



## Yuriko Aoyama Twitchell

October 12, 1927 - February 3, 2021

YURIKO “SUE” AOYAMA TWITCHELL affectionately called “ga-ga” by family was born October 12, 1927 in Akashi Hyogo-ken (pref), Japan, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2021 in Manassas, VA.

Her family is grateful for the 93 years of memories and wisdom she shared. “Sue” was known for her generosity, kindness, “impish grin followed by a wink,” and sharp mind. She was one of the first WWII war brides to come to America leaving behind her family and her homeland. She taught herself English, immersed herself in American history, and passed the US citizenship exam on her first try. She was an avid Bingo player and an excellent cook, serving both American and Japanese recipes. She worked at Dulles Airport starting as a cashier and eventually became the manager of the airport parking system. She was acknowledged by the Washington Post for her kindness to strangers; paying their parking fee when they couldn’t. She made worldwide, lifelong friends with whom she loved to share stories and discuss all of life’s lessons. She never knew a stranger.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Craig (Alan), two granddaughters, Natalie (Jason), and Alyssa (Matt), and four great grandchildren. She will be laid to rest at Quantico National Cemetery alongside her husband, Thomas Twitchell . She was preceded in death by her son, Gregory Twitchell; grandson, Justin Finney; her parents, Zenhichiro Tsuboi and Masae Aoyama,

and her five brothers. The service and funeral will be private. The family would like to thank the staff at Caton Merchant House in Manassas for their compassionate care through the years. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. If an opportunity is available to you, plant flowers where there are none, brighten the world a little, just as she did.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172-1636  
(703) 221-2183

# Previous Events

## Graveside Services

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LM

“ I worked with Sue at Dulles. I was fresh out of high school and going to college. She really looked out for her employees.

*Laurie Miehm*

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**Laurie Miehm** - February 13, 2021 at 09:12 PM

SK

“ I worked with Sue as a Supervisor at Dulles Airport. She was all about raising people up, helping them realize their potential. She was always willing to talk, listen and laugh. Sue was a hard worker. She loved sharing stories of her life in Japan but especially her family. I spoke with her a little over a year ago. She still had a great memory. My thoughts and prayers to the entire family.

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**Sandra (Sandy) Kerns** - February 11, 2021 at 11:27 AM

CW

“ Vic and I offer our deepest condolences on the loss of your mother. What a beautiful young lady she was. May you hold all the lovely memories of her close to your heart.

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**Carole Wieszek** - February 08, 2021 at 06:27 PM

SC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Susan Craig** - February 06, 2021 at 04:06 PM

SU

*Recent picture of mom.*

**Susan** - February 06, 2021 at 04:09 PM

LA

*Love that smile!! Her Caton Merchant House family misses her!*

**Lara** - February 09, 2021 at 08:42 AM

SC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Susan Craig** - February 06, 2021 at 04:05 PM

SU

*Mom on her 23 birthday, October 12, 1950*

**Susan** - February 06, 2021 at 04:10 PM

CG

*So lovely!*

**Crisann Gower** - February 07, 2021 at 09:32 AM