



## Masako Gunji Gully

April 4, 2024

Masako Gunji was born to Seizo and Shun Gunji in Fukugawa, Hokkaido Japan; she died in McAllen, Texas.

She grew up in Hokkaido and in Tokyo Japan. She lived through WW2 in Tokyo as a child and had interesting stories of life in the war years. She met and married James Lowell Gully in Tokyo, who was sent to Korea during the Korean War and to Tokyo afterwards. They were married for 60 years, from April 20, 1953 until his death on September 30, 2013.

He brought her to the US in summer, 1954, with their new little baby boy. She attained her US citizenship in 1960. They settled in McAllen Texas in 1960 where they raised their 5 children.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 6 siblings; husband Lowell Gully, son Steven Gully and three grandchildren. She is survived by her sister Nobuko Asada, daughters Karen Stubbs and Iris Soto (Robert), sons Arlin Gully (Diane) and Jason Gully (Michelle), also 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was an accomplished seamstress; she also did needle arts of all kinds: quilting, embroidery, crocheting, knitting, and others; additionally she took up stained glass work and pine needle basket making for several years. She enjoyed extensive vegetable and fruit gardening. For many years she and Lowell spent their summers in the mountains of southern New Mexico where they enjoyed hiking, rock collecting and socializing with like-minded retirees.

They traveled extensively throughout the US, including Alaska, and internationally to Australia and New Zealand. She took many visits back to Japan. She loved her family and took great pride and joy in attending sporting events, concerts and other activities of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 10 AM in The Social Room of First United Methodist Church of McAllen, 4200 N. McColl Rd., McAllen TX.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston TX 77210-4486, will be appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **12**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of McAllen  
4200 N. McColl Rd.  
McAllen, TX

*The Social Room of First United Methodist Church of McAllen.*

# Tribute Wall

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“ Patricia L Power lit a candle in memory of Masako Gully



Patricia L Power - May 18, 2024 at 11:41 PM

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“ 10 files added to the album Gully



Carolyn Gully - April 06, 2024 at 01:19 PM

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“ I've known Mrs Gully since I was 6 years old. What a nice lady and great parent. Very nice and kind but she could be tough when needed. She and Mr. Gully were so different but they complimented each other perfectly as parents. Condolences to Karen, Iris, Arlin and Jason, the best folks you'll ever know.

JT - April 06, 2024 at 01:10 PM