



## Claudia Ann Aho Hoogasian

February 18, 1943 - January 7, 2020

Claudia Ann Aho Hoogasian, 76, beloved wife of the late Judge Jack Hoogasian, loving mother of Sara (Louis) Pickus, Amy Hoogasian, Mary Hoogasian, and Gregory (Jennifer) Hoogasian; devoted grandmother of Rachel, Jack, and Charlie Pickus, and Hunter Hoogasian, cherished sister of Connie Hughes and David (Suzanne) Aho. Preceded in death by her parents Tagne and Taisto Aho.

Claudia was born in Waukegan, IL, on February 18, 1943, and received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. After marrying the love of her life in 1965 and then having four children, she earned her Juris Doctorate degree from The John Marshall Law School-Chicago. Claudia was a strong advocate for family and children's rights. This was the primary focus of her legal career that expanded over 25 years while in private practice and later as a Chief Assistant State's Attorney in the Lake County State's Attorney's Office. She was a lifelong Lake County resident and lived in Lake Forest where she and her late husband raised their family.

Claudia led a long life of philanthropic work including Church of the Holy Spirit's Native American Partnership with St. Michael's Mission located on the Wind River Indian Reservation-Wyoming, United Way of Lake County, Order of Eastern Star, Lake County YMCA, Camp Jorn YMCA, Clearwater Camp for Girls, Stephen Ministries, and PEO Chapter KV of Lake Forest, IL. She was active with many professional organizations including National District Attorneys Association, Jefferson Inns of Court, Association of Women Attorneys, Illinois Department of Public Aid Child Support Advisory Committee, and several bar associations.

Claudia was an avid reader, talented knitter and adventurous world traveler. Besides traveling regularly with her late husband, children, grandchildren, and friends, Claudia always cherished her annual trips and great memories with close childhood friends, the 'Grape Girls'. Claudia was extremely passionate about her Finnish roots and enthusiastically embraced Jack's rich Armenian heritage and culture in many aspects passing down family traditions to her children and grandchildren. She loved spending time

at her homes in northern Wisconsin, where she was active in the communities and served on many non-profit boards.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at 2:30 PM, at The Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 E. Westminster Road, Lake Forest, IL.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to PEO Foundation (a philanthropic organization supporting the advancement of women through educational scholarships) at PEO-Chapter KV, c/o Shelly Holmstrom, 90 Franklin Place East, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Donations may also be made to: Church of the Holy Spirit-Mission & Outreach, 400 E. Westminster Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

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# Events

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**FEB**   **Memorial Service**   02:30PM - 03:30PM

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The Church of the Holy Spirit

400 E. Westminster Avenue, Lake Forest, IL, US

# Comments

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claudia Ann Aho Hoogasian.



January 30, 2020 at 04:35 PM

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“ EOIR TEAM ARIZONA purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Claudia Ann Aho Hoogasian.



**EOIR TEAM ARIZONA** - January 30, 2020 at 11:35 AM

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“ Christopher Bacon lit a candle in memory of Claudia Ann Aho Hoogasian



**Christopher Bacon** - January 15, 2020 at 11:02 PM

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“ Claudia, Amy and I were all board members together on the board for Camp Jorn YMCA. One of my first memories of getting to know Claudia was during the first board retreat where Claudia, Amy and I shared a cabin at camp. The 3 of us were great bunk mates and even the night that Amy and I decided to stay up a little late (I'm thinking 2 or 3am but Amy you'll have to correct me on that one!) sitting on the dock. We came back to the Cabin and were trying to be SOOOO quiet but when we came in, sure enough there was Claudia, wide awake, playing a game on her phone in her sleeping bag on her bunk! After that Claudia and I connected on a regular basis when she would visit the northwoods. She and I had a wonderful trip up to Bayfield to look at a few homes, drove past her previous family home and had lunch at Maggies. When she decided to purchase her log home in Manitowish Waters, I was thrilled because I knew she would be closer than if she was in Bayfield. We would meet for lunch when we could or have dinner at her home. I always felt like I could talk to Claudia about anything and she would listen so well, offer her thoughts and advise. I always loved our conversations. The picture that I have in my mind, that I hope to have forever, is Claudia walking into my office with her hat on, a huge smile on her face saying "I'm here" and then laughing that wonderful laugh! Amy, Sara, Mary and Greg and all of your family; my thoughts, love and prayers go out to all of you. I feel truly blessed and thankful to have had your Mom in my life - she will be greatly missed!

**Linda Long Wohlleber** - January 11, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ Thank you Linda. You painted the picture perfectly! She greatly appreciated your friendship.  
Amy

**amy hoogasian** - January 14, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ I knew Claudia when we lived in Langdon Hall at Wisconsin, all those years ago. I remember her mostly from the dining hall, when we would all line up for that wonderful sour cream coffee cake! She was a neat person, and I remember her fondly.

