



Katsuko Spurbeck

March 19, 1925 - September 16, 2015

Katsuko Higa Spurbeck was born In Ewa, HI March 19, 1925 to Kamjin and Yoshi

Higa. Katsuko moved with her family to their homeland of Okinawa, Japan at the age of four.

During WWII Okinawa was invaded by the American military. Katsuko remembered

seeing so many American ships she could not see the water in the ocean.

Katsuko's family took

refuge in a cave during the invasion which lasted several months. Living conditions were horrible

with little food and water; however, the entire family survived the war.

After the war Katsuko met handsome US Navy officer Sid Spurbeck. Sid promised he

would show her the world. They married and Sid kept his promise as the couple moved to

Norfolk, VA; Corpus Christi, TX and San Diego, CA before settling in Soap Lake, WA in 1957.

Upon his retirement from the Navy, Sid accepted a pilot position with Saudi Arabian Airlines

and relocated to Jedda, Saudi Arabia. In 1958 Katsuko and her children joined Sid. While

living in Jedda the family enjoyed vacations in Europe, Africa and the Far East

before returning

to Soap Lake in 1964.

Katsuko loved working in her garden, growing vegetables and roses. She enjoyed

watching western and scary movies but mostly loved being with her family.

She was one of the

most gracious and generous people in the world, welcoming everyone into her home. She is

beloved and will be missed by us all.

Katsuko went home to be with her Lord and savior on September 16, 2015.

Preceded in

death by her husband, Katsuko is survived by her sons Chuck, Dewey and Joe of Soap Lake;

Chris (Kris) of DuPont, WA; Matthew (Jeanie) of Wenatchee, WA and daughter Bonnie (Ken) of

Milton-Freewater, OR. She is also survived by her sisters Okiyo and Mitsuye and brother Isao of

Japan, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family extends a special thank you to Darla Forgette who provided care, humor and

friendship to our mother during her final months.

A memorial service for Katsuko will be held at the First Baptist Church in Soap Lake,

WA Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 1pm.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 7. 1:00 PM (PT)

First Baptist Church of Soap Lake
4th and Division
Soap Lake, WA 98851

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Katsuko Spurbeck*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - September 23, 2015 at 04:12 PM

JM

“ *Chris and family,
Very sorry to hear that your mother has passed away. My own mother passed away earlier this year.
It sounds like your mother lived an eventful life.
Cathy and I are very sorry for your loss.
Sincerely,
John MacDonald
Wenatchee
wenmacs@nwi.net*

John MacDonald - September 22, 2015 at 11:22 PM

BS

Dear Mom I love you and miss you every day. There is a hole in my heart with your passing I know that you are in heaven with God our Lord and Savior and there are no more tears or pain for you and my only comfort is knowing that I will see you again Mom you taught me so much about love and life and I am so proud of the person you became and eternally grateful for all that you did for me and my children who also love and miss you terrible especially Cody he loved you much I was honored to care for you during your battle with cancer I may have been tired but I did not resent caring for the mother I loved so much. I did not make to your memorial service and did not see this beautiful presentation of your life it made cry and smile. I did not know that it was available to view. You know reason I wasn't there I wasn't included. I am still hurt and I keep praying for God to heal my heart God, You , Ken, Rachel, Cody and I know how much I loved you and how much you loved us Please Mom visit me even if only in a dream I need you love you and miss you today and everyday. Love your daughter Bonnie Spurbeck

Bonnie Spurbeck - January 17, 2016 at 02:10 AM

Jl

Bonnie, your Mom will always be with you.

Joni Ishibashi-Olsick - May 24, 2016 at 09:30 AM