



Tamai Takami Galloway

January 13, 1926 - January 16, 2021

Tamai Takami Galloway, age 95 of Goodlettsville, passed away peacefully in her home on January 16, 2021.

She was born to her parents Kangoro Takami (father) and Seki Takami (mother) in 1926.

She is preceded in death by her brothers Takeo, Masao, Hideo, sisters Sonato, Shizue, and Sumie and her late husband, Hugh D. Galloway who passed in 2011.

She is survived by one sister, Mamoru (Japan); her cherished children, sons Larry (Donna) Galloway, Alan (Donna) Galloway, and daughter Tyann Chappell; dear grandchildren Danielle (Eddie) Slaybinger, Nicole Galloway, Adam (Katrina) Galloway, Lindsay (Wayne) Zumwalt, Christopher (Romina) Graham, Crystal (Brandon) Stegall, Roxanne (Jared) Carl, Chad Galloway, Tori (James) Geraughty; and precious great-grandchildren Matias, Chloe, Harrison, Avery, Robert, John, Wyatt, Wesley, and Savannah.

Mother was born in a small fishing village nestled in the hills of Noboribetsu, Hokkaido Japan. She loved to snow ski, go shelling on the beaches of Sanibel Island Florida, and to care and comfort her patients at St. Thomas Hospital where she retired after 38 years of faithful service. As much as she loved helping people, she cherished the true deep and loyal friendships that she made. She will miss all of her friends at the Goodlettsville Delmas Long Community Center and the Tuesday potluck lunches followed by bingo. Thank you, Jennifer, Linda, and Melody, for always taking such good care of her. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society and the Middle Tennessee Japan Society. Even though Japan was her birthplace she loved the United States and became a U. S. citizen in 1995 and voted every year except for the last two.

In her later years when going to the beach was no longer possible, she would dream of her youth in Japan. She described what it felt like to take that first ski down the mountainous slopes after a fresh snowfall on a cold sunny morning with the sun at her back. After climbing to the top and looking down, the slopes appeared to be covered in

diamonds glistening with indescribable brilliance. Then she would ski back down with the sounds and feel of the cold winter air wisping past her. As a little girl she would climb back up and ski back down over and over never tiring. As time went by that climb became more laborious and on her last day when she finally made it to the top of that mountain and looked below on that perfect pure white snow-covered slope, I feel she thought not this time, turned around and walked toward that brilliant Son. Mother was only love and grace.

We want to thank everyone that was a part of her life; she loved each of you dearly.

Due to COVID19 a Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.

If you would like to honor her life please make a donation to a local food bank.

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Tyann Chappell - January 20 at 06:48 PM



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Tyann Chappell - January 20 at 02:20 PM



“ Anytime I was at her home she always made me feel love and make sure I was fed I love you all and I'm sorry for your loss

Michael - January 21 at 06:45 PM



“ There are truly no words to describe how wonderful little granny was. She was kind, loving, fun, caring, humble and always well put together - I called her fashion-granny. I will miss listening to your stories growing up in Japan and when you came to the states, how much you love working at St. Thomas and caring for others. You were not my granny by blood but thanks to chris you became my granny too. You will be truly missed We love you so much little granny.

Romina Graham - January 20 at 12:29 PM



“ Little Granny lived a very joyful and peaceful life taking time to always make sure everyone she hung out with, family or friend feel the joy and happiness she lived for day in and day out. I'm very blessed to have spent many years knowing and spending time with her and will forever have the memories with me at all times. She was the needle in the hay stack as a person and has a heart of gold.

As a kid I remember Little Granny visiting us in Hawaii and every morning I would wake up and she had already been for a walk on the beach getting the best pick of the morning shells.

Visiting TN as a kid I remember every time being so excited to sleep in her shell room, that still is my favorite place in the house. She always made sure to have blueberry yogurt in the fridge and grandpa always had klondike bars for my visit. When visiting it was routine to go down to the creek at the bottom of her yard and catch guppies and small fish.

As an adult my best memory was her excitement when I got to tell her that Romina and I were expecting and the moment she got to see her first great grandkid Matias when he was born.

Little Granny made a huge impression on so many people and leaves behind thousands of positive and motivating memories that will be told for decades across the globe.

I Love you Little Granny! Light speed ahead and I will see you again one day.

Chris Graham - January 19 at 09:22 PM



“ First off I'd like to say I'm so sorry for your loss. Second, I'd like to just share the first time I met her with Roxanne. I believe we were still dating at the time and we went to her house and I walked in the door and she turns to Roxy and say oh my he's so tall.... and handsome too! She had a big smile on her face and it was very special to be able to remember that.

Jared Carl - January 19 at 02:25 PM