**Sarah Wilmarth-Wortman Wortman** - July 09, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ Thank you for always being there Aunt Claudia.

**Becky Ware** - January 10, 2020 at 09:18 PM

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**Becky Ware** - January 10, 2020 at 09:15 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claudia Ann Aho Hoogasian.



January 10, 2020 at 08:45 PM

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January 10, 2020 at 07:53 PM

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“ I never met you, Mrs. Hoogasian, but you must have been a wonderful mother and a smart and funny person to have raised a daughter of such great character as we know in Amy. Thank you for sharing your family with us. Bruce Taylor, Florence, AZ

**Bruce Taylor** - January 10, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ Thank you very much Bruce. Amy

**amy hoogasian** - January 14, 2020 at 06:21 PM

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“ Claudia was a very special person who touched so many people's lives in such a warm and genuine way. Our family has known Claudia and her family going back to her first days at Camp Jorn. Camp became an important place for our families to share a profound and lasting experience that Claudia has always believed in since her earliest years. I remember helping to paint Claudia's and Jack's home in Lake Forest as part of a college rode trip from Madison. Our payment for the effort was warm hospitality, good food and Jack's old parade convertible that we drove back to Madison. What a great experience! I especially remember how gracious Claudia was for sharing her family cabin with Angelica and I to spend part of our honeymoon in the beautiful North Woods of Wisconsin. Claudia was the key Camp Jorn Board member who advocated for a Master Plan to save camp from bank repossession. This was the beginning of a very successful fund raising campaign that both secured the place Claudia loved but also help it improve immeasurably. I'll always remember Claudia vision and her major financial contribution leading to the Camp Jorn Master Plan. Our sincere condolences to our good friends Amy, Sara, Mary, Greg and the rest of your family for your loss. We are here for you and look forward to celebrating Claudia's life with you the next time we reunite! Claudia's spirit lives on in all of you!

Drew, Angelica & Christina & Stoll/Eshoo/Collins Family

**Drew Stoll** - January 10, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Thank you Drew. You included some very fond memories with vivid details. We will look forward to retelling these great memories with you in the near future.

**amy hoogasian** - January 14, 2020 at 06:25 PM

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“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Claudia Ann Aho Hoogasian.



January 10, 2020 at 12:27 PM

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“ I vividly recall Claudia's wonderful smile and graceful presence during an event at YMCA Camp Jorn. Her happiness and calming manner was infectious. The Stoll Family sends our love and condolences to the Hoogasian Family. XXOO

**Teresa Williams** - January 10, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ Thank you so much Teresa.

**amy hoogasian** - January 14, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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“ Many wonderful childhood memories of get-togethers, playing croquet and enjoying saunas at Aunt Tagne, Uncle Tai, Claudia, Connie and David's home in Waukegan. Later after many years, I remember connecting with Claudia at my Aunt Vienna's (Einola) funeral in Ironwood. She was very personable and interested in how my life evolved over the years. I shared a regret that I never visited Finland (my Grandparents on my Mom's side of our family were Finns). She responded by saying that if we ever wanted to visit Finland, she would go with us as our tour guide!

**Lou Orsan** - January 09, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ Thank you Lou. And she wasn't kidding; she sure would have gone with you.

**amy hoogasian** - January 14, 2020 at 06:27 PM

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“ Christopher Bacon lit a candle in memory of Claudia Ann Aho Hoogasian



**Christopher Bacon** - January 09, 2020 at 11:20 AM

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“ I am very sad about this loss. Claudia and Jack were prime movers beyond our Wyoming ministry back in the 80s. My daughter is making a movie out of all the pics I took of our trips and will send a copy to the family in the coming weeks. My heart goes out to the family and I cherish all the memories.

**henry idema** - January 09, 2020 at 06:54 AM



“ Thank you Henry. Wyoming was an important aspect of her life.

**amy hoogasian** - January 14, 2020 at 06:28 PM

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“ I worked with Claudia on the Camp Jorn history book, "Camp Jorn: 60 Years and Counting." I was impressed with her dedication to Camp Jorn and her commitment to excellence. She will be missed!

Steve Bensing

**Steve Bensing** - January 09, 2020 at 01:02 AM



“ Thank you Steve! Camp Jorn was a large part of our family.

**amy hoogasian** - January 14, 2020 at 06:29 PM

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“ I was so stunned to read this. I was one of Claudia's dorm mates in Madison and she was such a strong female advocate even in the early sixties. Last saw her in California in the nineties. My thoughts are with her family!

**sandy lyman** - January 09, 2020 at 12:24 AM



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January 09, 2020 at 12:01 AM