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NW: How about your husband? Was he . . .

KS: My husband died from cancer.

NW: Oh. When was it?

KS: He died in 19 . . . thirteen years ago [in 1998].

NW: So you have been living here all by yourself since then?

KS: Well, you know, I live the, this is the one, two, third house. Yeah. I lived in Stockton, across by the elementary school, because of kids, being close and good schools, naturally, every parent think that way. So we just picked the one, this, and after that, they finished high school, each one college, started; one in UC Davis, one in San Jose. And at that time, my husband, he grew up in country, you know. So he likes be in the countryside. So we found that . . . of course in Stockton, but east side of the highway 99, we found 1.5 acres lot to house, kind of a big house, but it was okay, he worked hard, and that's the way he wanted it, so I said, I am never against anything, whatever he wants, he does it . . . I mean, he did it. So, even this one, too, I thought, my gosh, now you're ageing, and you gonna move in another, bigger house? His brother was kinda concerned about it. But I said, well, that's okay, that's the way he wants it, he worked so hard, so. So let him to. So we had a good time to, the country, it's not so far from his business, only [you] travel about 15 minutes, and it's perfect, good area, too. Everyone's house is big cul-de-sac. And after he died, I know everyone said that are you going to live yourself in that place? And I was, well, I don't have no place to go. And my son said, this is your house. So, whatever you wanted to, do it. And at that time, we had a business, we had an apartment, and a rent house, so I had to take care of everything myself. I mean, you know. So business, I lent it to someone, lent it, I said, okay, go ahead, so we did that. And timing was perfect for me. Property was up, at that time, even before the bubble broke. I thought oh, maybe, this a time I'm going to get rid of it. Because I was getting old, I can't take care of it myself. And kids is all out town and kids said anything you want to do, do it. So I said, well, okay, then, I think it was perfect time. So everything at once, I sold it. And this house was a model home. And this area is, just, the last one to sell, this house. So of course there are a lot of waiting list. But anyway, luckily, I got it.

NW: Was this last ten years then?

KS: This was, I have been here 7 years. This is perfect for myself, yeah. Even the office combined, four bedrooms, this one. So, you know, it's okay, I can manage it.

NW: And you have your children come visit you sometimes?

KS: Yeah, sometimes, sometimes.

NW: Do you talk to your children at all about your experiences? Do you . . . because I know some people, even if they are just *nyūshi* [*hibaku*], like you were, worried about how it might have health on their children. Do you talk at all about that?

KS: No, I don't talk about it. Yeah.

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