



Keiko "Kay" (Asaoka) James

June 26, 1941 - August 25, 2025

Keiko "Kay" (Asaoka) James, 84, Louisville, KY, passed away peacefully on Monday August 25, 2025 at home surrounded by her loving family.

Keiko was born on June 26, 1941 to her late parents Tokugiro Asaoka and Yukiko (Asaoka) Metz of Tokyo, Japan and John W. Metz of Louisville, KY.

She was preceded in death by her amazing loving husband of 62 years and life partner; James N James Jr and her brother; Charlie Metz.

She was a long-time member of St. Clement's Catholic Church, A Homemaker, member of the Bonnycastle Club, Red Cross Volunteer, Skilled Japanese Bunka Embroidery Artisan, and Origami Specialist. She was an avid University of Kentucky fan, loved to play cards, and never met a slot machine that she didn't want to play!

Needless to say she was the most loving and caring Mother and Nana to her surviving sons Marty James and Glen James (Terri), and grandchild Micah James and extended family, Jonathan Metz, Christy Curley (Zip), Taylor, Brennan, and Talon Keen as well, a host of James/Morin family and friends who will all cherish her memory.

Funeral services will be Friday August 29, 2025 at 12:00pm Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with burial to follow Louisville Memorial Gardens West. Visitation will be Thursday August 28, 2025 from 12:00-8:00pm and Friday from 9:00-12:00pm at the funeral home

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Keiko "Kay" (Asaoka) James.*

Debbie H. - August 28, 2025 at 12:08 PM

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“ *All our Love, Pat, Paul, Pam & Chris purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Keiko "Kay" (Asaoka) James.*



All our Love, Pat, Paul, Pam & Chris - August 27, 2025 at 10:07 PM

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“ *All our Love, Pat, Paul, Pam & Chris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Keiko "Kay" (Asaoka) James.*

All our Love, Pat, Paul, Pam & Chris - August 27, 2025 at 10:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keiko "Kay" (Asaoka) James.*



August 27, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Keiko "Kay" (Asaoka) James.

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