



## *Lock-keeper*

A song excerpt by Stan Rogers

“Then come with me” you say,  
“To where the Southern Cross rides high  
upon your shoulder.”

“Come with me!” you cry,  
“Each day you tend this lock, you’re one  
day older,

While your blood grows colder.”

But that anchor chain’s a fetter  
And with it you are tethered to the foam,  
And I wouldn’t trade your life for one  
hour of home.

“What matters are those ordinary acts of  
kindness and of love, not vaulting  
ambition with its attendant hubris and  
smugness.”

— Michael Dirda



## *Acknowledgments*

In this hour of sadness, we wish to  
acknowledge with our sincerest gratitude,  
the outpouring of love, sympathy and  
prayers we have received  
from our many friends, neighbors and  
community. Peace and Love.

The Tsuyuki Family

## *For Daddy*

"I'll love you forever  
I'll like you for always  
As long as I'm living  
My baby you'll be."

Excerpt from book, *Love You Forever* by  
Robert Munsch

## *Funeral Arrangement*

Adams-Green Funeral Home  
721 Elden Street, Herndon, VA



# *Celebrating* THE LIFE OF



## Richard Mikio Tsuyuki

OCTOBER 1, 1968 APRIL 4, 2021

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021, 5:00 PM

POTOMAC BAPTIST CHURCH

20747 LOWES ISLAND BLVD, STERLING, VA



# OBITUARY

Richard Mikio Tsuyuki lived 52 years and departed this world on Sunday, April 4, 2021 while out for an evening run. Devoted husband to Grace, his beloved wife of 25 years, Richard was a proud father to four beautiful, spirited girls: Emiko, 20; Ayumi, 18; Miya, 15; and Kiyomi, 13.

An aerospace engineer for 27 years at Northrop-Grumman, formerly Orbital ATK/Orbital Sciences Corporation, he was a structural engineer and technical expert, affectionately called Rich by his colleagues. He worked on numerous aerospace programs including Pegasus, X-34, Super Lightweight, Interchangeable Carrier (SLIC) for the Hubble Servicing Mission, Dawn, Orion Launch Abort System, Stratolaunch, Antares, Omega and Mission Extension Pod (MEP). When each project was complete, he would write his daughters' initials on the hardware to be launched into space.

Skilled in piano, violin and guitar, he loved Rachmaninoff and Chopin and taught his daughters Beethoven's Fur Elise and Moonlight Sonata. He also insisted his girls learn Japanese martial arts. He practiced Jodo and Iaido for decades, devoting weekends to rigorous training. He was drawn to the precision of the classical arts, the sense of camaraderie and connection to the past. He believed that there was always another level of understanding just slightly out of reach.

Richard Tsuyuki was born October 1, 1968 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the son of Yoko and Shigeru Tsuyuki and the baby brother of Kon. His family shared a love of classical music, literature and travel. His mother's apple crumb pie and sister's peach pie were among his favorite foods. He was proud of his Canadian roots and his Japanese heritage.

He met Grace soon after he moved to Virginia to work for Orbital. A mutual friend jokingly introduced him as a "rocket scientist." They were married in 1995 in a series of ceremonies that blended their Taiwanese-American and Japanese-Canadian backgrounds. Outwardly reserved with a dry wit and a fine attention to detail, Miki was simultaneously exasperated and delighted by the spontaneity his Gracey added to his life. She could make him laugh like no one else.



# RICHARD MIKIO TSUYUKI

OCTOBER 1, 1968 APRIL 4, 2021

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Visitation  
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Memorial Service

## Order of Service

- MUSICAL PRELUDE.....Isaac Chiu
- WELCOME.. .....Pastor Tom Newell
- PRAYER
- SCRIPTURE READING
- FAMILY EXPRESSIONS.....Grace, Emiko, Ayumi
- MUSICAL SELECTION.....Ayumi Tsuyuki
- WORK EXPRESSIONS.....Ken Kowalczyk,  
Peggy McGunigal, Sanjivan Sivapiragasam
- JODO EXPRESSIONS.....Rick Polland
- MUSICAL SELECTION.....Lydia Chiu
- VIDEO TRIBUTE.....Gordon Tanner  
Kon-chan Tsuyuki
- MESSAGE.....Pastor Tom Newell
- MUSICAL SELECTION.....Michael Inman
- CLOSING.....Pastor Tom Newell