

## In Memory of Tomoe Hironaka

Tomoe was born in Raymond AB. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1937 to Kaisuke and Yoshino Hironaka.

She passed away suddenly at her home in Duchess AB. on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 at age 78.

She is survived by her husband, Shig Nakamura and his daughters, Kathy, Gayle and Naomi.

She is also survived by her brother Tsuyoshi and sisters, Sadako, Hiroko and Sumie.

She also left behind numerous other relatives and many, many friends.

Tomoe was educated in Rosemary AB.

She then attended the School of Nursing in Calgary AB.

She then received her Nursing Degree from UBC in Vancouver BC.

She practiced nursing in many different places, Inuvik, Owen Sound, and then in Lethbridge and Brooks AB.

Tomoe served many years with the VON organization.

She gave selflessly of herself for the betterment and comfort of others.

She also travelled extensively around the world with many different friends.

Tomoe was an avid artist and painted many pictures and portraits.

John and Carol Meyer have water color portraits that she did of the dogs.

She was given a Kohn electric organ and soon learned to play that beautifully.

Tomoe then returned home to take care of her aging parents until their passing in 2002.

She then met and married Shig Nakamura and moved to Duchess.

Shig was a widower and his family was all grown up but Tomoe had never married, Tomoe also really loved kids and animals

She soon accepted all of Shig's family as her own.

Shig was already a long time WBCCI club member and Tomoe was soon welcomed by all her new found friends in the WBCCI Alberta Saskatchewan Unit.

She and Shig enjoyed more than a decade of attending Rallies in both the US and Canada in their Classic 280 motor home.

More recently, Shig developed some health problems and was no longer able to drive.

Shig also developed mobility issues and became bound to a wheel chair.

Tomoe was relentless in her devotion and determination to care for Shig.

Together they continued to attend all the local Airstream Rallies but left their motor home back in Dutchess, preferring nearby Hotels and B&B's.

Tomoe was small in stature, but a generous lady with a big heart. She was a very strong and caring person, who was always quick to help out where ever she was needed.

The memory of her happy smile will be eternal.