity to see children. Her regular restaurants and their staff became part of her family.

Kimiko is survived by her three children: Harold (Sharon), Debra and Aaron. She is also survived by her grandchildren Cara (Julian) and Lauren, and great-grandchild Isabelle.

A memorial service will be held at DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory in Maitland on Saturday, June 22. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Kimiko's name to Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center, 715 Douglas Ave., Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

Kimiko will be buried in Mannington, WV alongside her husband Thomas Ashcraft.

Events

JUN 22 Memorial Gathering 09:30AM
DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL, US, 32751

JUN 22 Memorial Service 10:00AM
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JUN 22 Reception 11:00AM - 12:30PM
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Comments



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Sharon Ashcraft - February 13 at 05:48 PM



“ Dear Debbie ,
I am so sorry I missed the service :(I was out of town , I am so sorry for your loss, Kim is missed so much at Arden , she would always greet me with a big smile and hug , ask me if I was coming or going , thank me for helping her, and at the end of the day, ask me when I would be back and what time :) If she became anxious , I always reassured her you would be here soon to pick her up and that gave her such peace and happiness. I know she enjoyed her lunches with you and all the time she spent with you . You are a great daughter and she was as lucky to have you as you her . She always made me feel appreciated , and would often say things out loud I only wish I could say.. ha! :) She was so funny , one time there was a singer at Arden , you know how she loved music , and she told him, quit talking and just sing , actually I was thinking the same thing , she was right , he did talk too much haha!! I know there will be a void, but hoping you find some comfort in all the wonderful memories, all the fun stories , and times you had together knowing she is at peace, and cherish the special relationship you both had.

Liz Diaz

Liz Diaz - July 01, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial DVD



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - June 18, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ Deb, It was a pleasure getting to know you and your Mom at Arden Court. Your Mom quickly became a dear friend and I will greatly miss her! She was a very talented lady with her art etc. I know you have been a blessing to her as you both dealt with her illness. She always enjoyed you taking her out to eat. Thinking of you and your family with prayers and love. I will see you on the 22nd.

Gail Foster - June 12, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ I also knew your mom at Arden Court. I stopped dressing my husband in shorts because Kim did not like to see his legs! She was bright and quick. My condolences to the family.

Carolyn Dixon - June 14, 2019 at 04:07 PM



“ I visited Arden Courts weekly with my therapy dog Jessie. I always enjoyed our interaction with Kim and will miss her quick witted remarks.

Alyson McCoy - June 16, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your mom Debbie, Miss Kim was one of my favorite residents and I thought about her often she was a special woman

Kelly (Ahern) Diaz

Kelly - July 29, 2019 at 07:10 PM



“ Debbie- Although I only met your mother a few times, I was always impressed with her energy and zest for life. And she made great fried rice! She was very blessed to have had you as her caregiver these past years and I know you will feel a void in your heart with her passing. Sending you prayers and love at this difficult time.

Pat Wehman

Pat Wehman - June 09, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ Debbie, Hope your many memories of your Mom help to sustain you at this time. Her life story shows the amazing accomplishments she achieved. She was so fortunate to have you as a daughter and you to have her as your mother. Michele Hardy

Michele Hardy - June 09, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ Kim will be deeply missed. Thinking back in time we just realized how much she participated in so many family events in our lives throughout these past 12 years : birthday celebrations, thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, high school graduations, or even fish fry at kids' school during lent...

We loved and admired her very much and always enjoyed seeing the beautiful relationship that existed between her and her daughter.

Claudia Kaled - June 05, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ Debbie, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. She was always so interesting and engaging to talk to. She was truly blessed to have you to lean on during her last years. I know this was hard on you as the primary caregiver. My prayers are with you.

Leigh Reynolds

Leigh Reynolds - June 05, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ Deb, you have our deepest sympathy on learning of your moms passing. We are very sorry upon hearing of this and if there is anything we can do for you please ask.
Pat and Dick Weir

Pat/Dick Weir - June 05, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ Debbie, I am soo sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to reach out for anything you might need - I would love to help you any way I possibly can. Love and hugs coming your way.....

Mary Heffington

Mary M Heffington - June 04, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ Kim always friendly, loved to play Rummikub and made delicious fried rice!!! Dear Kim you will be missed, Gladys

Gladys Viruet - June 04, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ Kim was a very kind person and a fabulous baker. She was lucky to have such a caring daughter as Debbie.

Jerol Gardner - June 04, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Kim made the best rice cakes we have ever eaten. Our prayers are with you during this sad time

Mary and Steve Lieb - June 04, 2019 at 04:58 AM



“ Kim was always kind to our family. She invited us to join her and her son, Harold and his family for a Japanese American Thanksgiving one year. She remembered my boys and I'll never forget her sharing the “sea glass”she found at the beach even though she didn't have any clue why the heck we were collecting it! I have a lot of admiration for her ability to learn a new language, go to school and do her best with 3 children and no husband so young in life.

Liz - June 03, 2019 at 10:20 PM



“ On behalf of the staff at DeGusipe Funeral Home, please accept our condolences. It is an honor to serve your family.



Luke Spalding - May 31, 2019 at 11:12 AM