



Tomiko Matayoshi Novotny

October 15, 1944 - August 13, 2025

Tomiko Novotny, age 80, of Fridley passed away on August 13, 2025.

Preceded in death by parents, Kofuku and Mitsuko Matayoshi, sisters-in-law, Lois Novotny and Kazue Matayoshi. Survived by loving husband of 58 years, Bernard; sons, Jerry (Penny) and Mike (Lisa); grandchildren, Jake, Sam, Will, Katelyn, Blake, and Brody; siblings, Yasutake, Yasuhiko, Yasuharu, Kazuko Sasaki; brother-in-law, John; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Tomiko was born and grew up in Naha, Okinawa. She graduated from Shuri High School, then went on to complete the course in Naha Nursing School. She worked as a registered nurse at the Naha Red Cross Hospital for about one year before moving to the USA with her husband in February 1968. She married Bernard Novotny on May 6, 1967, at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Naha.

Tomiko always kept busy working outside the home, engaging in various hobbies and crafts while being a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She found great joy in visiting her grandchildren and sons; cooking and baking goodies for them and attending their activities. She always enjoyed traveling to many places in Japan, Europe, and the USA. After the boys grew up, she especially liked taking cruises in the Caribbean, Hawaii, Alaska and more. More locally she liked camping in various State Parks and on the family property near Moose Lake. At home she enjoyed watching the abundant wildlife in the backyard.

In 1971, Tomiko was a charter member of the "Okinawa Bunch" of this region, participating in many social, camping, and family activities with family's having roots in Okinawa.

A memorial service will be held Thursday August 28, at 11am with visitation one hour prior, at the Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Chapel Service

AUG **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We miss you Aunt Tomiko. We hold the special memories we shared with you close in our hearts. ❤️❤️❤️

Yasuhiko Matayoshi & Family



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“ Yasuhiko Matayoshi & Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Tomiko Matayoshi Novotny.



Yasuhiko Matayoshi & Family - August 24, 2025 at 12:09 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tomiko Matayoshi Novotny.



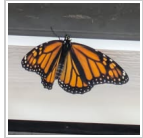
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Washburn-McReavy - August 20, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss-praying for comfort and peace for all of you



Jodi Leyk - August 19, 2025 at 12:13 PM