

BIOGRAPHY

Sadako Manako was born August 9, 1918, in Miyaki-gun, Saga, Japan. Born as the second child of 10, her mother passed away early, Sadako took care of her siblings as an eldest daughter.

She graduated from Tosu Women's High School in Saga. She got married and gave birth to her only child, Kyoko. Her husband Tamezo Manako passed away when Kyoko was 21. Sadako attended church workshops and events in Japan, and contributed much of her fortune to the church in Japan.

Her daughter Kyoko moved to the US in 1986 to join her husband, Edward. Upon her daughter's request, Sadako emigrated to the US and joined Kyoko's family in Chicago in 1991. In December, 1995, she received the blessing. In 1996, she and her daughter's family moved to Washington, DC area.

Since she came to the US, Sadako always lived with her daughter's family and took care of her grandchildren. On November 7, 2004, she had a stroke and the right half of her body became paralyzed. She remained bed-ridden ever since, and Edward, Kyoko and their children cared for her.

On January 17 this year, at 1:30 am, Sadako passed away while being attended by her daughter. She was 89 years old.

Sadako has been deeply loved and admired by her family as a great mother and a wonderful grandmother. Her life was a life of always living for others, and a source of great inspiration for those close to her.