

Stover, Chikako 'Chiko'



1953-2021

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Chikako Stover

Chikako Lee Stover, known as "Chiko" by her family and friends went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021.

She was born in Okinawa, Japan, on July 19, 1953, and was the youngest of three sisters. She moved to the United States when she was 11 years old with her mother and sisters. At the age of 17, she met the love of her life, Charles "Charlie" Stover. They were married a year later on Oct. 8, 1971, and have four sons.

Moving throughout California, following her husband and his career, they finally settled in Ridgecrest, Calif., in 1990. Chiko was a loving, caring mother and wife, raising the boys and supporting them in all their endeavors. She was right by her husband's side until the good Lord called him home in 2010.

The motherly side spilled over into her work life. She worked as a manager in the fast food industry, working alongside many of Ridgecrest's youth. She watched each of them grow, from teens to mature young adults. She was proud of them all.

In 2012, Chiko moved to Texas to be closer to her mother and oldest sister. Chiko

was making friends wherever she went and will be greatly missed by all.

She is survived by her four sons, Jimmie of Hurricane, Utah, Daniel and wife, Kim, of Midland and twins Christopher and wife, Michelle, and Aaron and wife, Erikka, of Ridgecrest, Calif.; three nieces, who she loved dearly, Patricia Stanley and Elizabeth Nelson of Decatur and Heather Esterly of Las Vegas, Nev.; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; numerous great nieces and nephews; and her Chihuahua, Layla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; mother Masako "Skeeter" McLean; sisters Nagako "Nicky" Long and husband, Jimmy, and Yoshino "YoYo" Esterly.

Friends and family are invited to join in a celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Full Armor Fellowship, 1982 U.S. 380, in Decatur. A livestream will be available on Facebook for those who cannot attend: www.facebook.com/groups/644398603045950.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at Full Armor Fellowship with departure at noon for a 2 p.m. burial at DFW National Cemetery.