



Akiko Robideaux

October 14, 2005

Robideaux, Akiko Luna age 34, of St. Paul, passed in her sleep on Monday, October 10, 2005. This is a tremendous loss to her son, Hunter Kai, 5 yrs; her former husband and friend, Brian Robideaux; father and mother, Tatsuyuki and Haruyo Takahashi; sister and best friend, Tomoko Iwai, sister, Junko Takahashi, and the Golden-boy "Tan-Tan". A deep sadness is felt amongst her community of friends in St. Paul. They opened their hearts and gave a home to Akiko. She was always humbled by their generosity. Public Visitation, Sunday, 1-3 PM. Memorial Service, Monday, 1 PM, both at Washburn-McReavy NE Chapel, 2901 Johnson St. NE, Mpls. (612-781-6828). Interment, Hillside Cemetery, Mpls. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hunter Kai's college fund payable and mailed to: Minnesota College Svgs Plan, Acct 1846-27763851, P.O. Box 64028, St. Paul, MN 55164-0028.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Brian - This Mother's Day you and Hunter were in our hearts. John and I visited Akiko late April and a beautiful wind was blowing while we trimmed a little grass around her beautiful marker. We are sending our love and prayers. Meredyth and John

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Meredyth Lillejord,

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Meredyth Lillejord - May 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking about Akiko and Hunter and Brian And my family - certainly- and Jacob as he has his 28th birthday on the 21st of October. I am grateful for God's grace which I have been embraced with and knowing that I have been blessed with Akiko in my life. I found her little corduroy jacket in the hall closet and I have an aroma of her fragrance as I wear her clothing. How blessed for all of us to know her. Simply, Meredyth and John and Jacob My love to all who so dearly loved her ---Nemaste, Meredyth

October 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Please feel free to contact me. Most entries marked contact did not have an e-mail or mailing address. Thank you,
Meredythmeredythlillejord@yahoo.com 608-397-6848 cell

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Meredyth Lillejord,

La Crosse WI 54601

Contact Me

Meredyth Lillejord - October 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *How amazing that I met Akiko only once in my life, I can never forget her. She's charming and I shall miss her in my whole life. My love is always with her, her son and family.*

~

Fanny Lai,

Kowloon, Hong Kong

Contact Me

Fanny Lai - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *This amazing life was taken from us one year ago. I was Akiko's manager and friend at Lifetime Fitness. She was loved by all the members - so warm and welcoming. I still grieve at this loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to Akiko and her son.*

~

Rob Kennedy,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Contact Me

Rob Kennedy - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ On this day the anniversary of Akiko's passing, my heart still feels pain but I try to keep her light always in front of me. She will always be a lumen. God bless everyone who loved Akiko and surround them with her light. Surely, Akiko had an aura - she perhaps was The Girl from Epanema. We blow you a kiss Akiko. We celebrate your life. Lovingly, Meredyth and John and Jake All of the Lillejord family

~

Meredyth Lillejord,

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Meredyth Lillejord - October 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ During this blessed time at Easter we have the spirit and soul of Akiko tightly in our hearts. There is not a day that does not pass without missing her. We are saying special prayers for Brian and Hunter Kai. The memorable music dedicated to Akiko - The Girl from Ipenema and Julia has playing countless times over the past several days and can be heard through out our house. We wish for the best for all of Akiko's family and her many friends that she showed such love for. Her voice is always in my right ear. God Bless. Meredyth

~

Meredyth & John Lillejord,

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Meredyth & John Lillejord - April 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *When my heart is broken and hurting, I must remember her love and smile. I'm from the time that when Akiko worked in Los Angeles, we met at her first visited to Asia countries at our Hong Kong office for a couple of days, she had a gold heart, very honest and fun girl. We have good time together and never enough.*

More than this note can tell, more than words can say, deep and heartfelt sympathy goes out to you today. My love and prayers are never cease with her family 'Hunter and Braid'.

~

Fanny Lai,

Hong Kong

Contact Me

Fanny Lai - February 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ As we enter this very holy time of the year, I would like to offer a special prayer for all of us who loved Akiko so very much. I would ask the dear Lord to place his hand on the head of Brian and surround Hunter with angels. I would ask the Lord to uphold Jacob as he grieves so privately. John and I offer our love and support to the entire family of Akiko and her loved ones. May God Bless everyone with the joy of love and friendship and the presence of an angel named Akiko. We love you Akiko. Meredyth and John and Jacob, Joel & Nicole & Quinton and Ava, Judd & Jodi. And, of course, dear Grandma that Akiko had so much fun with; she passed on after Akiko for both of them to celebrate the glory of heaven together.
We share our hearts.
Meredyth & John

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Meredyth Lillejord,

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Meredyth Lillejord - December 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ When I received the news about Akiko's passing I just broke into tears. Memories of her just started flashing throughout my mind. I can't help but remember the time Brian and she came home for a visit when Hunter was just a month old. Brian was changing Hunter's diaper on my couch and wasn't quick enough before Hunter gave Brian a shower. We all laughed. My husband Sam is also saddened by her passing. He pulled a picture of her from our family album and put it on the refrigerator. It was a picture of her and him laughing and having a good time in our basement rec-room. She had told us she really liked that room. We have so many memories that we will always hold dear to our hearts. We fondly spoke of her for days of how she use to rub Sam's stomach and say "you have a big tummy." She was so sweet to all the nieces, nephews, and all members of our family when visiting and everyone took to her so well. I still think of her often as I look at the pictures I have of Hunter on my fireplace at home and on my desk at work. She will be missed by all but never forgotten.

