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一生を何倍かに生きた人

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石川を送りまして4年の歳月が流れました。“月日のみが悲しみを癒してくれる”との大勢の方からのお慰めの言葉を自分に言い聞かせながらここまで参りました。春四月、花に囲まれて逝ってしまった石川を偲びますとき、辛く悲しい思いと“花と共に居てくれる”そんな慰めの気持もごさいます。

間もなく金婚という私共でございましたが、その間一度として怒鳴ったり、手を振り上げたことはございませんでした。いつもおおらかで優しい人でした。でも反面ブルドーザーのニックネームにふさわしく、こうと決めたら初志貫徹のなかなか頑固なところもございました。時にはご迷惑をおかけしたこともあろうかと思ひます。本人に代わりおわび申し上げます。すべて熱意から出たものとお許し下さいませ。

コンスタントピッチをモットーとして、常に努力し、勉強に励む人でしたが、その姿は私は勿論のこと、子供達の脳裡にもきざまれております。これは一昨年17回忌を迎えた石川の母譲りのものと、わが夫ながら感服いたします。また長男ということもあり、他人の話嫌がらず良くきく人でした。原稿に追われる傍らで小さな孫達が賑やかに遊んでいても、一向に気に致しませんでした。

その上、テレビをつけ“ナガラ”でございました。ニュースは勿論、マラソン、相撲などスポーツを好みました。ラグビーのときなどは、スクラムが組まれますと、ペンを休め、一緒になって肩に力を入れ握りこぶしでウンウン言いながら見ておりました。体を張って精一杯勝負にかける姿が性にあっていたのでございましょう。

私は良く石川のことを記録魔だと笑いました。何でも記録に残す人でした。病気で入院しているときでもそれをする人でした。そんな石川も最後だけはいかんともしがたくこの世を去りました。

私はそんな石川に、記録的に今まであるものから纏めさせて頂き、生きた証となる本と考へご相談致しましたところ、皆様がお力をよせてくださいまして、私の希望を大きく大きく越えた立派な本になりました。ただただ感謝で一杯でございます。

お忙しいなかをご執筆賜りました各界の皆様ならびに編纂委員をお引き受け下さいました今泉益正先生はじめ諸先生方、中でも細かくご相談にのって下さいました東京理科大学の狩野紀昭先生、日科技連出版社の新井勝治様、また日科技連グループの皆様、日本規格協会の皆様に心からお礼申し上げます。

過ぎし日、記録魔石川が入院手術の前日に、もしもの事を心配したのでしよう、ノートに書き残したいくつかの中に、“ママを大切に”“楽しくね”の文字を見出し、涙が止まりませんでした。

私は常々思い信じておりました。

“石川は一生を何倍かに生きた人”ではないかと……。

皆々様のご健勝と益々のご繁栄を祈りつつ心からおん礼申し上げます。

POSTSCRIPT

The Man Who Lived His Life Many Times Over

Mrs. Keiko ISHIKAWA

Four years have passed since we bid adieu to Kaoru Ishikawa. Our many friends console me in my sorrow saying that only time will cure the sorrow I feel when I think of Kaoru. I have been trying to convince myself so. The flowers of April were in full bloom when he died, so the beauty of each returning spring brings to me an image of Kaoru in heaven, surrounded by blossoms. To see him in my mind this way eases my pain and comforts me in my sadness.

Kaoru and I were going to celebrate our golden wedding anniversary. Throughout our marriage, he was a broad-minded, gentle and understanding man. On the other hand, he was persistent and sometimes obstinate when he decided that he wanted to do something. That is why his nickname was "Bulldozer". If he ever annoyed you, please remember it was because of his boundless enthusiasm.

With the motto "constant pitch", he was always pushing and studying with all his might. Such practices were inherited from his mother, who departed from us eighteen years ago. The children and I will always remember his energy as it is deeply impressed in our mind. I was struck with his untiring efforts, I dare to say. He was willing to listen to others, which probably has something to do with being the eldest son. He never minded his grandchildren cheerfully playing around him even when he wrote papers and had crucial deadlines. Furthermore, he wrote papers and did his tasks while watching television. He closely watched the news. He loved sports programs such as marathon and Sumo. When it was scrummage time during a rugby game, he stopped writing and, watched the game, often squaring his shoulders making a fist.

I always laughed at him for being like a kind of note-taking-maniac. He was obsessed with recording everything in his notebook. Even when he was hospitalized he continued recording. However, Kaoru could not go against nature's will in his final hours and departed from us.

I wanted to summarize his works in a book as a testimony to his achievement.

Having asked for advice many people have been generous with their help, making this a splendid work far beyond my expectations. I am filled with gratitude.

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I found the phrases “take care of your mom” and “enjoy yourself” in Kaoru’s notebook. Fearing the worst he might have written these words. I could not stop my tears.

It has been my belief that Kaoru might live his life many times over.

I wish you good health and continued success, and thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.