

深深懷念 永恒友情 鮮花芬芳 美麗旋律 神祝福 您

Teresita Okihara, Asian Community Leader

Teresita U. Okihara, 65, passed away peacefully at Malachi House on January 28th following a courageous battle with cancer. Tess was born on July 15, 1940 in Manila, Philippines to Manuel and Magdalena Umali. She was the third child in a family of eight children. She graduated from the Mapau Institute of Technology in Manila, Philippines with a Bachelor of Science in Textile Engineering. In 1965, she joined her parents in Saigon, Vietnam and worked as a payroll ac-

countant for Raymond Morrison Knudsen/Brown Root & James where she met her husband, Ralph Okihara. They were married on June 19, 1971 at Christopher's Church in Saigon, Vietnam. From there, they moved to Hawaii where Tess worked as a Legal/Executive Assistant for a local law firm. She left the law firm to start her own company, Teresita Okihara Realty Co. in Honolulu. In 1985, she and Ralph moved to Ankara, Turkey where she worked as a Program Status Review Manager. She followed her husband again to Boise, Idaho where she worked as a Legislative Attach for the State of Idaho Legislature. From there, they moved to Cleveland where Tess worked as a Conflicts Clearance Assistant, Legal Assistant and Office Coordinator at various law firms. Her most recent position was as Office Administrator at McIntyre, Kahn & Kruse Co., LPA.

character that was greatly admired. She always volunteered her talent and skills to help others in need. Her favorite motto was, "To do all I can, for whomever I can, whenever I can, wherever I can, for as long as I can, to the Glory of our Lord."

She is survived by husband Ralph, son Alexander and his wife Lorene and grandson Joshua of Hawaii; siblings Ed and Angelita of California; Ramon of Florida, Manuel, Norberto, and Barbara of Manila, Philippines; sister Loretta, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Tess will be dearly missed by her adopted sister, Nila Brown, her family, Reynaldo, Marica, Josephine, Rafael, Erneiliza, Maya, Jaycyl and many other close friends.



TESS 祖籍菲律賓，先生日本人。她曾經開過餐館，做過房地產代理人，長年來她熱心社區公益事業。因先生的工作需要，一九九五年來到克里夫蘭。

一九九六年七月十四日，受獎于 OHIO 州長 George Voinovich 為克里夫蘭顯著的慈善工作者。2003年2月1日，克里夫蘭的越南的社團給予優秀領導人榮譽稱號。

2003年她被選上克城大湖科技館中國文化科技展覽會的董事會成員。後任克城婦女聯誼會副主席，俄州中國餐飲業協會董事會，她為中國餐飲業協會的創立立下了汗馬功勞。

由於她的熱心和愛心，在克城她脫穎而出，再一次被市長點名，選為03年世界少年運動會籌委會人員，當她得知菲律賓因為經濟原因不能支持世界少年運動會後，她自己出錢，發信給了近兩千在全美的菲律賓僑民，她說只要每一個菲律賓人出\$5菲律賓少年運動員就能來美國參與這項有意義的運動。

TESS 是一位熱愛生活，充滿活力的善良人，哪里需要幫助，哪里就能見到她的身影，華報在這裡代表所有她的親朋好友向她祈福，TESS 安息吧！



牧士為 TESS 祈禱



TESS 最親密的朋友 Nila Brown 陪 TESS 走了人生最後一程



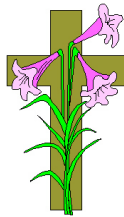
TESS 兒子手捧克城新任市長 FRANK G. JACKSON 送的懷念 TESS 信，和 TESS 的姐妹兄弟合影



教會唱詩班為 TESS 送上最美麗的歌聲



克城新任市長 FRANK G. JACKSON 專程派了 5 位工作人員送了懷念 TESS 信



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