



Futae Kawate

January 2, 1929 - December 27, 2014

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Futae Kawate was born January 2, 1929 in Berkeley, CA. She moved back to Hiroshima, Japan with her parents when she was 7 after her father sold a very successful business. (Her father had a cleaning business (College Cleaners) with a partner in Berkeley, CA.) She was one of three siblings born to Kenzo Yamashita and Chisato (Noma) Yamashita. Other siblings were Hitomi (Yamashita) Sakai (elder sister) and Tsukasa Yamashita (younger brother).

She was quite the tomboy and quickly ruined any nice clothes given to her. Being the second girl child born to her parents, she often would get hand me down clothes from her elder sister. This apparently bothered her as she stubbornly refused any offers of new clothes from her mother. However, she was also quite a good student attending Daiichi Kenjyo Gakuen, a top rated girl's school at the time.

As a teenager, she survived the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. She was absent from school that day due to an illness. (On a visit to Japan with her son, Gary, she pointed out where her school had been and it was right near ground zero.) While she didn't talk very much about that day, on the few occasions she did, she recalled the "PIKADON (flash and boom)" and the black rains that followed.

She married in 1948 to Kazuo (George) Kawate and moved to Sanger, CA where they operated a vineyard and orchard. They had three children: Clyde Kawate, Gary Kawate and Donna (Kawate) Lee. She was married for 46 years until the passing of her husband in 1994. In 2005, she moved to Mission Viejo, CA to live with her son, Gary. Futae Kawate loved music and as a child, studied Koto. She was the top student of a then famous Koto master (Kajita Mitsuo) and was close to becoming a Koto teacher when she married. She was also a choir member at Daiichi Kenjyo Gakuen and loved music.

During the adult phase of her life, Futae Kawate loved to travel. She traveled extensively with her family throughout the United States as well as to Japan. During her later years, she went to Canada and Japan to attend the World Women's Buddhist Conference.

Finally after the passing of her husband, she traveled to Hawaii and Canada,

went on cruises to Alaska and Mexico-Central America and also traveled extensively throughout Europe

She was a follower of the Shin (Nembutsu) Buddhist teachings and was a member of Keko Temple in Kyoto and active in the Fresno Betsuin while she was in Sanger.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 9. 3:00 AM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Orange County Buddhist Church
909 South Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

Reception

JAN 9. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (PT)

China Buffett Fullerton
Metrocenter Fullerton Shopping Center, 104 West Orangethorpe Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92832

Reception after the Graveside Service

JAN 14. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (PT)

Mitsui Buffet
117 W, Shaw Ave
Clovis, CA 93612

Graveside Service Plot #61--14-5.

FEB 14. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Sanger Cemetery
568 S Rainbow Ave
Sanger, CA 93657

Tribute Wall



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