



## Yuki Witherow

May 31, 2022

Yukiko Witherow, 89, of Portsmouth VA passed away peacefully on May 31st holding her son Gary's hand.

Yuki was born in Aichi Japan to the late Mr. & Mrs. Kunio Yasutome on February 10, 1933, and always shared so much of the culture of her native land. She was a devoted Christian and member of River Shore Baptist Church. Yuki married James Leroy Witherow in 1956 and they made their home in Portsmouth in 1958. Yuki was a devoted mother and grandmother. She was a talented and accomplished artist, expressing her talent in so many ways; through sewing, paintings, murals, flower arranging, church projects (baptismal pool painting, nursery mural, vacation bible school, etc.) or just helping her boys with school projects.

Yuki loved God, her family and friends and was a delight to everyone she met. Even to the end, her ladylike manners and beautiful smile were always present. Yuki genuinely cared for people and through her beautiful life we learned what it is like to truly put others first. In her free time Yuki loved to paint, garden, serve in her church and prepare meals for her family.

Yuki is survived by her 3 sons, Gary Witherow and his wife Lineta, Eddie Witherow and his wife Debbie, Richard Witherow and his wife Denise; her eight beloved grandchildren, Eddie and his wife Sandra, Devon and her

husband James, Kristen, Christina, Ryan, Brandon, Megan and Kevin and two great-grandchildren, Princess and Kinley. She will also be missed by her Japanese family. Yuki lost her beloved husband Jim in 1984 and we are comforted that she is rejoicing being by his side once again.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, June 6th from 6-7pm at Loving Funeral Home in the Churchland area of Portsmouth. A funeral service will be held at River Shore Baptist Church beginning at 11 am on Tuesday, June 7th. Burial will follow at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens.

Memorial gifts to the family of Yukiko Witherow can be sent to River Shore Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road  
Suffolk, VA 23435

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave  
Portsmouth, VA 23703

## Funeral Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rivershore Baptist Church  
4501 Rivershore Rd.  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall

GW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**gary witherow** - June 19, 2022 at 06:21 PM

AS

“ Gary and family, Art and I were sorry to hear of your mom's death. Moms have a very special place in our hearts. We know she will be missed. Our condolences and prayers. Art and Gerry Saunders. Tim mentioned you and Princess often and so enjoyed your visits. He told us what a lovely young girl she was.

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**Art & Gerry Saunders** - June 10, 2022 at 06:29 PM

GW

“ I thank God, and his faithful servant, Yuki, as His Grace and Mercies and Peace continue. As I've walked through these potentially trying times in my ignorance, puzzles turn into pictures, gray skies turn blue, and things somehow come together, with or without my efforts. I thank Loving, Rivershore, and the other members of His Church, be near or far, and others, as they reached out just at the right moment with a puzzle piece. I thank you all for stopping by this tribute, for your thoughts, caring, shared memories, flowers, gifts...everything.

Gary

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**gary witherow** - June 10, 2022 at 05:29 AM

JH

“ Yukiko was not merely a friend, but a dear family member. She has always been a part of our life from my earliest memories. Yukiko will always be remembered as a loving mother, a dear friend, and a dedicated advocate. My deepest condolences to her three sons Gary, Eddie and Richard and their families. I will miss her, but I am certain she is rejoicing in paradise with her husband Jim and my mother Sachiko.

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**John C Hillary** - June 08, 2022 at 12:04 AM

CS

“ Gary so sorry to hear of your mom's passing.

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**Cathy Saunders** - June 06, 2022 at 06:09 PM

GW

Thank you. Cathy, to find out about Timmy in here and now, was truly devastating. He was like a brother to me. If I had been a little more normal of a person with a normal life, in these later years we would have spent a lot of time together. Numerous times he asked me to join his home improvement/renovation business, all along wishing I could, but it like many other things, just weren't meant to be. I'm so sorry.

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**gary witherow** - June 06, 2022 at 10:32 PM

RW

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Yuki was such a beautiful soul and she did so much for so many people. She was so very kind. May God bless you and comfort you during this difficult time and always.

