



## Haruko (Harko) Akers

October 27, 2020

Appalachia, Virginia

Haruko (Harko) Kojima Akers, 89, passed away Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Big Stone Gap, VA. Harko was born in Japan and moved to the United States as a young woman. She worked for several years in the cafeteria at the Appalachia Elementary School. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Donald Sizemore.

Harko is survived by 2 step-daughters, Darlene (James) Wynn and Donna (Keith) Davis all of Big Stone Gap, VA; step-son, Edward (Rita Jo) Sizemore of Appalachia, VA; 7 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; 3 sisters-in-law, Ann Chestnut, Faye Bolden, and Frankie Price.

Graveside services will be conducted at 3 pm Friday, November 6, 2020 at the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Big Stone Gap officiated by Rev. Johnny Flanary.

Due to covid – 19 state regulations, those attending funeral services are asked to wear mask/facial coverings. Social distancing guidelines will also be in place.



# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

Big Stone Gap, VA

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens  
Big Stone Gap, VA

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ It has been a very long time since I had seen her as a student at AES but she was such a bright light and unforgettable, prayers for your family at this time.



Stephanie Galloway-Jenkins - December 24, 2020 at 07:51 AM

LJ

“ Lisa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Haruko (Harko) Akers



lisa johnson - November 09, 2020 at 03:22 PM

LK

“ Lisa Kirk lit a candle in memory of Haruko (Harko) Akers



Lisa Kirk - November 04, 2020 at 05:07 PM

RT

“ She was such a joy to be around my Mamaw Faye Bush talked about her so much and thought so much of her!

rachael thompson - November 03, 2020 at 09:50 PM

RW

“ *She was one of the sweetest women that I knew.  
She always used to sing He's got the whole world in his hands to  
us. ❤️  
She is definitely walking the streets of gold..*

---

**Rhonda Womble** - November 03, 2020 at 08:02 PM

JP

“ *My condolences to your family. I used to work at Heritage Hall, and  
Haruko was one of my absolute favorite residents. She always knew  
how to make me laugh, and was one of the most polite people I  
have ever met. I will always remember her sweet smile and her  
loving personality.*

---

**Jessica P.** - November 03, 2020 at 03:33 PM

DB

“ *Deanna Butler lit a candle in memory of  
Haruko (Harko) Akers*



---

**Deanna Butler** - November 03, 2020 at 02:24 PM