



## Mitsue N. Brunckhorst

January 30, 1926 - July 12, 2023

OSMOND -- Memorial service for Mitsue Nakaganeku Brunckhorst, 97, of Osmond, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 21, 2023 at the United Methodist Church in Osmond. Rev. Alan Gager will be officiating the service. Inurnment will be held at the Osmond City Cemetery, Osmond. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Osmond is in charge of the arrangements.

At the age of 97 Mitsue peacefully entered eternal rest Wednesday evening, July 12th, 2023 at Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance, NE. Mitsue Nakaganeku was born January 30th, 1926 to Tokuyuki and Matsu (Oyakawa) Nakaganeku in Haneji-son, Okinawa. Mitsue attended Dancing and Sewing schools before working at a dry-cleaning store where she met Harold Brunckhorst. They were married at the American Consular Unit at Naha Okinawa March 7, 1960 and remained married until Harold's Death in 2019. To this union were born Cindy, Gary, Harold Jr. and Kent.

Harold, Sr. was Honorably discharged from the Navy and flew back to San Diego, California while Mitsue, Cindy and Gary left Ryukyu Islands traveling on a ship across the Ocean reaching San Diego six weeks later. The family then traveled to Osmond, Nebraska where Mitsue lived until 2019. Following the death of her husband she moved to Hemingford living the remainder of her days with Cindy and Jim.

Being an accomplished seamstress, Mitsue sewed clothes for her children. You could always tell the Brunckhorst children because the boys had matching Gingham Shirts and Cindy would have a matching Gingham dress. Mitsue was proud to be an American and on May 26, 1970 became a United States Citizen.

After grasping the English language Mitsue went to work at the Osmond hospital. This was the place where she learned many holiday customs. Coworkers showed her how to knit and crochet. Family, friends, and coworkers were given Christmas stockings, pumpkins, stuffed animals, and pillows. Besides sewing Mitsue enjoyed watching her boys wrestle. She enjoyed cooking for her children and their families. The family joke was never turn your back because Mitsue would fill your empty plate and then say, "eat, eat".

After many years working it was time to retire at the age of 70. She was so touched when the hospital gave her a retirement party. After retirement she would sometimes travel west with her good friend Joan Baer to visit their children Cindy and Jim. They would find many adventures along highway 20 making a 6-hour trip turn into 8. This was during the age of no cell phones. When they arrived at their destination they would laugh and talk about their adventures.

Even in her 90's she continued to sew with poor eyesight-it was like she could sew by feel. She proudly taught her grandchildren sewing as well as origami. She enjoyed watching sports on TV and all 4'10" would loudly cheer on the Huskers. She would shake her head in dismay when she found out her daughter didn't watch Husker sports (so she watched with her son-in-law).

In 2013 she met her nieces Hiromi and Nozomi forging a lasting relationship. Last January, aided by brother Hideo and nephew Masanobu in Okinawa, and

U.S. families, Mitsue celebrated her Kajimaya, marking her 97th birthday.

She is survived by her brothers Tokumi and Hideo of Okinawa; daughter Cindy (Jim) Baer of Hemingford; sons Gary (Barb) of Youngstown, Ohio; Harold Jr. (Linda) of Osmond; and Kent (Sue) of Seward. Grandchildren William Baer, April (Zach) Nelson, Brandon Brunckhorst, Jennifer Blevins, Gary Jr (McKenna) Brunckhorst, Brittany (AJ) Kleier, Nikki Brunckhorst (Tommy Grimes), Jess (Chris) Perks, great-grandchildren Aydan Nelson, Jessa Backer, Peyton and Avery Brunckhorst, Jayven and Zach Blevins, Alana and Jerrod War Bonnett, Bentley Baer, Ryatt Berney, Hudson Kleier, and Kai Grimes. Mitsue was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brothers Nobuo and Masaiku and sisters Masako and Hatsuko and grandson Dustin Brunckhorst.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Osmond City Cemetery

86500 547th Ave Osmond  
Rural Osmond, NE 68765

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church- Osmond  
601 North State St.  
Osmond, NE 68765

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mitsue N. Brunckhorst*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Jim and Cindy, just wanted to let you know that I am thinking about you with the passing of your mother. I worked with her at OGH for a short time, but she was always so kind and thoughtful. Prayers for your whole family. Brian and Beth (Schultze) Jesse, Norfolk.*

**Beth Schultze Jesse** - July 19, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ *Somewhere in heaven your loved one is shining bright. One so Special may be gone from your lives but never from your hearts 💕. May the caring prayers 🙏 of others sustain you as loving memories help comfort you. Our Deepest Sympathy Dwaine and Delores Hoffman*



**Delores Hoffman** - July 18, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ *While working with her at osmond hospital she made me a special cloth pumpkin it is even more special now. She was a neat little lady. Julie LobergRN*

**julie loberg** - July 17, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *Junior and family, sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Prayers to your for grief and her absence on this earth. Gregg Hanson*

**Gregg Hanson** - July 17, 2023 at 09:24 AM