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Hisae Hagiwara Chew

Born November 10th, 1933, in Tokyo

Died December 24th, 2019, in Toronto

A Celebration of Life

Sunday, January 26th, 2020, 1:00–4:00 P.M.

Crystal Room, Estonian House, Toronto

Hisae's Life

Hisae lost her birth father in Manchuria, raised four younger sisters through the firebombing of Tokyo, excelled in athletics and calligraphy in school, learned Spanish to move to South America, taught Japanese for the U.S. State Department, got married, moved to the United States, had two sons, moved to Toronto, taught Japanese to her sons, taught Japanese to the Ontario pavilion staff at Expo '70, travelled around the world, bought a house, planted a garden, revamped and taught the Japanese programme at York University, survived stomach cancer, bought a second house in the Yucatan, planted a second garden, learned to snorkel and communicate with sea turtles and squid, taught decades of visitors how to snorkel and love the sea and the fish, learned reiki, taught reiki, developed dementia, was found by her stepbrothers, was well cared for by doctors, nurses, and PSWs, said her goodbyes, and passed away peacefully in her own bed. She donated her body to the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto, and her ashes will eventually be interred in Toronto and scattered in the Yucatan.

Hisae's Celebration

WELCOME	Kristen Chew
REMINISCENCES	Ted Chew
EULOGY	John Chew
READING	Liam Chew <i>"In spring it is the dawn"</i> by Sei Shônagon
SONG	Ted Chew (violin) Alice Ching-Chew (vocals, tenor banjolele) Ian Chew (keyboard) Jay Chew (bass) <i>"What a Wonderful World"</i> by Louis Armstrong
CLOSING	Kristen Chew

The Chew family would like to express its sincere gratitude to all those who attended today to share their reminiscences about Hisae, and to join in celebrating her remarkable life.

If you would like to make a memorial donation, please consider the Coral Reef Alliance (coral.org) in recognition of Hisae's passion for snorkelling at the Puerto Morelos Reef National Park in Mexico.

Catering by Mick's Catering.

Additional live music by Ted Chew and family.

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