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NW: So do you think that your marriage to your husband was very similar to the marriage that your parents had? In terms of the way the relationship works out?

MH: Ah, I think so.

NW: Yeah.

MH: My—my husband, was sick, for uh . . . nerve deterioration. And I took him to Mayo Clinic five times.

NW: Ohh. Okay.

MH: He had a tracheotomy, and jejunostomy.

NW: Uh-huh.

MH: And paralyzed—Ee couldn't even lift, lift finger to . . . to scratch himself or any . . .

NW: Mm. Mm. That's hard.

MH: So, I took care of him at home.

NW: Ah, oh you did?

MH: Ten years.

NW: Wow.

MH: Wheel chair. I uh, and—at first, you know, before he got worse, I wou—ah take him to bath and . . . I try to lift him and I drop him on the floor, and . . .

NW: Oh.

MH: I had to call my son that's living about 3 mile—in the middle of the night.

NW: Mhm, right.

MH: To come and pick him up.

NW: Right. Right.

MH: They were so good.

NW: Yeah, yeah.

MH: So just thank-thankful for everything.

NW: Mm. How about um, your relationships with other survivors of the bomb living in the States? There is this $ASA\dots$

MH: I don't too many—I came to America so, there are hardly anybody that, the only one I know is Fukino-*san*.

NW: Uh-huh.

MH: And Sarashina-san.

NW: Uh-huh.

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