

Mrs. Yoko Takahashi of Colchester, Vermont, died unexpectedly on Friday, July 1st, 2005 as the result of an automobile accident in Danbury, New Hampshire. She was 53 years old. She is survived by her husband and their four children.

Yoko was born October 27, 1951 to Sadahachi and Tamako Tanaka of Tokyo, Japan. Yoko had one older sister, Akiko, who predeceased her two years ago, and one younger sister, Yae, who resides in Tokyo.

After teaching elementary school in Japan for a number of years, Yoko was married to Yoshiro Takahashi in October 1982. They moved to the United States in the early 1980s and settled in Vermont five years ago.

Yoko was a devoted wife and mother who will be deeply missed. She was active in the Women's Federation for World Peace. Last year, Yoko accompanied several other Vermont women on a peace pilgrimage to Jerusalem, during which they met with Jewish, Christian, and Muslim leaders in their effort to build bridges of peace among the three faith communities.

She will be remembered by family and friends for her constant, quiet generosity to everyone around her. Yoko often hosted guests from all over the world in her home.

The Takahashi Family is collecting donations