



Tomiko “Tomi” Imakire

(1917-)

“A highly respected individual and a vital, hardworking member of the community”

Tomiko Imakire was born July 27 in Burnaby, B.C. Her parents came to Canada from Kumamoto, Japan, in the early 1900s and the family moved to Mission in 1920.

During World War II she, her husband Fred Imakire and their children, were sent first to work in the sugar-beet fields of Alberta, then to the internment camps at Tashme and Coalmont, B.C.

After the war, Imakire and her family returned to Mission. She has volunteered for many years, with the Red Cross, hospital auxiliary, Mission Hospice Society, and the United Church. She received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

The Old Age Pensioners' Organization presented her with a life membership for her contribution and she continues to be a vital and hard-working member of the Mission community.

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