



Yoko (Sakamoto) Decicco

March 16, 1933 - June 15, 2021

Yoko (Sakamoto) Decicco, 88, of Shirley, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 in the Apple Valley Center in Ayer after a long battle with dementia.

Yoko was born in Tokyo, Japan on March 16, 1933. While working in Ochanomizu, Japan., she met her husband Santo J Decicco. They married in May of 1958. Yoko came to the United States in 1962.

She worked as a manager at Cathay Island Restaurant in Leominster and Chopsticks in Ayer for several years prior to her retirement.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Parish in Shirley.

Yoko enjoyed listening to classical music, The Beatles, traveling, reading Time magazine, spending time with her grand and great grandchildren, curating her Bonsai plants and shopping for the latest fashions. She had a favorite saying "Very Classy"

Her beloved husband Santo J. Decicco died in June of 1998.

She leaves her devoted daughter, Grace B Knowles and her husband William of Lunenburg; a grandson, William R Knowles III and his fiancée Jessica of Lunenburg and a great-granddaughter, Makenna Grace Knowles of

Lunenburg; and many nephews of New Rochelle, NY.

In addition to her husband, Yoko is predeceased by a son Philip E. Decicco and a granddaughter, Alexandra E. Knowles who died in October of 2016.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 1PM in St. Anthony's Cemetery in Shirley. Calling hours will be held prior to the service from 11AM-12:30 PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Alzheimer's Association act.alz.org in her honor.

Cemetery Details

St. Anthony's Cemetery

Shaker Road
Shirley, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Graveside Service

JUN 22. 1:00 PM.

St. Anthony's Cemetery
Shaker Road
Shirley, MA

Tribute Wall

AP

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Yoko. My father, John Ranno, also recently passed. He loved joking with his buddy Sam and Yoko. My dad always said that they would be in heaven together and I guess they are now. I am very sorry I did not find out in time for the graveside service. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time.

Anita Perry

Anita Perry - June 22, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ Dear Grace,
Sorry to hear of your Mom's passing.
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I too, lost my Dad to dementia. I do understand.

Hugs to you.

Lisa (McGrath) Wilson

Lisa McGrath - Wilson - June 19, 2021 at 08:22 AM

JE

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing, Grace.

Jackie Esielionis - June 18, 2021 at 01:16 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your family. She was a wonderful and kind lady.

Charlotte Mandarano - June 17, 2021 at 07:05 PM

PB

“ *To Grace and Family,*

Please accept my condolences for your mother. Paula Boisseau

PAULA BOISSEAU - June 17, 2021 at 02:33 PM