



Haruko Elaine Nakamura

July 22, 1948 - August 11, 2026

Anchorage, Alaska

Haruko Elaine Nakamura died in Anchorage on August 11, 2026. She was 78. Born on July 22, 1948, raised among Japanese-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She worked nights when the halls were longest, plating trays that had to be hot and kind at once. She learned every allergy card by heart and never treated a request as an inconvenience. Colleagues still mention a thermos of miso shared on night shift.

She married Kenji in 1974. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Kenji died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Anchorage, among streets she never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

A memorial gathering in Anchorage with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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