



## Yoshiko Sasagawa Otey

February 2, 1937 - September 21, 2023

Yoshiko Sasagawa Otey, 86, of Salisbury, NC passed from this earthly home to her eternal home Thursday, September 21, 2023.

She was born in Tokyo Japan on February 2nd, 1937 to Shigeichi Sasagawa and Sawa Ezawa. She graduated from the Tokyo YMCA College, was selected to represent Japan Ms. Universe, and served as secretary and interpreter for former Japanese Prime Minister Kishi. After meeting and marrying US Airforce LT Otey, she moved to the US and worked as chief financial officer in the family grocery business.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her two sisters and oldest brother.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 63 years, Chaplain Fleming B. Otey, III LCDR; brother, Masaaki Sasagawa of Tokyo Japan and wife Yuko; daughter, Françoise Yoko Gamble and husband Bob Gamble of Greenville, SC; son, Ashton Otey and wife Shelley Otey of Virginia Beach, VA; daughter, Angela Mimiko Little and husband Joe Little; 5 Grandchildren and 2 Great-Grandchildren.

There will be no formal memorial service.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Otey family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com)

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“ We would like to share our memories of Yoshiko Sasagawa Otey. We recall her kind and generous token she gifted us. The token was made by her to celebrate peace in the world. It was a hand made origami white bird. She also always had a smile and a kind word for us whenever we saw her. Our condolences to her family.

*Rebecca Moser and Rosemary Sanchez*

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**Rebecca L Moser** - November 07, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ Marjorie Hallenbeck lit a candle in memory of Yoshiko Otey



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**Marjorie Hallenbeck** - September 30, 2023 at 03:43 PM