



## Yoshimi McCoy

November 23, 1940 - February 6, 2026

Yoshimi McCoy, 85, of Cinnaminson, New Jersey, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on February 6, 2026.

Born November 23, 1940, in Osaka, Japan, Yoshimi was the daughter of Kumaichi Akita and Kimi Akita (Sakamoto). She immigrated to the United States at the age of 28, beginning a life defined by independence, determination, and hard work.

While living in California, Yoshimi owned a dog kennel in Beverly Hills, where she trained and groomed dogs for well-known clients—work that reflected her lifelong love for dogs of every size and breed. Her journey also took her to Cuernavaca, Mexico, the “City of Eternal Spring,” where she briefly lived before returning to California and welcoming her daughter, Katrina. In 1980, they moved to New Jersey, where Yoshimi settled and raised her beloved daughter.

Yoshimi worked at Deborah Heart & Lung Center before retiring, later returning to work at Masi Dental Laboratories, Inc., where she helped make dental implants. An entrepreneur at heart, she also created small businesses of her own, including Freeze Dried Bonicals, and later Cheese & More—her passion project—which took her to farmers’ markets and antique flea markets from Philadelphia to the Jersey Shore, vending a variety of Italian-inspired

delicacies.

A passionate cook, Yoshimi loved preparing Italian dishes and often joked that she was Sicilian. Strong-willed and determined, she liked to be in charge, and she was equally known for her culinary creativity, kindness, and generosity.

Yoshimi is survived by her loving daughter, Katrina McCoy, and her sister, Hiromi, of Saitama, Japan.

In accordance with her wishes, no services will be held.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Life goes by so fast, and the people we love leave us. We will pray for you. We feel your absence, but I know you are in a better place. You will always be in our hearts and memories. Thank you for being such a wonderful person. I am grateful to have known you in my life. Rest in peace.



Jerci Gutierrez - February 13 at 07:08 PM

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“ You were a part of my story not as one more chapter but as one of those pages that I read with tenderness I don't know if life will cross us again but what we shared was real noble and beautiful and although there is a corner inside me that continues to remember you with affection without reproaches only with gratitude. 🌸🕊️



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