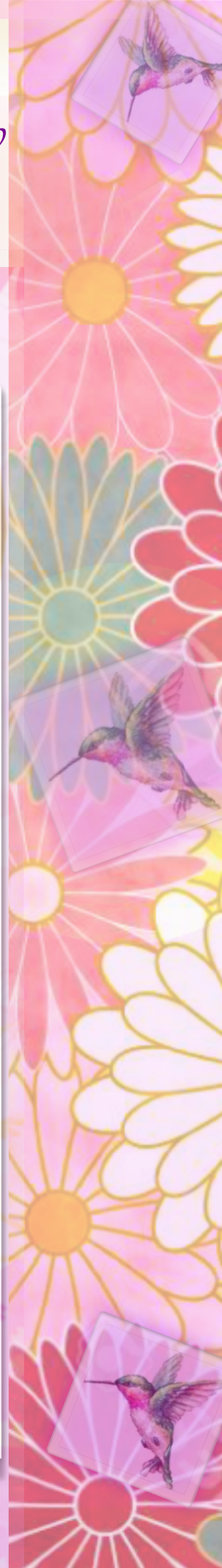


She was so very precious to us...

Kiyoko Fukumoto-Hainsworth





A fisherman's daughter

***Kiyoko and Ralph Hainsworth,
were blessed with five children
in their family:***

***Linda, Maria, Lori,
Alice, and David.***

Kiyoko wanted a big family. In Japan she had hoped to start an orphanage to help the children alone living on the streets. Eventually, she would have ten grandchildren of her own. As time continued, she saw eighteen great-grandchildren also added to her family. She loved them all.

Her Japan connections have always been a link to her missing her home accross the sea. Currently, Kiyoko's youngest sister, Fumiko, as well as her siblings' children, are still living in Japan. Her niece Michiko, lives in California and followed in Kiyoko's career as a nurse.

LIFE IN JAPAN

Kiyoko was born in 1927. Her home was in a small fishing village on the coast of Sajima,

Japan. She referred to herself as, "Sajima's Daughter."

She was one of six children born to Toyo and Tomeo Fukumoto. Her father died before she started kindergarten. Her mother and grandmother raised the children alone through tough times. She loved her childhood life living by the sea.

At the age of 14, she decided to become a nurse. She soon left the only world she knew to work at a Hospital in a big city, Tokyo. It was there that she first learned about Jehovah God.

EXPANDING HER WORLD

One day, Jehovah's Witnesses were distributing Bible-based magazines on her street. She accepted their magazines. As an avid reader with a photographic memory, she quickly read through it and recognized it as the TRUTH. Eager to learn more of the treasures hiding in the Bible, she began searching for

additional information from the same magazine publishers. She visited several bookstores, only to be warned to avoid such information as it was considered “Communist and dangerous.”

Eventually, the couple that gave her the literature initially made contact with her again. They periodically visited her at the hospital. Soon, she attended her first meeting. However, the ban on Jehovah’s Witnesses frightened her.

When another opportunity arose, she found herself unable to resist and accepted the book Let God Be True.

Following Japan's defeat at the end of World War II, the American occupation commenced. This required her undivided attention. She was recruited as a head nurse at the U.S. Naval base in Yokosuka, where she joined a select group of twelve seasoned Japanese nurses. Together, they were pioneers in collaborating with the American Medical Corps to establish a U.S. Hospital in Japan.

This is where she met the handsome American, Ralph Hainsworth, a Corpsman.

Neither one spoke the other’s language, but they felt an undeniable connection. Soon after they met, Ralph was deployed to a MASH unit in the Korean War.

Six years went by as their careers kept them busy. They wrote to each other faithfully until the two met again.

On June 24th, 1956, they arranged to meet at the “temple of 1,000 stairs.” She stood at the top, he at the bottom. They ran to each other and were married that very day.



LIFE IN AMERICA

Her first two children were born in Japan. Then, she was swept away to America for a new life. Four years later, Ralph, whom she affectionately called 'Papa-san,' was deployed to fight in the Vietnam War.

Shortly after he left, there was a knock on the door. It was a woman presenting Kiyoko with the English version of *Let God Be True*. She recognized the cover and accepted a personal study immediately. Within six months, in the summer of 1960, she was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. When Papa-san returned from the war, he was enraged by her decision.

For many years after, he vehemently opposed it. However, one day, Jehovah God intervened

and turned his heart around. He was baptized and began serving Jehovah alongside her.

He transformed into her greatest supporter and humbly accepted Jehovah's way of life. He always sought ways to express his deep love and remorse for the way he had treated her. Every morning, he would bring her coffee in bed until the day he passed. She smiled and said, "Thank you Papa-san."

A HIGHER PURPOSE IN LIFE

Ever since she first uncovered those cherished Bible truths, her love for Jehovah God flourished profoundly. She saw the importance of reflecting God's genuine love for people. It compelled her to spread her Bible knowledge to everyone she met, regardless of their station in



life—be it the homeless person on the street or the president of a major corporation.

