



## Sungil Kopf

March 11, 1931 - July 3, 2025

Sungil Lee Kopf passed away peacefully on July 3, 2025, at the age of 95. Born in Manchuria, she lived a long, rich life marked by resilience, adventure, and creativity. She endured several wars—the Japanese Invasion in 1931, World War II, the Korean War, the Biafran War, and the Vietnam War—shaping her into a woman of great strength and perseverance.

Sungil met her beloved husband, Kenneth Kopf, in Seoul, Korea when he was working with USAID. The two shared over 40 years of marriage and a deep passion for exploring the world every chance they got. Her love of travel eventually led her to a fulfilling career as a travel agent, a role that seemed to perfectly complement her adventurous spirit.

A true multilingual, Sungil spoke five languages during her lifetime, remaining fluent in all until her passing. Her linguistic talents and cultural adaptability gave her the perfect combination of passion and skill to assimilate well in the many countries she lived in, which spanned five continents—Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, and South America.

Throughout her life, she developed a lifelong love for the arts, expressing her creativity through dress-making, drawing, painting, and singing. She was equally inspired by the worlds of classical artists, always making it a point to visit museums wherever her travels took her.

She is survived by a younger sister, two children, and a multitude of extended family.