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Kathy Robb (Robideaux),

Spokane, Washington

Contact Me

Kathy Robb (Robideaux) - November 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I would so welcome to share the impact that Akiko had and really still has on your life. I feel so much of her loss and think of her almost hourly. A lumen - God Bless.

*Meredyth & John & Jacob Lillejord
All the Lillejords - she knows us.*

~

Meredyth Lillejord,

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Meredyth Lillejord - November 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I met Akiko several years ago. I was her neighbor and still live next to Brian and Hunter. Akiko and I became very good friends shortly after meeting. We shared a love for gardening especially roses. We spent many summer days helping each other with our gardens and shopping at the local flower markets. She made a space in her yard for our sons to plant a "friendship garden." There Hunter and Isaac planted sunflowers and tomatoes. My son Isaac loved Akiko so much and spent every moment he could with her and Hunter.

When Akiko moved away from our neighborhood she asked me to make her a promise, a promise to watch over Hunter and Brian, and to have Isaac be a "big brother" to Hunter. I feel honored that Akiko asked that of me, and in her death I vow to keep that promise.

~

Michelle Weis,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Michelle Weis - October 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Akiko touched my life in many ways. She will be fondly remembered for her bright smile, twinkling eyes and enthusiasm for life. I know she is at peace now, dancing, laughing and watching over us all. No more tears... She's at peace.
My thoughts and prayers are with her family, Brian and Hunter.*

~

Colleen Rawson,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Colleen Rawson - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *My beautiful girl. On this date there is a Lunar eclipse... Did you do that? You never knew the power you had over so many... including me. I will remember always your beautiful smile (I could never have a bad day- if I saw you and heard you speak my name... "jan-johnson" (like it was one word instead of two) :) and those huge Piscean (mermaid-like) eyes. We always spoke of having a birthday celebration together as our birthdates were the same (3/8) but never got a chance to do that... But I have lit many candles for you. My spirit tells me you are at peace, Akiko... so dance on now. You are really happy now and not just "pretending"... No need to ever pretend again. Until we meet again, Little One. Dance on. Dance on!*
Namaste'

~

JanJohnson,

Saint Paul, Minnesota

JanJohnson - October 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I met Akiko nearly 2 years ago. I would see her often in the community and I so enjoyed her brightness and enthusiasm. I often picked her up on her way downtown to Lifetime (she would call me whenever she missed the bus) and we would chat about almost everything during our short ride together. I will miss that lift I got from her each time I saw her....
All the best to her family.

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christopher Edrington,

St. Paul, Minnesota

christopher Edrington - October 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

“ As I was sitting at my desk, I heard a sweet little voice say; "Are you hiring?" As I got up to see who was inquiring about a job at Lifetime fitness, I turned the corner; and there stood Akiko with her beautiful smile and charming attitude.

As I interviewed her, I was blown away by her honesty, beauty, intelligence and grace. It didn't take me long to figure out that she was going to be an asset to the company... I hired her the next day. As Akiko and I worked side-by-side, day after day, month after month, our relationship grew from being co-workers into a friendship. She was truly a hard worker and she took a lot of pride in her work performance.

I will always remember the mornings she'd report to work with coffee in hand and a smile on her face. Oh did she love her coffee! She would stand on her feet for an 8 hour shift and never complain. However, she was caught doing yoga moves and stretches when she thought nobody was looking; probably just to ease some of the pain!

As it became time for me to leave LifeTime Fitness, Akiko looked at me with tears in her eyes and she said to me, "What am I going to do without you here?" I gave her a hug and told her that she was going to do just fine. Well... now the question is, with tears in our eyes, "What are we going to do without her here?..."

My deepest sympathies go out to all of Akiko's family and friends. May the Lord give you all strength and peace through this difficult time.

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Carri Unis,

Shafer, Minnesota

Contact Me

Carri Unis - October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ My name is Angela and I am a personal trianer at the St. Paul Life Time Fitness. I had the pleasure of working there with Akiko. She was the first person I would see in the morning when I stepped off the elevator and was always happy, but startled to hear her voice at full volume yelling "GOOD MORNING ANGELA! HOW ARE YOU TODAY?" As cute as she was, I always had to be "great" after that. I am deeply saddened by her passing, as I know all of the other employees and members of the club are. My extreme sympathies to her family and friends. I will always remember her voice with a smile.

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Angela Alexander,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Angela Alexander - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *May Akiko rest in eternal peace and may all those whose lives she touched carry her light and love forward. She was a blessing and will inspire many for years to come.*

I will never forget her smile and hospitality at Lifetime Fitness in St. Paul. I dedicate this beautiful autumn day to Akiko's memory and to all of us who sorrow in her passing.

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Laurel Stiebler,

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Laurel Stiebler - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Sadness fills my heart with the passing of Akiko. As her sister-in-law, I will always remember the good times, her sweetness, watching cartoons with my son to learn the English language better, refusing to leave our mother's side when our dad had a heart attack...just a few memories I will cherish. And her beautiful son Hunter that she brought in to the world brings us all joy. We knew her too short of a time but will miss her for a very long time.*

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Myrna Robideaux-O'Leary,

Spokane, Washington

Contact Me

Myrna Robideaux-O'Leary - October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM