



## Yoko Swanson

November 25, 1932 - May 8, 2019

Yoko Swanson, age 86, of Goodman, WI, passed away peacefully in her home on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. She was born November 25, 1932 in Sapporo, Japan on the Northern Island of Hokkaido.

Yoko married Gerald Swanson on December 15, 1952 at the American Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. They enjoyed 28 years of marriage before his death in 1980, and together raised three children. Yoko was a member of the Union Protestant Church in Goodman. Yoko, a Japanese National, met her then future husband Gerald while employed by the U.S. Air Force at Camp Chitose, Japan. Later, in a proud moment for both her and her family, Yoko became a naturalized citizen of the United States. In her younger years she was a sprinter/short distance runner, an avid downhill skier and the winner of ballroom dance trophies partnered by her instructor. For over 43 years she worked as a veneer grader at Goodman Veneer and Lumber Company. In her spare time, Yoko enjoyed watching sports; the Badgers, Brewers, Bucks and Packers were all her favorites.

Yoko was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Swanson; son, Roger Swanson; granddaughter Kara Chitko; as well as both of her parents and a sister.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Robert Swanson of Goodman

and Catherine (Robert) Chitko of Armstrong Creek; four grandchildren, Eric Swanson, Scott (Andrea) Swanson, Roger(Sandra Millan) Chitko, and Stefan Chitko; four great-grandchildren, Aaron Swanson, Ava Swanson, Jack Swanson, and Cole Chitko; three brothers, four sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019, from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 11am at the funeral home. Rev. Henry Yoap will officiate. Burial will be in the Glenwood Cemetery in Goodman.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Yoko Swanson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

Ten Acre Road  
Goodman, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Memorial Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Yoko was such a sweet lady. Thoughts and prayers to family and friends.* ”



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**Sandy Lane** - May 13, 2019 at 04:30 PM

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“ *~Sue~ lit a candle in memory of Yoko Swanson* ”



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**~Sue~** - May 13, 2019 at 09:55 AM

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“ *Kathy & So-Big*  
*So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Your mom & dad were great friends of my mom & dad. They enjoyed many years of their company. They were more like family than friends. I think of them & you kids a lot. Wished we lived closer. Our deepest sympathy. Love Arlie and Freida Cox* ”

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**Arlie Cox** - May 12, 2019 at 05:44 PM

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“ *Debbie (Swanson) Ziebert lit a candle in memory of Yoko Swanson*



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**Debbie (Swanson) Ziebert** - May 10, 2019 at 01:49 PM

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“ *Aunt Yoko was loved so much by my whole family. She was so special to all of us. She is going to be missed so much and I'll especially miss hearing her wonderful laugh! It made me smile every time! My heart is happy that she will finally be reunited with her husband, who is also loved and missed by all of us. ❤️*

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**Debbie (Swanson) Ziebert** - May 10, 2019 at 01:48 PM