



## Tomo Lee

September 17, 1931 - August 15, 2021

Tomo K. "Toni" Lee, of Clinton Township, passed away on August 15, 2021 at the age of 89. Toni was born on September 17, 1931 in Fukushima, Japan. She married Milton Kellam in 1958 and they had six children. He preceded her in death in 1985. In 1990 she married William Lee, who she met at Arthur Murray Dance Studio, he preceded her in death in 2011. Toni is the cherished mother of Sherry (Michael) Schafer, Judy (Craig) Odren, David (Barbara) Kellam, Patricia (David) Platz, Tammy (Jimmy Taylor) Swanson, and Kimberly (James) Clapper; the adored grandmother of Lauren, Jamie, Kaila, Jared, Derek, Tyler, Cody, Briana, Charise, Devin, Jordan and Aaron; and the loving great-grandmother of Christopher and Maks. In addition to being a wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma, Toni was very active, and she downhill skied into her 70's and golfed into her 80's. She was also a professional dancer in Japan before coming to the United States, and continued to dance until she was 88 years old. She will be greatly missed.

A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. There will be an intermission from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. to prepare the room for her service. A Buddhist service will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 or at [americanheart.org](http://americanheart.org) <<http://americanheart.org/>>, or the Beaumont Hospice Fund, PO Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-

9627 or at [www.beaumont.org/giving](http://www.beaumont.org/giving) <<http://www.beaumont.org/giving>>.

Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com) <<http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com>>

# Cemetery Details

## Irwin Cremation Service

51528 Schoenherr Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Memorial Service

OCT **10**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ from Nedra: Toni and I became friends a couple decades ago when we had dinner with her and her husband, Bill Lee, at Burning Tree Golf Club. Later she showed me her album which contained photos of her as a professional dancer in Japan. She was very beautiful!

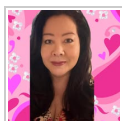
A few years later we teamed up with another dancer/friend, Christine Codish, and worked up several dance routines. These included Spanish dances with and without castanets, a Hawaiian and some others which we performed at several venues. She was a true trooper, nothing stopped her, the show went on! We also attended many Dance Films evenings at the Opera House over many years.

Toni and I played golf together in a few Ladies tournaments at Burning Tree and sometimes with our husbands. After Bill passed, she joined me playing in the Power Puffs golf league every Thursday. Toni and Bill visited us in our home in Costa Rica in 1994. While there we four played several 18 hole games at the Marriott Golf Course, even though she didn't like hot weather.

I'll always love her and remember as my dear friend and think of her often.

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**Nedra Walilko** - October 21, 2021 at 02:57 PM



She loved you too Nedra. You were one of her dearest friends.  
Tammy Swanson (her daughter)

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**Tammy Swanson** - November 14, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tomo Lee.*



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October 05, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ *Hi grandma lee,*

*Your family is like a second family to me. Every time i was in your house you always greeted me with the sweetest smile and upbeat manner. You were a beautifully dynamic person and your memory will live on through so many!*

*Rest In Peace!*

*Alena*

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**alena wells** - October 03, 2021 at 04:33 PM