

***Katsuko Carothers, the daughter of Kinuko and Katsusiro Noda, was born on May 4, 1949 in Sasebo, Japan.***

*In 1981, Katsuko met the love of her life, Robert Carothers while he was stationed in Sasebo, Japan with the United States Navy. They were united in marriage on July 21, 1982 at the American Consulate in Sasebo, Japan. Together they moved to the United States where they lived in San Diego, CA and Rock Island, IL. After 20 years in Rock Island, Katsuko and Bob decided to move back to Minnesota and bought a home in Alexandria twelve years ago.*

*Katsuko was a caring and outgoing woman, who loved to garden, crochet, and sew. She was an excellent cook and her specialty was authentic Japanese meals. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.*

*Katsuko Carothers died on her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, Saturday, May 4, 2019 at her home with her loving husband of 37 years at her side. She is survived by her husband Robert Carothers of Alexandria, special pet companions, Koko and Pixie; 3 brothers, 2 sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death her parents, a sister, brother-in-law and a sister-in-law.*

### ***I'm Free***

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*In Memory of*

## **Katsuko “Suki” Carothers**

May 4, 1949 † May 4, 2019

### **Celebration of Life Service**

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Thursday, May 9, 2019  
11:00 AM

### **Officiant**

Reverend Andrea Olson

**Interment**  
Sasebo, Japan