



## Miyo Tomari Lewis

October 10, 1935 - September 14, 2024

COLEBROOK – Miyo Tomari Lewis, 88, of Colebrook, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, September 14, 2024, at her home with daughter Sophia (and Tom) by her side.

She was born on October 10, 1935, to the late Matsu and Kana (Tomori) Tomari on the island of Miyako, Japan. She met Charles Jarvis Lewis Jr., an Army soldier from Colebrook who was stationed in Okinawa, and married him in 1960. Their love changed their lives in so many wonderful ways. Miyo had 4 children in which two were lost in delivery. She was a devoted wife and was blessed with a family that she put first, even before herself. She traveled the world with her husband and young family to various duty stations, both in the U.S. and overseas. The Lewis family then returned to Colebrook where she lived for over 50 years.

Miyo was proud to become a very patriotic U.S. citizen and attended every Memorial Day and 4th of July parade in town, always standing and putting her hand on her heart as the flag would go by her. She loved to garden and to be among her many flower beds. She was nicknamed the Flower Lady in town. She also loved the music of Elvis and enjoyed listening to the Okinawan music alongside of the hamachidori dance. She could speak 4 languages of which two were the distinct old dialect from Miyako and Okinawa.

Miyo may not have the public accolades as a lot of people have, however, she was the support for Jarvis and her daughters in all their accomplishments, because without her holding the home, raising two daughters, and giving support to her grand and great-grandchildren, the freedom to pursue their dreams would not have been theirs.

She loved playing basketball, badminton, tennis, and card games of rummy, cribbage and Chinese checkers with her grandchildren. In her later years she saw all her great-grandchildren on FaceTime or in person when they would visit. They all loved their Mamu so very much and she will be GREATLY missed by all the lives she touched.

She is survived by her two daughters, Tami Lynda Lewis (Bruce) of Hickory, NC, and Sophia Kana Lewis (Tom) of White River Junction, VT; five grandchildren: Christopher (Jessica) Carbee, Spencer (Kaitlyn) Lewis, Alexander (Channing) DeZayas Jr., Abigail (Kenneth) Acosta, and Preston Lewis were the apple of her eye; and five great-grandchildren: Alicia Carbee, Eloise Lewis, Alexandar DeZayas III, Julian Lewis, and Kayden Brown. She also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her beloved husband of 58 years, Jarvis, in 2018. She is also the last survivor of her family with her brothers Hiroshi, Shoketchi, Kanegama, and sisters Kamura, Kabu, Matsuko, and Yoshi all passing before her.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside interment service will be held on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Condolences may be offered on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3  
Colebrook, NH

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Susie And Mike lit a candle in memory of Miyo Tomari Lewis*



Susie and Mike - September 22, 2024 at 11:08 AM

EK

“ *Tami and Sofia, it is with heavy hearts that we send our condolences. Your dear mother was such a delight. Her smile and flower gardens are two if many things we will never forget. Bruce and Emmy Katz*

Emily Katz - September 20, 2024 at 07:28 AM

EB

“ *Eric Brungot lit a candle in memory of Miyo Tomari Lewis*



Eric Brungot - September 19, 2024 at 03:22 PM

DL

“ *The Queen of Cribbage and the Master of a life well lived. We will miss Miyo's cheerfulness and positivity. Warmest condolences for Sophia and Tami and your families.*

Dolores, Wanda, & Chris Lewis - September 19, 2024 at 02:08 PM

LW

“ Love Dolores, Chris, and Wanda purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Miyo Tomari Lewis.



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Love Dolores, Chris, and Wanda - September 19, 2024 at 01:27 PM

LW

“ Love Dolores, Chris, and Wanda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miyo Tomari Lewis.

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Love Dolores, Chris, and Wanda - September 19, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Miyo Tomari Lewis.



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September 19, 2024 at 10:14 AM

WF

“ With love, Becky & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miyo Tomari Lewis.

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With love, Becky & family - September 19, 2024 at 10:14 AM

TF

“ Our prayers are with you at this difficult time. May she rest in peace  
Tom and Jane Frizzell

Thomas Frizzell - September 19, 2024 at 06:05 AM

DL

“ My heartfelt condolences to Tami and Sophia and their families.

Deb Lawton - September 18, 2024 at 10:00 PM

PB

“ Tami and Sophia-- My condolences on the loss of your mom. --  
Patrick

Patrick Blais - September 18, 2024 at 07:29 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers Tami and Sophia to  
you and your families. Sending hugs and love

Dee Dion - September 18, 2024 at 06:32 AM

HH

“ Our condolences go out to the family on your loss.

Haven Haynes - September 17, 2024 at 12:49 PM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Tami  
and Sophia and your families.



Jan Corliss - September 17, 2024 at 12:02 PM

JC

“ My dear old neighbors you are in my thoughts and prayers. What an absolutely wonderful woman who taught me a lot and was such a friend to my mom. Everyone in our family loved her. I never heard an u kind word said about her or an unkind word said from her lips. Pure love. I’m so sorry but believe that if anyone deserves a seat in the highest of heavens it’s her.

Jenny Chenevert - September 17, 2024 at 11:20 AM

JD

“ To Tami and Sophia: Your Mom was an amazing woman; so very kind, welcoming and always smiling. Her flowers were beautiful. My thoughts and prayers to you and your families during this very difficult time! Julie Daley



Julie Daley - September 17, 2024 at 10:40 AM

SC

“ My deepest condolences to the Lewis family. Miyo was a lovely neighbor growing up I always enjoyed her beautiful flowers and her heartfelt smile on Park St.

Stephanie J. Hughes- Cross - September 16, 2024 at 08:02 PM