



Michiko M. Deguchi

May 11, 1924 - March 1, 2023

Michiko Deguchi, 98, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2023 in Kingsburg, CA with family by her side. Michiko was born on May 11, 1924 in Los Angeles to Jitaro and Shina Mizutani. She had three siblings - Joe (deceased), Chizu (deceased), and Mitsuo. Michiko's grandfather was the founder of the Mizutani Market grocery business which was located on California Street in Kingsburg and family operated for generations (except during World War II when the family voluntarily relocated to Utah). Michiko attended Kingsburg schools and graduated from Kingsburg High School (KHS) with the Class of 1942. In March 1950 she married Roy Deguchi, also a 1942 KHS graduate, and after a brief stay in Arizona, they settled in Kingsburg in September 1950. Subsequently, Michiko and Roy started their own family which grew to include three sons who were all born in Kingsburg. For many years, she worked part-time with her brother (Joe), sister-in-law, and mother at the family grocery store. Both Michiko and Roy were active members of the Kingsburg Buddhist Church for many years. Michiko enjoyed a variety of pursuits including reading, travel, trying new recipes, sewing, knitting and crocheting blankets, keeping her mind sharp with word puzzles, watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, and listening to the music of Lawrence Welk. In her later years, she learned how to use a computer and tablet to keep in touch with friends and family by e-mail. However, her most joyful pastime was tending to her beloved flower garden which she did well into her 90s. She is survived by her husband (Roy), sons (Doug, Stan, and David), brother (Mitsuo) and many nieces and

nephews. The family would like to thank the first responders of the Kingsburg Fire Department and paramedics for their professional service. A private burial was held at Kingsburg Cemetery.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Cemetery Details

Kingsburg Cemetery

12782 E. Clarkson Avenue
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Previous Events

Burial

MAR **10**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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