



Sook Ja Lee

August 20, 1946 - January 29, 2026

Born on August 20, 1946, during the Korean War, Sook Ja Lee's (nee' Kim) earliest memories included escaping from communist forces and fleeing to Busan. Her wartime experience along with extremely lean years in the post-war south left her with two distinctive traits, compassion for those less fortunate and an indomitable iron will.

Sook Ja was the first student from her village to attend Korea University (KU) where she earned her master's degree in history. As a student, she supported KU's sports teams, tutored, and assisted her professors in their research. Her school spirit continued throughout her life with her work for the KU Alumni Association.

She also helped develop the Global Children Foundation, a nonprofit which raises money for impoverished children around the world. She brought resources, connection, and comfort to local communities in Mongolia, Ukraine, Zambia and North Korea.

Of all her accomplishments, Sook Ja's greatest joy was her family - she loved spending time with her husband, Byoung Kie, her four children, and her four grandchildren. She lived with strength and independence, shared her hard-earned wisdom, and will be forever loved and deeply missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
12701 Veirs Mill Road
Rockville, MD 20853

Christian Mass

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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