



Chizuru Sonokawa

September 5, 1960 - August 29, 2013

Chizuru (Chi) Sonokawa, 52, of West Hartford, beloved wife of Masayoshi (Shawn) Sonokawa and mother of Kanako, Mayuko, Minami and Konatsu passed away at Yale- New Haven Hospital in New Haven, on Thursday morning (August 29, 2013).

Born on September 5, 1960 in Kurose Oshima, Japan, daughter of Junji and Noe Ota and sister of Kazuho Ota and Megumi Daikoku. She grew up and spent her career as a hard working nurse in Japan, helping others and bringing smiles to her patients' faces. In 1996 Chi and her family moved to the United States, where she dedicated her life to being a supportive and loving wife and raising four beautiful daughters. She inspired her husband, four girls and all those around her to work hard and to always keep smiling, even through hardship. Chi will always be remembered for her kindhearted spirit and cheerfulness. She will be truly missed by her husband, daughters, and friends in both America and Japan.

Friends may call Sunday, September 1, 2013 from 12 – 4 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue in West Hartford. Burial will be privately held in Japan.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Tribute Wall

HE

“ *Helena lit a candle in memory of Chizuru Sonokawa*



Helena - September 05, 2013 at 10:22 PM

HE

“ *We are sending the Sonokawa family and all of Chizuru's loved ones and family in Japan all of our heartfelt condolences. Our hearts go out to all of you. We have so many happy memories of time spent with Chi and your family when we were neighbors, and we will hold those memories close to our hearts always. Wishing all of you comfort and peace in the coming days.*

Chizuru's legacy will live on in everyone whose life she has touched with her exceptional kindness, caring, and grace, and her beautiful spirit.

Rest in peace, dear Chizuru.

love, Helena, Marcus & Christina

Helena - September 05, 2013 at 10:16 PM

WJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Sonokawa family. I will always remember Chi's smiling face as she would come to volunteer her time at Morley School. She helped me whenever I would have any immediate questions about my Japanese heritage since my mother didn't live in Connecticut. I am very saddened by her untimely passing. She will be missed!*
Wanda Jones

Wanda Jones - September 02, 2013 at 01:36 PM

KY

“ *My heart is with the Sonokawa family at this terribly sad time and I send them my prayers for strong support and strength. I am so shocked and devastated with the news of her sudden passing. Chizuru always greeted me and my family with a wonderfully warm smile. Ever since her two daughters and my two sons shared going to Morley together, we had been good friends sharing our news whenever we met. Chizuru was also a great support for me as I finished my school work for she watched over my youngest with loving care. I can only imagine the tremendous sense of loss that the family is feeling. Whatever help and support I can give, please let me know. Kyoung-Hi Dickson*



Kyoungh-Hi - September 02, 2013 at 11:12 AM

SB

“ In behalf of the Japanese Language School of Hartford, Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time.

Yours truly,
The Japanese Language School of Hartford

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Sachiko Bible - August 31, 2013 at 09:46 PM

RW

“ Chizuru and I are friends for 6-7 years. Her I knew Chizuru for 7 years and her husband was one of my daughter's teacher in the Japanese School. She was my personal support for years to talk and share about thoughts about kids and life. I am still in Chizuru was my friend for 7 years. I am still shock by her loss. She was always caring about her husband and dougters. We always talk about their future events, wedding and grandklds, too. She was always supportive to me like a jig sister.

Ruriko Wheeler - August 31, 2013 at 09:55 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Chizuru Sonokawa.



August 31, 2013 at 08:43 AM



“ Chi was our son and daughter's babysitter for the last 9 months. We are completely in shock with the news of her passing. Our son studied Japan in second grade this year and Chi was nice enough to bring him some keepsakes from Japan for him to share with his classmates. She always had a warm smile and eagerness about her and a great enthusiasm for our children, so I could tell you she was a wonderful mother to her own children. We are terribly sorry for your loss and we will miss her.

*Stephen Goldschmidt and Alyssa Donnelly
Colin and Caitlin Goldschmidt*

Steve Goldschmidt - August 30, 2013 at 08:03 PM