Love,  
Rebecca and Greg Wooddell

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**Rebecca Wooddell** - June 06, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yuki Witherow.*



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June 06, 2022 at 11:18 AM



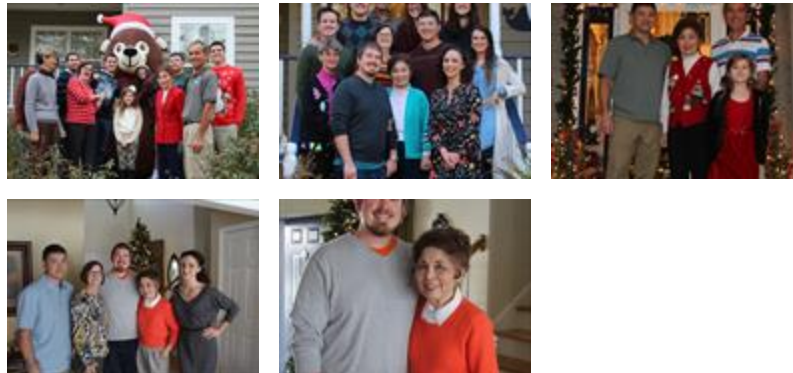
“ *Gary and family, so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a beautiful gracious person. Loved and admired by so many. She will be so sorely missed by all. Gary should you need to get in touch, my cell is 757-615-5293. Still can't believe my Timmy is gone. My heart is broken. Thought we would have seen you at his funeral. He enjoyed his visits with you and Princess. Pray Lineta is safe and well. We feel your loss. Always, Paulette and Mike*

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**Paulette Smith** - June 06, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *21 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Richard Witherow** - June 06, 2022 at 07:03 AM

BP

“ *Ms Yuki was a beautiful soul inside and out so blest to have known her. Prayers and love for the family. Bea*



Bea Parker - June 05, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Yuki Witherow.*



June 05, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Megan Witherow - June 05, 2022 at 05:40 PM



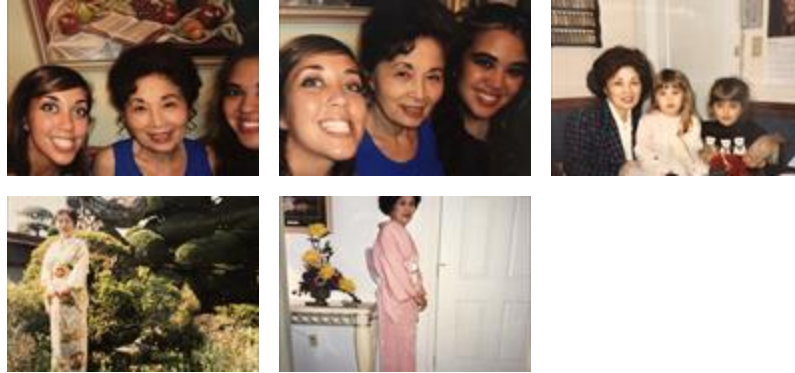
“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Yuki Witherow.*



June 05, 2022 at 02:50 PM

DE

“ *Such a beautiful woman, inside and out. She was so giving, creative, strong and loving!!* ❤️



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**Devon** - June 04, 2022 at 08:40 PM

GW

“ *1 file added to the album Videos Clips*



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**gary witherow** - June 04, 2022 at 05:56 PM

GW

*Not being familiar with video loading here, didn't know what to expect. On my pc, a "being uploaded message" came up and is still here as I write. It may not make it.*

*The little movie clip opened almost immediately the phone, an old iPhone at that.*

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**gary witherow** - June 04, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Megan Witherow - June 04, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Megan Witherow - June 04, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Megan Witherow - June 04, 2022 at 12:38 PM

LF

“ Love, Mark, Kim and Will Flanders purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Yuki Witherow.



Love, Mark, Kim and Will Flanders - June 04, 2022 at 11:19 AM

EW

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Eddie Witherow - June 04, 2022 at 10:49 AM

GW

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



gary witherow - June 04, 2022 at 12:15 AM

GW

“ 3 files added to the album *Out Visiting*



gary witherow - June 03, 2022 at 11:53 PM

GW

“ 3 files added to the album *At Home*



gary witherow - June 03, 2022 at 08:38 PM

SC

“ Shirley and Dean Claud purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Yuki Witherow.



Shirley and Dean Claud - June 03, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Yuki Witherow.



June 03, 2022 at 08:59 AM