



Saeko I. Baigis

April 28, 1931 - March 29, 2025

Saeko I. Baigis, 93, of Moorestown, NJ, passed away peacefully in her home on March 29, 2025, with her family by her side.

Born in Tokyo, Japan, on April 28, 1931, to Shozaburo and Haruno Izumaru, Saeko was the beloved wife of the late Edward Baigis and later the cherished companion of the late Bob Quigley. She was a devoted mother to Emily Baigis (the late Mike Halpin), Cynthia Baigis, Marcy McKinstrie (Bill), and Richard Baigis (Jeanne). Cherished Nana to Jennine Janzer, Dr. Michael Halpin (Megan), Logan McKinstrie (Alex Bendik), Macklin McKinstrie (Alex Even), Keenan Halpin and five great-grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by many friends, as well as extended family members here and in Japan.

Saeko met and married Edward in Japan before moving to the United States 70 years ago. She arrived knowing little English but was determined to build a life for her family. A proud military wife, she was an avid member of the ladies auxiliary club, earned her Red Cross certification and volunteered while in Japan. Saeko had a remarkable work ethic, dedicating many years to retail at Korvette's as manager of the fabric department, 25 years at Macy's and later at Boscov's, where she took great pride in her career. Over the years she had been honored on several occasions; including being named Employee of the Year and continued working until just a few months ago. Saeko also worked at Japanese restaurants, Kawabata and Yanagi, where she was able to share her love for her culture and cuisine with others.

A talented seamstress, Saeko made clothes for her children, custom suits and

dresses among other things. She enjoyed sewing, making Japanese dolls, flower arranging, karaoke and attending Japanese dance classes with her granddaughter. She looked forward to weekly poker games and Tuesday gatherings with friends.

Saeko found joy in cooking for her family, she and her granddaughter wrote a cookbook of her signature dishes - which many have enjoyed. She loved shopping, always on the hunt for a good sale, and was an avid Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles fan—keeping up with lineups, batting averages and recent scores. Above all, she treasured time with her family.

A passionate traveler, Saeko frequently visited new places and returned to Japan often, making solo trips even into her 90s. She enjoyed gardening, watching her favorite TV shows like Columbo and Hawaii Five-0. Before her passing she often expressed she lived a great life!

Family and friends are invited to gather in her memory on Saturday, April 5th, at Givnish of Cinnaminson, 1200 Route 130 North, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, with a memorial service beginning at 12:00 PM.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Cinnaminson
1200 Route 130 N
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
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<https://www.givnish.com>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

LE

“ Dearest Saeko,

I searched for you on line several times over the years to send you my phone number and address. I moved and lost your number - this time I found you. I am sorry I'm finding you now-no longer with us. I'm heartbroken. I knew you were my father's. He is 94 years and I'm back in New York helping him.

You will and forever be remembered. My sons always asked for you. Our meeting in Italy was by chance. And our friendship was remarkable. You and Bob came to my wedding. I'll never forget that you drove all the way to Queens NY to attend.

I have missed you since our last conversation in 2010. And have thought of you since.

*Till we meet again you will always be in my heart and memory...
kindhearted, gentle and sweet Saeko.*

LisaMarie Esposito - March 03 at 09:34 AM

PS

“ Peter S. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



Peter S. - October 04, 2025 at 10:30 AM

PE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Peter - October 04, 2025 at 10:24 AM

PS

Saeko San with Peter's daughter, Mia.

Peter Sabato - October 05, 2025 at 10:04 AM

LM

“ Lorraine M. purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



Lorraine M. - April 06, 2025 at 07:48 PM

AM

“ All our love, Rachel Zach Max purchased the Ginkgo Gift Tree for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



All our love, Rachel Zach Max - April 05, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



April 04, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



April 04, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ Kathy, John and Matt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.

Kathy, John and Matt - April 04, 2025 at 06:29 AM



“ Kathy, John and Matt purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



Kathy, John and Matt - April 04, 2025 at 06:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.*



April 02, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ *Gus & Chris Bradley lit a candle in memory of Saeko I. Baigis*



Gus & Chris Bradley - April 02, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ *Pat and Elyse xoxo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.*

Pat and Elyse xoxo - April 01, 2025 at 10:10 PM



“ *Pat and Elyse xoxo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.*



Pat and Elyse xoxo - April 01, 2025 at 10:10 PM

SC

“ Sydney C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.

Sydney C. - April 01, 2025 at 01:51 PM

EJ

“ Even Family-Susette, Alex, Joe & Julia purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



Even Family-Susette, Alex, Joe & Julia - March 31, 2025 at 08:46 PM

EV

“ Elyse Vahjen lit a candle in memory of Saeko I. Baigis



Elyse Vahjen - March 31, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



March 31, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.

March 31, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



March 31, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ Pedro(Pete,Ampa) Evelyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.

Pedro(Pete,Ampa) Evelyn - March 31, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ Pedro(Pete,Ampa) Evelyn purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



Pedro(Pete,Ampa) Evelyn - March 31, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ Beautiful lady and a great neighbor we will miss her 🙏 We loved her 😍

Colomba - March 31, 2025 at 02:59 PM

TA

“ Tom A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.

Tom A. - March 31, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JB

“ Joanie, Brian and Bobby purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.



Joanie, Brian and Bobby - March 31, 2025 at 12:25 PM

CK

“ Carol K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.

Carol K. - March 31, 2025 at 09:47 AM

NS

“ Nicholas S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.

Nicholas S. - March 31, 2025 at 01:58 AM

CD

“ Chantel D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.

Chantel D. - March 30, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.*



March 30, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ *Kevin M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.*

Kevin M. - March 30, 2025 at 08:04 PM



“ *Mary B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.*

Mary B. - March 30, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Saeko I. Baigis.*

March 30, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.*



March 30, 2025 at 07:32 PM

WH

“ *With warmest condolences, Hyoun purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Saeko I. Baigis.*



With warmest condolences, Hyoun - March 30, 2025 at 06:56 PM