



## Masae Takemura Arnold

June 24, 1925 - October 30, 2004

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend Services for Masae Takemura Arnold will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, October 30, 2004 at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home located at 1700 Normal Park in Huntsville, TX. Mark Waldron will address family and friends during a celebration of Masae's life. Burial will follow at Brooke Cemetery on F.M. 980. Arrangements are through the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home where visitation will occur Friday, October 29, 2004 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Masae was born in Tokyo, Japan on June 24, 1925, the daughter of Tamotsu and Toshiko Takemura. She passed away after a courageous bout with Alzheimer's on October 27, 2004. She graduated with her pharmacy degree from the Women's University of Tokyo. While serving as an English interpreter at the 361st Military Hospital in Tokyo, Japan in 1950, Masae met her partner in life, Willard L. Arnold. They have shared a wonderful life together for 53 years. During their time together, they lived in many different locations while Willard served in the military. In 1957, they moved back to the United States, after having achieved her U. S. citizenship and having brought two children, Will and Nancy, into the world. Following the birth of their third child (Eddy) in 1965, Masae showed great fortitude and tenacity while raising three young children during Willard's tours of duty in Vietnam serving in the Army. In 1969, they moved to Huntsville, Texas. During her time in Texas, she performed volunteer work for the local schools and eventually retired from the Texas Department of Corrections after 10 years as a mail clerk. Masae, known as "Nana", is survived by her husband

Willard L. Arnold, her children and their spouses Will and Bristol Arnold of Humble, Nancy and Mark Waldron of Huntsville, and Eddy and Dorothy Arnold of Tomball. Her grandchildren include Tommy and Lisa Waldron, Ashley and Andy Arnold, and Eddy Kyle, Nate, Sam, and Cameron Arnold. Throughout her life, Masae showed her devotion not only to her family in Texas, but also her family in Japan. She served not only as a common link between families separated by continents, but as a common bond between different cultures. One particular aspect of the American culture that she embraced wholeheartedly was football. She was a fantastic supporter of the local school teams, but her greatest passion was the Dallas Cowboys. Truly, anyone that knew Masae knows that the Cowboys have lost one of their most loyal and devoted fans. In the last few years of her life, Masae, and her family, were blessed in finding a truly loyal friend and companion named Kathy Hayden. It was during these twilight years of Masae's life that Kathy Hayden stepped in and offered a loving touch laced with dignity and respect for which the entire Arnold family is eternally thankful. Her family and friends will always cherish memories of Masae's bountiful dinner table, open arms that knew few strangers and warm, devoted personality.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Masae Takemura Arnold*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Ash and Andy, I am so sorry for your loss. Nana lived a fulfilled and blessed life with such an amazing family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Kristen*

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**Kristen Williams** - October 30, 2004 at 02:55 PM



“ *Dear Mr. & Mrs. Arnold, Ashley and Andy, I have seen that Nana was blessed with a fulfilled life as well as surrounded by the love of her family (a wonderful one at that. My parents and I are keeping you all in our prayers in dealing with such a loss. God bless, love, Crystal (and family)*

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**Crystal Dobson** - October 29, 2004 at 06:16 PM



“ *Dear Mr. Arnold and family,  
We are greatly shocked at the tragic news.  
Our deepest condolences on the loss of Mrs. Masae Arnold.  
It was a valiant fight that you all had against Alzheimer's.  
We are very proud she and Mr. Arnold, that they linked Our Shirota family in Japan and Arnold family in the U.S.A. We lost the strong link, but that not mean the end of our relation.  
We have many links now, let's make that stronger.*

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**Akira SHIROTA, Keiko and Hisayuki EBISAWA, Machiko and Kazuo HAMAI, Yumiko and Masaaki TAKEDA** - October 29, 2004 at 02:10 PM

LH

“ *In reading Masae's memorial it is apparent that the Arnold family was blessed to have such a wonderful mother. My thoughts and prayers are with the Arnold family this weekend.*

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**Lois Hill** - October 29, 2004 at 01:32 PM

GG

“ *Nancy and family, We were so saddened for you when we read of your mom's death. What a valiant fight you all had against Alzheimer's. The tribute to her was written so beautifully and I'm sure well deserved. God be with you. Love, Glenn and Jeanell*

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**Glenn and Jeanell Green** - October 29, 2004 at 11:52 AM

BK

“ *Dear Eddy and family,  
Our heart goes out to you and your family during this time of loss. The words paint a wonderful picture of your mother, and I'm sure she will be missed. Our prayers and love are with you all. Billy, Lisa, Emily, Sam, and Kate.*

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**Billy Kelly** - October 29, 2004 at 11:34 AM

CH

“ *You all are in our prayers. We will be thinking of you and praying for you. If there is anything we can do, just let us know. May God Bless you through this time. We love you!*

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**Casey and Shanna House** - October 29, 2004 at 10:59 AM

AG

“ Nancy, Mark, Tommy, Lisa & Family,

*Our deepest sympathies in the loss of your mother and grandmother. She was a sweet woman who will be greatly missed. I will never forget all the chats we had when she and Mr. Arnold would come into the pharmacy. She was definately a one of a kind person. You are in out thoughts and prayers. Andy & Jennifer Graves*

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**Andy & Jennifer Graves** - October 28, 2004 at 08:09 PM

CM

“ Dear Eddy and family,

*Your family has been such a blessing to us - I know that your mom's spirit will continue to reach out and bless others through her children and grandchildren for many generations. Our prayers and love are with you all.*

*Chip, Jody, Megan, and Ashley*

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**Chip Miller** - October 28, 2004 at 06:17 PM

KW

“ Dear Will and Bristol and family,

*Our deepest condolences on the loss of Will's mother. We are touched by the beautiful words which described her very full and loving life. Our prayers are with you all.*

*love,*

*Kathy and Jeff Williams and family*

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**Kathy and Jeff Williams** - October 28, 2004 at 05:31 PM



“ Masae Takemura Arnold

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October 28, 2004 at 05:29 PM