



Grayce Hattori

February 4, 1928 - December 18, 2014

Grayce Noyo Hattori, 86, a Moses Lake resident for over 60 years passed away peacefully on December 18, 2014 her family at her side. A celebration of her life will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 27, 2015 at Kayser's Chapel of Memories. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory.

Grayce was born on February 4, 1928 in Seattle to Shotaro and Tsuneko Gojio. She graduated from High School in Salt Lake City Utah. The Gojio family was relocated to an internment camp at Minidoka in Idaho during World War II. The Gojio family returned to Seattle where her father started his Barber Shop.

Grayce married Mike Hattori and moved to Moses Lake where they farmed for over 40 years. She was a member of the Nisei Women's Club.

She will be remembered for being a generous, kind and friendly outgoing person. Her funny laugh will be missed.

Grayce was preceded in death by her husband Mike Hattori. She is survived by her sons, Greg and Dee of Austin, Texas & Gordy and Becky of Redmond, Washington; her grandson, Justin and Kelli of Phoenix, Arizona.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 27. 10:00 AM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

SL

“ *The world has lost a wonderful person. My deepest condolences to Gordy and Greg & your families. I will always remember Auntie Grayce's kind heart, generosity, thoughtfulness, crazy sense of humor and that infectious laugh she had. The way she used to say, "YOU'RE so dumb!" always cracked me up! She had the most beautiful spirit and she never let the cancer get her down.*

Auntie Grayce, I hope you and Susie are having a good laugh together like old times! I love you and miss you much.

Shirley Louie

Shirley Louie - March 25, 2015 at 11:19 PM

MF

“ I met Grayce when I was 16 and she was 17. Our friendship continued for 60 years. What a gal! Never have met anyone like her and never will again. Never said a bad word about anybody; treated everybody the same and was always cheerful and fun. As well as being a fantastic cook!

When Mike died, she decided within weeks she would sell the house, pare down her belongings and move to a smaller house. In no time at all, she did all of that!!! Most people I knew who had suffered a loss talked a good story, but it usually took a while for them to get their talk into action, but not Grayce. She said she was going to do it and by golly, she did it. When the time came again for another move, she was ready. Found a place that fit her needs, took care of her personal belongings and quickly became part of her new assisted living place. After that, I didn't think there was anything this woman could NOT do. I took my hat off to her. She wasn't just a talker.....she was a doer!

She was also a very good and faithful friend. Even though she was now in Moses Lake and we didn't see each other as often as we would have liked, we still managed to make several trips to Moses Lake and vacation together. Those vacations were a riot! When I say we had fun, you can spell that with a capital "F"!

Every time we went to Moses Lake with husbands and friends, she treated us royally. She put us up, cooked scrumptious meals and took really good care of us. She even cooked special Japanese dishes for us that we loved. And now, she's gone. That's really hard for me to believe right now, but I have my memories and they're all good. Plus, I can see her right now, having a ball with Mike, Susie, and Daibo!

Mitsie Fujii - January 22, 2015 at 06:50 PM

DK

“ I had the privilege of being Grayce’s daughter-in-law. In 2005 Greg took me to Moses Lake where this “haku-jin” was introduced to three formidable Japanese matrons: Grayce, Margie and Lillian. Oh boy howdy, I knew I was being scrutinized. And I must have passed because I experienced nothing but welcome and warmth from all three lovely women. It was easy to fall in love with Grayce. She was funny and fun; always cheerful; sending us off with food and household goods which cracked me up. It was never a chore or obligation to visit Moses Lake where I looked forward to visiting Greg’s family and meeting his cousins. I loved the joking and teasing that went on; Grayce’s house was full of visitors and the phone was always ringing. She touched so many lives and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. I’m so glad she came into my life.

Dee Kaulay

Deanna Kaulay - January 17, 2015 at 03:31 PM

ST

“ I am incapable of verbally expressing the impression that you left upon my life. The kindness and love that you have given has made all the difference to the ones you have left behind. The caliber of your character was absolutely remarkable. The place you hold in my heart is undeniably large. My life will be forever changed without your presence. I'm thankful for the bond that I formed with Gordy through our love for you. I hope that your beautiful family finds the comfort they need, as the loss of you is a painful impact upon their lives. You will forever be loved and missed. ~ Suzi Tokunaga

Suzi Tokunaga - January 17, 2015 at 10:09 AM

JT

“ Grayce brightened every place she went. We shared laughter and tears throughout the years. I am grateful for the memories...rest in peace my dear friend...I will miss you! My thoughts and prayers go out to her family....I loved her too guys!!

