

Dr. William Iyeo Higuchi

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We have respect for Bill’s great scientific accomplishments and we also respect his contribution in educating many of the next generation of pharmaceutical scientists. We knew Bill as a friend, have much affection for him and we will miss him.

- John & Karen Mauger

To Professor Dr. William I. Higuchi I have been shocked to hear from a friend that you, a great teacher and scientist, have passed away and gone to heaven. I am deeply grateful to you for accepting me as a postdoctoral researcher in your laboratory at the University of Utah in 1985, when I was still an inexperienced researcher, and for special supporting me as a collaborator for the next 20 years. My research group and me could develop special hydroxyapatite drug delivery system research under your excellent advice. My family and myself will never forget Dr. Higuchi's remarkable life as a great pharmaceutical researcher, his research achievements, and his special kind personality. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Makoto, Kuniko, Yuta Otsuka, and Eri Prendergast

- Makoto, Kuniko, Yuta Otsuka, and Eri Prendergast

Dear Shirley, what a remarkable person Dr. Higuchi was. We are so sorry for your loss. In this age of despair, it is so refreshing to see such a wonderful person who was able to soar above all odds. May God bless you, your family and his legacy. Keith & Pat Watters

- keith watters

A tremendous life of will and consequence, family and legacy. We are sending our love and thoughts as you reflect on and celebrate his life.

- Margaret Talev and Jon Garcia

Dear Higuchi Family, My sincere condolences to you and your families. Dr. Higuchi was a pioneer in the modern science of pharmaceutics and had a profound impact on training many successful scientists. I personally benefited from his leadership, as a pharmacy student at the University of Utah College of Pharmacy in the mid to late 1980s and as a graduate student in Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Chemistry Department in the early to mid-1990s. He, as Department Chair at the time, was my first contact in the department. His legacy will live on and he will be missed. Sincerely, Hamid Ghandehari, PhD Chair, Molecular Pharmaceutics

- HAMID GHANDEHARI

Dear Shirley, Higuchi Family and Friends, I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Dr. Higuchi and I share your sorrow. I am forever grateful to Dr. Higuchi for enabling me to work with Shirley and the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation. Whenever I met him, he was supportive and gave me encouragement. His legacy of commitment and behind the scenes support will continue for generations. With deepest condolences, Julie Abo

- Julie Yoshiko Abo

Dear Shirley, Higuchi family. The family lost a royalty man, and you have lost a beloved father, a grandfather to his grandchildren. I, Malia Pomale a primary caregiver to Dr William Higuchi for almost two years. During my time I found out he is a great esteem with honor. From what I witness your father Dr William Higuchi a pioneer in modern science. I am so sorry for your loss. Your father won't be forgotten, he will always remain in our hearts and thoughts. May his memories bring you comfort and peace. Malia Pomale.

- Malia Pomale

Dr. Higuchi was truly one of the greatest of the Greatest Generation. His personal success, his fortitude and his success as patriarch of an accomplished family is all the more significant when you consider that he suffered structural unfairness as a child and adolescent. Instead of growing up to resent the prejudice and unkind treatment he endured based on his national origin, he rose above the wrongful treatment of his youth and avenged it a hundredfold with unmatched leadership. Rest in peace, Sir. You earned it.

- Patrick G Merkle

He was always so kind and generous to me when I was younger. I am very sad to hear of his passing and send all my condolences.

- Isa Kluger

I am sad to hear of Dr Higuchi’s passing. As one of his students, he was a great example and leader. His influence on my life will be with me forever.

- Richard Hymas