She was unwavering in her commitment to share her faith and offer hope to others. This passion was not just a part of her life; it was the very heart of her existence. Her dedication led her to stay in the full-time ministry much of her life. Tirelessly working to bring spiritual enlightenment and comfort to all.

LIFE GOT EVEN BETTER

In 2016, at the age of 89, she cherished a very special privilege: Kiyoko qualified to attend one of the Pioneer schools again. This time, she had the added joy of attending with her great-grandson, Spencer. Her daughter Maria was there from Hawaii and received special permission as a Pioneer to be on the premises to assist with her physical needs so that she could endure the long classes and studying required. Her heart and mind were filled with deeper appreciation to Jehovah God for granting her such a rare opportunity at her age.

Kiyoko's broken English never held her back. People often said,

“I don't understand a word she's saying, but I love talking to her.”

USING WRITING AS HER TOOL

Her passion was writing.

After her husband died, she enrolled in English classes in several colleges to learn to communicate. Often she was the oldest student they had ever had. Not being deterred, she finally completed her life's journal for her family to know her.

At this point she realized how writing helped her mind grow. For nearly 20 years, she diligently copied in notebooks the scriptures and articles found in the Examining the Scriptures Daily. Often, this was in both English and Japanese to grasp the deeper meanings. She continued this practice until she could no longer use her hands to write.

Eventually, she transitioned to computers and iPads with English and Japanese on each, easily transitioning between both languages.. When she became increasingly house-bound, her days were filled with watching videos and listening to songs on JW.org or JW Broadcast. This helped her mind to never forget

Bible's truths that she had first learned and loved. She remained connected to the worldwide brotherhood that she cherished. Her hope in Jehovah always stayed strong and helped her to be courageous throughout the trials of old age.



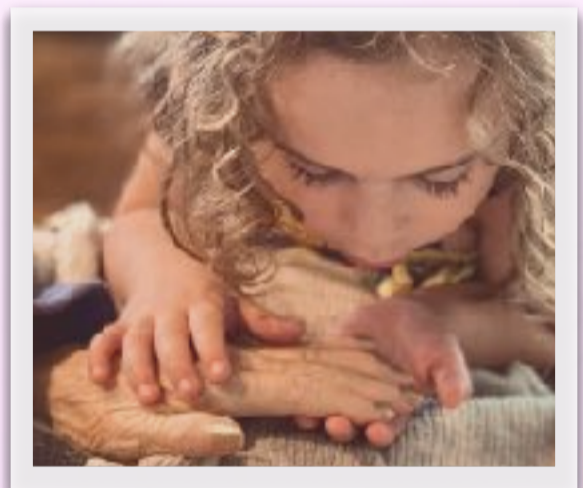
LIFE'S SMALL JOYS

Kiyoko had a passion for life and a hearty appetite, often eating 'like a linebacker' and famously enjoying dessert first. She cherished long hot baths, reminiscent of the Japanese hot springs from her homeland. Excitement overtook her at mentioning a "tea party." Known for her signature glasses, big dimples, and her conversations about Jehovah. Purple was her favorite color. Hummingbirds came to her. She loved her signature gold fingernail polish.

SURROUNDED BY FAMILY

Her grandchildren and great grandchildren came to visit her often. She had seen them grow and even have children of their own. She saw their strengths and encouraged them. She never stopped sharing with them "who Kiyoko is." They have benefited and recount the special memories they will always cherish. Spending time with her was a blessing and a unique opportunity to share a glimpse into her almost one hundred years of life-experience.

**GOLD
NAIL
POLISH**



**WINNING PHOTOGRAPH
California State Fair**

THE GREATEST TREASURE

IF you had an opportunity to meet Kiyoko there was a good chance that you'd here her say, "I love you." It was always heartfelt.

Kiyoko had a heavenly hope with a long history of loyal activity for Jehovah. She took this seriously and with a humble appreciation. Her faith was an example to all. It was based on deep study and her many years of enduring various trials that built her strong relationship with God.

She was our precious Mom, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. We are deeply grateful for the TRUTH she shared with us. We thanked her often for it. In her final moments, when asked if she needed anything, her gentle reply was, "Yes... LOVE."

This "pearl of wisdom" reflected just highly treasured the love from her family was to her. Love is the greatest gift we can give and receive. (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

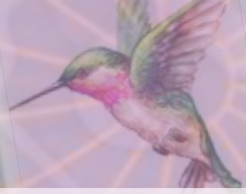
Our hearts will forever say, **"I love you, Kiyoko."**

She was 97 years "wise."



"They are all my family."





Who was Kiyoko?

Kiyoko's answer ...

*"I was only a Japanese fisherman's daughter
who became a Nurse
and went to start a family in America.
I did not have a lot of money,
but I do believe that I had the richest life possible.
Money has feet and will run away.
No one can steal from your heart."*

Thank you

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