



Mildred M. Cruz

January 30, 1932 - September 17, 2024

Mildred Midori Morita Cruz (“Baba” or “Mudder”) passed away peacefully on September 17, 2024, after a brief illness, with her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren by her side.

Mudder was born in Haleiwa, Hawaii, to Suzanne Kiyoko Ohta Morita and Harry Yatsuo Morita. She grew up in Honolulu and attended Japanese cultural school on Sundays. She spoke of seeing the Japanese Zero fighter planes flying overhead one Sunday as she walked to Japanese school, low enough so that she could see the Rising Sun logos on the planes. A few minutes later, she said the ground shook hard enough to make her stumble, and the explosions she heard made her think that a tsunami was approaching. She spoke very little of the war-time years.

After graduating high school, Mudder attended nursing school at Queen’s Hospital in Honolulu, earning her Registered Nurse (RN) degree. She worked at Queen’s for a few years until she met and married Joe M. Cruz, and moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she had three children: Joanne, Sharon, and Harry.

Mudder was predeceased by her middle child, Sharon Louise Cruz Robles, and her youngest child, Harry Lee Cruz. She is survived by her oldest child, Joanne Cruz Tenery (husband Walter), son-in-law Marc Robles, Sr.,

granddaughters Mandy Hernandez Muchowski (husband Shawn) and Christina Robles, grandson Marc Robles, Jr. (wife Bianca), and by her beloved “Huggables,” great-grandson AJ Robles and great-granddaughters Loren and Briana Robles. Mudder is also survived by her sisters, Jane Hamanaka and Amy Kamei, and brothers Mike and Stanley Morita, as well as by family-by-marriage Concha Silva, Gilbert Herrera (Rosemary), and Carlos Herrera (Angelina), and many nieces and nephews.

As Mudder requested, there will be no viewing (“I don’t want people looking at me!”). There will be a visitation from 5 to 8pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, 1700 SE Military Drive, San Antonio, on Monday, September 23, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of your choice .

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **23.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories

1700 SE Military Dr

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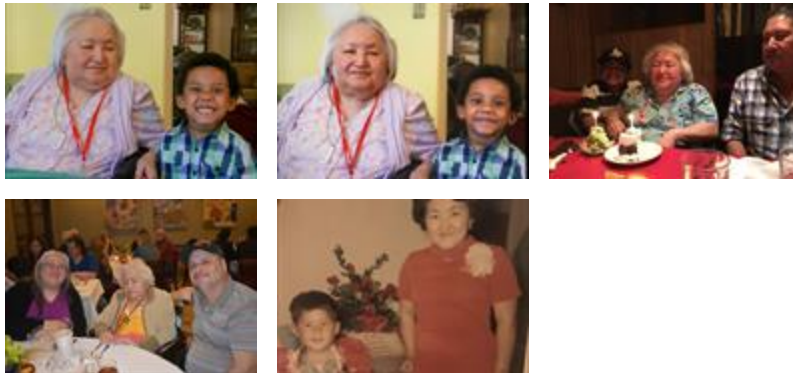
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mildred M. Cruz.*



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“ *We have great memories with Aunt “Millie” Mildred. Spending nights at her house, baking bread, Family Halloween Nights with spooky music, decorations, movies and fun trick or treating. Playing or rather banging on the piano. Her home was a family fun place to be. We will miss you very much! Love Always!!!*



Monica Silva - September 19, 2024 at 11:00 PM



Rest in Peace, Aunt Mildred. We love you!

Evelyn Salisbury - September 22, 2024 at 10:38 PM



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