



## Aiko Higuchi

June 21, 2012

Higuchi, Aiko Abe Born June 11, 1919 Colfax, Washington, died June 17, 2012. She is survived by son, Sam Higuchi, Jr; daughter, Barbara Jean Sorensen; grand- son, Brent Sorensen; great-granddaughter, Krista Smith; and great- great-grandson, Jaden. Preceded in death by her husband, Sam Higuchi. Aiko was an enthusiastic citizen in the community for many years: Hopkins School Nurse 1956-1988, School Nurses Organization of Minnesota (SNOM), Glen Lake Opti-Mrs, the League of Women Voters, OSHA Board, Senior Community Services Advisory Board, Minnetonka Senior Center, South Pacific Caucus of the Minnesota Education Association (where she received the National Services Award of the National Education Association's Ethnic Minority Caucus), Memorial service will be held Friday, June 22, 2012, 10 AM at Presbyterian Homes of Beacon Hill, 5300 Beacon Hill Road, Minnetonka. Memorials to American Heart Assoc. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Strobeck Johnson Chapel 952 938-9020

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Higuchi was my school nurse..when I was a young girl.She was always so kind and caring. I feel blessed to have had so many wonderful people in my young life. Mrs. Higuchibwas one of those people..that i hope I have modeled my life after. I thank God for such a wonderful woman. She made difference in the lives of many. God bless the memory of mrs. Higuchi*

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*Terry Oscarson,*

*Henning, Minnesota*

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**Terry Oscarson** - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sam and B.J., Your mother was very involved with life and could make things happen around her. She wanted what was best for you both. Her first introduction to me makes me smile still, she had a way about her of gathering information and displaying understanding and kindness. Her kindness to the feline world always impressed me. She will be missed because she was loved. May God bless you all, Anne Holbrook

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July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sam and Barbara Jean, I worked with Aiko many years ago at Hopkins Jr. High, but we kept in touch through the years. It was my pleasure to visit with her a couple of years ago and interview her about her amazing life. She shared so many wonderful stories about family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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*Arlette Willis,*

*Champaign, Illinois*

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**Arlette Willis** - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I never had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Higuchi. But from our telephone conversations, it was apparent that she was a very accomplished woman! Well into her 90s, she spoke so articulately about her experiences that I felt she was sharing her life with me. I will always treasure those stories.

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*Dr. Carole LeBlanc,*

*Falls Church, Virginia*

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**Dr. Carole LeBlanc** - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sam and Barbara Jean, So sorry to hear about your mom. My deepest sympathies extend out to you and your family. My thoughts are with you. Sue Hirabayashi

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June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Barbie - Thinking of you in this time of loss. Maggie

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June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Sam and Barbara, We will miss Aiko so much. We have had the privilege of knowing Aiko the last 17 years as a neighbor to my Mom Doris. We have had so many good times, dinners, church, movies, games, and much more. She was always smiling and her favorite saying was "you know what I mean! We will miss her here but we will reunite with her in heaven!*

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*Tom and Linda Jones,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Tom and Linda Jones** - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sam, I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. My deepest condolences.

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*Cyndy Hanson,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Cyndy Hanson** - June 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Same & Barbara, Aiko was such a dear friend to my mother, Ernestine. They called each other "sister" and had a very special bond. They both worked tirelessly to improve the health of children in Minnesota. Aiko was always so kind to me and our family. She had the gift of gab and really knew how to connect with people. May God's peace be with your family today and always. Camille Sime Scheel, Wade, Vivian & Jackson

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*Camille Scheel,*

*St. Paul, Minnesota*

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**Camille Scheel** - June 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.*

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*American Heart Association*

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June 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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*Dawn Sorensen,*

*Mound, Minnesota*

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**Dawn Sorensen** - June 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I knew Aiko and Sam from Boy Scouts many years ago, and reconnected with them when Aiko took a weaving class from me at North House. It was so lovely to be with her for 3 days. Here is a photo of her with her work.

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*Traudi Bestler,*

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

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**Traudi Bestler** - June 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Barb - My condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*

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*Cathy Kokesh,*

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

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**Cathy Kokesh** - June 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sam, Barb, So sorry so hear about your Mom Sandie Carlson (Kellogg)*

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June 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM