



Naoko Bigica

January 1, 2011

Franklin - Naoko Crissey Bigica, age 61, passed away on Saturday, January 1, 2011 at Saint Clare's Hospital in Sussex after a courageous battle with ALS. Born in Okinawa, Japan, she came to the United States in 1970 and had lived in Sussex County. Mrs. Bigica had been employed by the former Morley's Shirt Company in Franklin as a seamstress until its closing and then worked for Universal Solutions in Franklin until she retired in 2004. She is survived by her husband, Dennis Bigica of Franklin; her two sons, John Crissey and his wife Jeanne of Wantage and William "Billy" Crissey of Sparta; her two daughters, Laura Herig and her husband Doug of Wantage and Cynthia Schermer and her husband Anthony of Wantage; her mother, four brothers and four sisters all of Okinawa; and her two beloved granddaughters, Elizabeth and Olivia Crissey. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment at Beemerville Cemetery. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Project Main Street, 244 5th Avenue, NY, NY 10001 or www.projectmainst.org Online condolences may be offered to the family on www.PinkelFuneralHome.net

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Dear Dennis and Family,
We were so sorry to hear of Naoko's passing, but know she is in a better place.
We sure loved our times together we shared with both of you.
Love,
Barbara and Sherrell*

Sherrell&Barb. Rhodes - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

AF

“ *My deepest condolences to John and his family and all of his siblings. You all did such a great job helping with her care over the past few years and should feel good about that. Now her suffering is over and she can rest in peace. I hope Elizabeth and Olivia know how much joy they brought their grandmmother. It was an honor to have known her.*

Alice Mac Fadyen - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

JP

“ *My Sincere Condolence to the Family of Naoko. I didn't know her, but work with Laura. My Prayers go out to the entire family. God Bless.*

Joseph Pane - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

CG

“ It is so, so hard to lose someone you love, even though you don't want to see them suffer anymore. I am thinking and praying for you all. Naoko has held a place in my heart since meeting her at the Cut-a-thon, and each time I visited with her, her smile and laughter would fill the room. She had courage beyond what normal people have - she faced her illness and still managed to think of others first..she spelled out asking me if I wanted anything to drink the last time I saw her..I will really miss her. My heart is sad but I hope she is running and laughing and eating in Heaven right now. My sympathies are with the entire family.

Christina Gibbins - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

SD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with her family. I know its been a difficult road over the last several years and I hope she and her family can find peace in this difficult time.

Scott Demeter - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

VH

“ Naoko was a very sweet, caring and loving lady. I feel honored to have known her. Although she is gone, she will never be forgotten. Take comfort in knowing that Naoko is no longer suffering. She was a lot of things to many people and will be missed tremendously. May the family feel some comfort in knowing that you will always have an angel watching over you. Rest in peace, Naoko?

Veronica Herig - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

GL

“ With great sadness I read of Naoko's death yesterday. When she lived down the road she was a good neighbor and I have fond memories of raising our children together. Blessings and condolences to her husband and to John, Laura, Cynthia and Billy.

Gael Lawlor - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

SR

“ Naoko was a sweet lady and she will truly be missed. If you need anything please call us . We are thinking about Dennis and the family.

From your neighbors in Hendersonville.

Lots of love and prayers .

Scott and Tina Rhodes

Scott & Tina Rhodes - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

JK

“ Dear Laura, Doug and Family
My wish for you Laura is to only remember the good times and laughter you shared with your mom. Nat and I will forever remember meeting her at your wedding and then again seeing her at the salon and her motioning with her hands that yes she remembered us dancing at your wedding. What a sweet little lady. Our condolences to all of you. love, Joy

Joy & Nat Kramer - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

MD

“ Dear Laura: Although I have never met your mother, I feel I know her just by knowing you!! She must have been a great mom. I do believe that she is in a very happy place. Remember all the good times you had with her. Love and miss you. Marie & Dennis

Marie & Dennis - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

NS

“ To All,
I am deeply sadden over your loss. Your Mom was one of the most amazing people I have ever met and I am honored that she was my Aunt. I can see in all of you, her amazing qualities. I know she was proud of all of you. I want us to renew our family and start to get together. God Bless all of you, I know she will be in Gods hands and in your hearts fro the rest of your days. In your silence you will find her with you. God Bless

Nancy Snook - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

TK

“ *My sincerest sympathy to Laura, John, Billy, Cynthia, Dennis and all who loved Naoko. I am deeply sorry for your loss. Naoko was a woman of love, courage and drive. I have many fond memories of her contagious smile and laughter growing up as a child. Eventhough we did not stay connected, she has a special place in my heart. She will truly be missed.*

Tammy (Snook) Kent - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

NS

“ *To Laura & Family,
Our deepest Sympathy are with you at this time. May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your mom comfort you and your family, today and always.
Love Always.
Nikki, Akeem & Baby Lauren*

Nicole Smith-Brown - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

AC

“ *My sincere condolences to Laura, Doug and the entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Angie Catton - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

RF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time. Know that Naoko is shining her love down on all who cared for her and loved her. Sincerely,
The Fitzgerald Family

Rebecca Fitzgerald - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

BM

“ Naoko, my cute little mama. She was a wonderful, loving lady. Her beautiful smile will be missed!

My favorite story of Naoko, that Cynthia told me, was when they got pulled over because Naoko was swirving on the road because she was looking at the airplanes. The officer asked her where she was coming from and she told them "I come from Okinowa!" LOL!

Love you all!
Betsy, Dave, Hailey & Wiley

Betsy Morse - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM