



## Amy Connie Hoogasian

May 5, 1968 - November 14, 2021

Judge Amy Hoogasian, of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of San Francisco, CA and Lake Forest, IL, passed away on November 14, 2021, surrounded by loved ones. Beloved sister to Sara (Louis) Pickus; Mary Hoogasian; Gregory (Jennifer) Hoogasian; cherished aunt to Rachel, Jack and Charlie Pickus, and Hunter Hoogasian. Preceded in death by her parents, Judge Jack and Claudia Hoogasian. After graduating from University of Wisconsin-Madison and UIC John Marshall, Amy followed in her parents' footsteps by becoming a lawyer. Amy started her legal career as a prosecutor at the Lake County State's Attorney's office; practiced as Attorney to the Chairman at the Illinois Pollution Control Board; was a prosecutor for Immigration and Naturalization Service in Chicago, IL; and Head Counsel at Uline in Waukegan, IL. Her legal career continued after she was appointed to be a federal immigration judge by Attorney General Eric Holder in 2010, at the U.S. Department of Justice. From there, she went on to serve as Assistant Chief Immigration Judge in San Francisco, CA and Phoenix, AZ from 2015 to the present.

Amy was actively involved with many professional organizations including the Chicago Bar Association, serving as the Environmental law committee chair, the Armenian Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. One of her many passions in life was Camp Jorn YMCA in Manitowish Waters, WI, attending as a camper for many years before working as a staff member and then serving on their Board of Governors for 18 years, including an active role

as Board Chairman.

Amy led a life full of love and dedication to her family and dear friends, whom she cherished. She was an outdoor enthusiast who loved kayaking, venturing on canoe trips, and hiking. She was also extremely committed to her triathlons and the intense training. Amy was a world traveler and enjoyed taking adventurous excursions with family and friends. Her love for travel started with time studying abroad, at a young age in Hungary and Sweden. Amy loved baking and was well known for sharing her delicious treats with work colleagues and friends. Above all else, Amy treasured spending time with her very much adored niece and nephews who meant the world to her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation ([www.cholangiocarcinoma.org](http://www.cholangiocarcinoma.org)); the Armenian Tree Project ([www.armeniatree.org](http://www.armeniatree.org)) or Camp Jorn YMCA – [www.campjornymca.org](http://www.campjornymca.org).

A service will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 11 a.m. at The Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, Illinois.

For Info. Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest (847) 234-9649 or [www.RTfuneral.com](http://www.RTfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## The Church of the Holy Spirit Columbarium

400 East Westminster  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
(847) 234-7633  
<http://www.chslf.org/>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of the Holy Spirit  
400 E. Westminster Avenue  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

# Tribute Wall

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“ Judge Hoogasian was an amazing person. She was very kind to and respectful of people who worked with or around her. Many "sick, tired, and weary" were protected by her good work as an IJ. Rest in peace, Your Honor.

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**Ray Shrestha** - January 24, 2025 at 12:01 AM

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“ My husband Jeff and I had the amazing opportunity to live life with Amy while we all lived abroad in Hungary. Amy was always kind and considerate and oh so funny. We had some amazing times together in Hungary and all of our lives were changed through that experience. I feel sad that over the last several years we had lost contact and it was only through our mutual friends Jason Lamb and Bobby Silber, that we learned of Amy's untimely passing. The earth has lost a beautiful soul for sure. May you be comforted in this time of grief. With most sincere sympathy, Nancy and Jeff Corson

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**Nancy Corson** - December 05, 2021 at 10:38 PM

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“ Judge Hoogasian was such a bright light. She lead our training class of incoming immigration judges in 2018. She was knowledgeable and patient, which made our training rather enjoyable. She was also warm and funny, which made our time working with her in San Francisco a delight. She will be truly missed. My sincerest condolences to all of her friends, family, and colleagues.

-Judge Simons, Los Angeles Immigration Court

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**Anita Simons** - November 16, 2021 at 12:55 PM

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“ *My Hoogs- you are an angel up in heaven and out of pain. I cherish every moment we have shared over the years. Ups and downs of life but you were always the steady friend/sister that I could depend on. No matter the amount of time that passed it was like we just pick up and keep on going. God has a special place for you as you are truly an angel to anyone that has ever met you. I know you will be missed very much but now you are with your parents and feel Gods healing embrace. Let our tears rise up to heaven to welcome you to your everlasting home. Love always your friend/sister, Alicia Rosado*



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**Alicia Rosado** - November 15, 2021 at 07:58 PM