



Shizuko Takahata Patrick

December 5, 1925 - July 18, 2021

Shizuko (Takahata) Patrick, 95, of Kingsford, Michigan, passed away peacefully at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital on Sunday, July 18, 2021.

Shizuko was also known as Susie since it was easier to pronounce and lovingly known as Bachan (Japanese for Grandma) within her family. She was born December 5, 1925, in Nagoya, Japan, to the late Shotaro and Sato Takahata. Shizuko attended Hiroji School in Nagoya, Japan from 1932 to 1938, completing only 6 years of education before beginning work. She eventually worked in the Army commissary as a waitress where she first began to learn English and met Joseph Patrick, an Army soldier from Kingsford, MI. They married on April 15, 1947, and he preceded her in death in February 1998. They, and their first-born son, traveled to the United States by ship, and she and their son arrived in Michigan on December 22, 1951, while her husband completed his out-processing from the Army before joining her at their home in Kingsford. She learned to speak, read, and write English with the help of family and proudly became a citizen of the United States on November 8, 1957. They raised three children, Joseph, Henry, and Sandra, and she attended the First Presbyterian Church with her beloved sister-in-law and mentor, Ivey Jackomino. Shizuko enjoyed serving as a translator for the Japanese ski jumpers who came to the area for the annual Pine Mountain ski jumping tournaments and enjoyed the opportunity to cook Japanese dishes for them during their stay. She loved working as a security guard at the Ford

Airport from 1977 to 1982 and later worked in Housekeeping/Laundry at the Americana Nursing Home. She enjoyed cooking, learning American dishes from her in-laws, and sharing her favorite Japanese dishes. She was also a talented seamstress, making many of her own clothes and patterns, and also enjoyed embroidery, crocheting and knitting, gardening, listening to music, and traveling, including many trips back to her home country of Japan to visit family.

Shizuko is survived by two sons, Joseph (Pamela) Patrick of Wells, MI, and Henry (Kathy) Patrick of Kingsford, MI, and a daughter, Sandra (Steven) Orchard of Kingsford, MI; five grandchildren, Kelly (Adam) Flagstadt of Gladstone, MI, Kevin (Greta) Patrick, Kristy Patrick, Sara Orchard, and Sabrina Orchard, all of Kingsford; 13 great-grandchildren, Emma, Addison, Jacob, Levi, Kaleb, Hanna, BreeAnna, Skylar, Brandon, Riley, McKenzie, Sophie, and Lincoln; one great-great-grandson on the way; one sister, Kinuko (Jituo) Koriki; one sister-in-law, Darlene Patrick; one brother-in-law, Masahiro Inosaka, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, Shizuko was also preceded in death by a grandson, Michael (Patty) Patrick; a sister, Yoneko Inosaka; special cousin, Nobuko Sullivan; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Ivey (Genesio) Jackomino, Leona (Joe) Conard, and Albert Patrick; and two nieces, Mary Grenfell and Donna Plasier.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the staff of Evergreen Senior Living for the care and support provided to Susie over the years and also to the staff of Dickinson County Healthcare System and Freeman's Nursing and Rehabilitation for their recent care. She greatly appreciated all of the help that she was provided and was known for expressing her gratitude.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the Erickson Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 5:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Shizuko T. Patrick online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Erickson Rochon & Nash Funeral Home

Funeral Service

JUL 24. 5:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



Becky
Meinolf

“ *Sussie was such a wonderful lady and i enjoyed taking care of her. Ill always remember her smile and kind words she will truely be missed. becky meinolf*

Becky Meinolf - August 30, 2021 at 09:22 PM



AM

“ *On behalf of my father and our family please accept our condolences. My father always spoke highly of Joe and Henry, no doubt due to their mothers influence. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
Andy Mendini

Andy Mendini - July 26, 2021 at 09:48 AM



SA

Andy, thank you for your condolences, kind words, and prayers. They are much appreciated.
Sandy, Joe, Henry & Families

Sandy - August 03, 2021 at 05:03 PM



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Andy, thank you for your condolences, kind words, and prayers. They are much appreciated.
Sandy, Joe, Henry & Families

Sandy - August 03, 2021 at 05:05 PM

MS

“ Dear Sandy , Steve and Families ❤️ Our deepest condolences on the loss of your Mother. Reading her obituary really shines what an impressive lady she was. May your wonderful memories over the years warm your heart during this time of grief. Sincerely, Duane Hongisto and Mary Oman 🌸

Mary Oman Friend/co-worker of Steve - July 21, 2021 at 06:53 PM

SA

Mary & Duane, thank you for your condolences and kind words. They are much appreciated. We're thankful for the many memories that we've been blessed with and that we'll carry with us.
Sandy, Steve, girls and Patrick family

Sandy - August 03, 2021 at 05:13 PM

DD

“ Henry, Joe and Sandy and Families, you have our most sincere Sympathy in your loss of your Mom!!! She is now in good Hand's with your Dad and the Lord!!! Dick and Gail Dabb!

Dick & Gail Dabb - July 20, 2021 at 06:17 PM

SA

Dick & Gail - thank you for your words of sympathy and faith. They're much appreciated.
Sandy, Joe, Henry & Families

Sandy - August 03, 2021 at 05:15 PM