



## Adelaide Miyaji

October 26, 1943 - September 4, 2011

Adelaide Miyaji, 67, passed away peacefully in Santa Barbara with family by her side on Sunday, September 4th, 2011. Adelaide was born in Rivers, Arizona on October 26th, 1943, daughter of Joe and Beverly Watanabe. She grew up in Santa Barbara and graduated from Santa Barbara High School in 1962. She attended UCSB and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. Adelaide lived in many places including Japan, Seattle, Union City and Los Angeles before moving back to Santa Barbara where she spent 25 years working for Rogers, Sheffield, and Campbell and raising her family.

Adelaide is survived by daughters Audrey and Alycia, sons-in-law Dave and Ryan, grandchildren Taylor and Lucas, twin brother Craig, sister-in-law Shirley, great friends, and dog Chibi.

Adelaide touched many lives and will be remembered for her gentle nature, peaceful heart, love for animals, and never-ending kindness and generosity. We were all so fortunate to have known her. She was a wonderful mother, sister, daughter, grandmother and friend, and will be in our hearts forever.

A celebration of Adelaide's life will take place with immediate family on September 10th, 2011.

# Tribute Wall

SY

“ *My condolences go out to both the Miyaji and Watanabe families on this sad occasion.*

*I have many fond memories of growing up together with the rest of the WWII "camp babies" in Santa Barbara. Although we grew apart in adulthood, Adelaide was always a friendly face to see whenever our paths crossed. She was taken way too soon, but the memories of growing up together at Franklin, SB JHS, and SBHS, along with the activities at the Buddhist Church fondly remain.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

**STEVEN H. YONEDA**  
*Grover Beach, CA*

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**Steven Yoneda** - September 16, 2011 at 05:10 PM

GP

“ *For the Watanabe-Miyaji Families,*

*I have many fond memories of elementary, junior high, high school, and university years with Adelaide. Her lovely spirit and countenance were always admired, and her cute smile and sense of humor were so endearing. Her gentleness and beauty will live on in her children and grandchildren. May happy memories soften the sadness of this time.*

*With deep sympathy,*

*Gloria (and Adrian) Peyrat*

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**Gloria Peyrat** - September 15, 2011 at 11:48 AM

SF

“ *Dear Watanabe & Miyaji families*  
*We felt great sadness when we read of Adelaide's death. Although our recent paths crossed infrequently, warm memories of much younger days with Adelaide linger We send deepest sympathy and love.*  
*In Gassho, Dennis & Sets (Okino) Furuike*

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**Setsuko Florence (Okino) Furuike** - September 15, 2011 at 11:46 AM

AB

“ *Dear Family of Adelaide,*

*I left Rogers, Sheffield and Campbell two years ago and the one person I have missed was Adelaide therefore I was deeply saddened to read that she had passed away.*

*Each day when entering the office the first person I always saw was Adelaide with her smiling face, positive personality and genuine concern for others. My desk was one office away from hers so we spoke often usually about my daughter or her family including her two fabulous daughters and their families which she enjoyed so much. I worked with Adelaide for ten years and she was always a pleasure to be around with a calm soothing voice.*

*One of my fondest memories of her is being at a holiday party where we got a little tipsy, ate and laughed the night away.*

*Sincerely,*  
*April Braley*

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**April Braley** - September 12, 2011 at 02:23 PM

AH

“ Dear Audrey, Alycia, Craig, Shirley and Family:

*My heart is full of sadness; we were close friends for over 30 years and I valued our closeness, her friendship, the many joys and tribulations we shared, her soft and wise understanding counsel during a difficult time in my life My last memory of her, other than a visit to Cottage Hospital, was a telephone call received from her revisiting our friendship. She often called us "soul sisters". I have many happy memories of the two of us, and pictures to share, which I will send to Audrey. She was all that a friend should be, and more. I shall miss her presence.*

*I missed notification of her memorial service, and was only notified this date of her passing through a mutual friend.*

*With sympathy, and love for Adelaide,*

*Anne Hanson*

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**Anne Hanson** - September 12, 2011 at 12:41 PM

JT

“ Dear family and relatives of Adelaide,

*We are deeply saddened by the passing of a beautiful human being. We will always remember her smile and kind, soft voice.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Yas and JoAnn Torigoe*

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**JoAnn Torigoe** - September 12, 2011 at 11:26 AM

DT

“ *Dear Watanabe and Miyaji Families,  
We are so sorry for your loss. May the happy memories your families created over Adelaide's life time carry you through this difficult time.*

*With our sincere sympathy,  
Dennis and Tommi Tokumaru*

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**Dennis Tokumaru** - September 11, 2011 at 06:09 PM