Judy Trask - January 05, 2015 at 12:14 PM

KK

“ I grew up "around the corner" from Grayce and her family and played with Gordy and Greg as children in the neighborhood. I think of her fondly whenever I drive by the house on Rose Ave. Grayce's laughter sings through my memories.

Kathy Kalamakis

Kathy Kalamakis - January 03, 2015 at 02:09 PM

BG

“ We were so sorry to hear of Grayce's passing. She was a wonderful friend and will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family. We loved you, Grayce.

Kerry and Barbara Garbe

Barbara Garbe - December 29, 2014 at 02:53 AM

TS

“ It would not have been the same wonderful childhood without Grayce in it. She always had time for a visit and I would always leave with a smile. Thinking of the Hattori Family during this time.

Terry Trask Skeeick

Terry Trask Skeesick - December 26, 2014 at 07:40 PM

RM

“ We were lucky to call Grayce our friend. We enjoyed every visit with her. Grayce and I both used to swim at the Dabalos pool. She would make dish clothes for everyone. I would bake her banana bread. We are going to miss her! Our sympathies to her family. Terry and Rhonda Melbye

Rhonda Melbye - December 24, 2014 at 09:35 PM

CK

“ To the Hattori family; Grayce will be missed by all of us, who were fortunate to know her, and call her our friend. Grayce, Margie, and Lillian, made a weekly visit to Paul's Equipment, for "free" popcorn. Paul call the 3 of them, his Indian "squaw's"!! We have years and years of memories, of the Hattori family!! RIP Grayce..we love you!! Sincerely, Cathy and Paul Kersey

Cathy Kersey - December 23, 2014 at 09:08 PM

CF

“ For Gordy & All of Grayce's Family,

All of us at Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation were very saddened to hear of Grayce's passing.....what a lovely, cheerful, kind lady she was, and I know you will all miss her very much. What an inspiration she was to us--I never heard her complain even once about all she was going through--she kept her cheerful outlook all the way through. She fought her battle with so much courage and dignity! I hope it is some comfort to you, knowing that she doesn't have to struggle and suffer anymore.

We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time!

*With our sympathies,
Jean Copley & All at Columbia Basin
Cancer Foundation*

Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation - December 23, 2014 at 03:06 PM



“ Grayce was such a sweet lady she was one of my favorites at marketplace/ food pavilion she was always smiling and a sweetheart hold dear your memories

Donna Anderson - December 19, 2014 at 10:32 PM

JA

Grayce and Mike were two of our very favorite people during the years we lived in Moses Lake. We have such very fond memories of Grayce, her wonderful sense of humor and delightful laugh and the love she always showed us. What a special lady. We were blessed to have known her.

*Our love and prayers are with you.
Jim and Carol Adamson*

Jim and Carol Adamson - January 19, 2015 at 07:44 PM

SB

Greg and Gordy, I'm sorry to hear of Grayce's passing. She was always so friendly and inviting to everyone. One of the fondest memories I have, is a few years out of college when we would go hunting pheasants in the sugar beets, arriving at the Hattori house around 10pm Friday night for the weekend. Grayce cooked a whole turkey so we could enjoy fresh turkey SANDWICHES, which were absolutely the best I have ever had! Only Grayce would go out of her way to make us feel so special. And you could never say no to seconds and thirds! At Carol's and my last visit at your house, of course we had a whole dinner prepared for our lunchtime visit and we went home with numerous knitted pot holders, and of course more food to take home.

She was very special indeed and I'm glad to have been blessed to have known her. My heartfelt sympathies to you and thank you for sharing.

Steve Burnett

Steve Burnett - January 20, 2015 at 02:37 PM

PP

*A special place in Heaven for our long time friend, Grayce!!
Vern & Pat Pederson, Moses Lake*

Pat Pederson - March 27, 2015 at 11:58 AM