

A Service in Memory of

RYO MORIKAWA TSAI

November 11, 1921 – February 22, 2010



Japanese Baptist Church
160 Broadway

Saturday March 6, 2010
2:00 PM

Reverend Stephen Luttio
Pastor, Japanese Congregational Church
305 17th Avenue South

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Ryo Morikawa Tsai was born in San Diego, California to Kennosuke and Ayano Morikawa. Ryo began her college career at San Diego State College from 1939 to 1940 and then studied in Japan at Keisen University for a year. She returned to San Diego in August of 1941 because of the impending war. During the evacuation, she and her family moved to Chicago where she met her husband, Ai Chih Tsai. She and Ai Chih were married in Chicago on December 24, 1942. After short stops in Washington, D.C., New York and San Diego, she moved to Seattle in 1948 with her husband, who assumed pastoral duties at the Japanese Congregational Church, and oldest daughter.

Ryo was determined to continue her education and started to attend the University of Washington while her children were young. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English followed by a Master of Library Science in 1960. Ryo started her professional career at the Science Library at the University of Washington. She later moved to the Seattle Public Library System in order to be able to work with a wider range of books. She served at the Downtown Library and at the Columbia City, Green Lake, Magnolia, and Yesler (now Douglass-Truth) branches. She concluded her career as the head librarian of the Susan Henry Branch Library on Capitol Hill.

Ryo was a woman of great grace, dignity, compassion and courage. She enjoyed creating collages, knitting Christmas stockings for family, reading, listening to classical music, playing the piano, playing bridge and spending time on Hood Canal with family and friends. She was greatly loved by her four children, their spouses, seven grandchildren, her extended family of relatives and the church community which her husband served for over thirty years.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	Betty Luttio
Call to Worship: Psalms 23	Melyssa Tsai
Invocation	Rev. Stephen Luttio
**Hymn: In the Garden	Page 635 verses 1-3
Remembrance	Larry Lee
Scripture Reading: John 14:1-6	Sarah Kobašlija
Message: A Place Where You Belong	Rev. Stephen Luttio
**Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God	Page 788 verses 1-3
**Benediction	Rev. Stephen Luttio
Response by Family	Peter Tsai
Line of Farewell	

**Please stand if you are able

Please join us for refreshments in the social hall.

The Tsai Family would like to express its deep gratitude for your presence at this memorial service and for your expressions of sympathy. We have been comforted by your prayers and condolences.

We would like to thank the following for their assistance in this service.

GREETERS

Mark Caldwell
Kristi Kim
Sarah Kobašlija

Michael Poe
Melyssa Tsai
David Lee

Whitney Tsai

KODEN

Binko Chiong-Bisbee

Cathy Hayes

USHERS

David Hata
Vern Hayes

Andrew Tsai
Dennis Yamada

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- Sid Ko, Bonney-Watson Funeral Home
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Japanese Baptist Church
- Fujinshinshikai, Japanese Congregational Church
- Whitman Middle School Staff coordinated by Elaine Akagi
- Seattle Asian Sports Club High School Girls Basketball Team