

MEMORIAM

Arakaki, Haruko, 96, South San Gabriel, CA, July 22, 2020; he is survived by his daughters, Georganne Lynch and Kathleen Hendrickson; siblings, Hideo (Kazy) Oshiro and Yo Sakai; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 1; ggc: 1.

Hashimoto, Bernard Toshio, 85, Gardena, CA, May 14, 2020; he is survived by his children, Karen, David (Susan) and Kevin; siblings, James and Betty (Victor); gc: 3.

Ike, Nobuko 98, San Gabriel, CA, June 17, 2020; she is survived by her children, Toshiyuki Ike and Nancy (Ted) Lieu; gc: 2.

Kamada, Kenji, 104, Berkeley, CA Nov. 17, 2020; he was predeceased by his wife, Toshiko; he is survived by his sons Yuji, Shingo and Alan; sister, Jean Nakazono; and by nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mark, Debbie Joy, 67, Gardena, CA, May 26, 2020; she is survived by her sons, Jason Ma, Kevin Mark; mother, Nori Naka; brother, Les Naka; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Nakano, Frank Hiroshi, 84, Culver City, May 28, 2020; he was predeceased by his siblings, Florence, Ruby and George; he is survived by his children, Genji (Laura) and Bastiaan (Kenza); gc: 3.

Ogawa, Ellsie, 98, Monterey Park, CA, Aug. 9, 2020; she was predeceased by her husband, Minoru Ogawa; she is survived by her children, Lillian S. Kimura, Taka (John Schooler) Nakamura and Donald S. (Eileen) Ogawa; gc: 4; ggc: 1.

Tanaka, Kumiko, 80, San Francisco, CA, May 24, 2020.

Uyeki, Kaoruko, 94, Monterey Park, CA, June 22, 2020; she is survived by her daughters, Grace Uyeki and Caroline (Stephen) Nakajima; gc: 3; ggc: 2. ■

TRIBUTE

KIYOTO ARAKAWA



Dec. 4, 1932-Dec. 11, 2020

Dr. Kiyoto Arakawa passed away peacefully in his sleep at home while battling cancer and COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease).

Although Kiyoto (Kiyō) spent most of his adult life on the mid-peninsula, he was born in Fresno, Calif., during the Great Depression to immigrant parents from Japan. Kiyō grew up on his family's grape ranch that was built on land homesteaded by his father.

He spent most of his childhood in the shadow of the Sierras, where he developed a deep love of nature. Fresno was home except for four years spent in internment camps during WWII. After returning from being interned and upon graduating from Washington Union High School in Fresno, he entered UC Berkeley, where he met Jeanette Omi, who was to become his wife of 64 years. They were married the year Kiyō graduated from UCSF Dental School. Kiyō then fulfilled his military obligation as a dentist at March Air Force Base in Riverside, Calif. Upon completion, Kiyō and Jeanette chose to settle in Palo Alto, Calif., because it was "halfway" between Fresno and San Francisco (Jeanette's hometown). It was their good fortune that Dr. George Hiura, a well-established Palo Alto dentist, was looking for an associate to share his practice and asked Kiyō to join. He accepted and established a family practice where he felt privileged to treat multiple generations for 45 years. He often expressed gratitude that his life was enriched by having had the opportunity to treat some of the nicest people one could ever hope to meet. When he wasn't "drilling and filling," he spent a fair amount of time pursuing fish and golf balls, and following the Giants, Niners and Warriors. But Kiyō always made time for his two sons, Douglas and Aaron, and their various activities: baseball, rocket-building and launching, and their many musical interests. He also made time for the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple (PABT) where he was Board president a record five times. Kiyō's love of nature inspired family camping in the Sierras and touring national parks. Upon retirement, his farming roots became more prominent as evidenced by his devotion to maintaining his bonsai and succulent collections. He also put his handyman skills to use at PABT and with friends' home projects.

Kiyō, who was the youngest of nine, was predeceased by his parents and all his siblings. He is survived by his wife Jeanette, sons Douglas and Aaron, granddaughter, Skylar, and many nieces and nephews. On Dec. 23, 2020, guided by extant Covid-19 regulations, the family with a few relatives met privately to remember Kiyō and witness his inurnment into his outdoor niche at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto.

His family is deeply grateful for the many messages and gestures of comfort and support it received. The following is one such message that was shared at the gathering:

*"Even if we know that all and everything changes,
When our important person passes, we are saddened,
Remembering and contemplating on a special relationship
That was built with that person.
In our world of impermanence, we are, once again,
Being guided to seek permanent unhindered, and true life.
No doubt, Dr. Arakawa has now returned to a realm
Of pure and permanent peace, and continues, as before his
passing,
Works to better the world in his kind and masterful ways."*

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to Palo Alto Buddhist Temple (pabt.org), Fresno Buddhist Temple Betsuin (fresnobuddhisttemple.org), Buddhist Church of San Francisco (buddhistchurchofsanfrancisco.org), American Cancer Society (cancer.org), American Lung Association (lung.org), or any other charity of your choice.

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JAMES KUBOTA



March 28, 1930-Jan. 15, 2021

James Kubota, a graduate of Detroit Pershing High School and the University of Michigan, died Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, in Phoenix, Ariz., at 90.

Kubota was born in Sumner, Wash., in 1930 to Nui and Sadao Kubota. In 1942 the family was evacuated to the war relocation camp in Minidoka, Idaho.

In 1945 Kubota's family relocated to Detroit's east side, where he attended Pershing High School, graduating in

1948. Kubota was awarded a Regent's Alumni Scholarship to the University of Michigan. He received the non-academic scholarship because his civil and constitutional rights were violated by the U.S. government by sending him to an internment camp during the war. He went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

Following graduation he was drafted and placed in the U.S. Signal Corps, serving stateside for two years. From there he began a career in microwave electronics.

While visiting friends in Chicago in 1951, he met Tomoye (Toby) Ozone, who he married in 1954. Their children are Bill (Sharon MacDonell), Susan and Bob (Ilene Takiguchi) and two grandchildren, Patti and Suzi.

While working in Michigan, he joined a Detroit start-up company, Omni Spectra Inc. which relocated to New Hampshire in 1975. Kubota rose to the position of vice president of Engineering at MA/COM Omni. He was recruited in 1983 by a company in Glendale, Ariz., and after a brief period he accepted a position with Southwest Microwave Inc. in Tempe, Ariz., as vice president & general manager of its Microwave Products Division. He retired from Southwest Microwave Inc in 2008.

After coming to Phoenix he became interested in honoring Nisei soldiers who were killed in action during WWII. He learned several camps had erected historical markers but the nearby Gila River camp did not have one, so he was appointed to create them. Two were built. He constructed the first one in 1995 at the camp site for the Gila River 50-year camp reunion. The second one was built in 2006 for the National JACL Convention held in Phoenix, Ariz. A contest was promoted, seeking a design and then he organized and constructed the monument. It stands at the now-closed Gila River Community Arts & Crafts Center. It remains at that site.

Kubota spoke of the pleasure he gained from the many camp tours he led, some with Mas Inoshita also of Phoenix, who was held in Gila River and served in the Military Intelligence Service during World War II. Kubota enjoyed meeting many former internees and families, hearing their memories about their lives during those years of incarceration.

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KEVIN E. NAGATA

Kevin Nagata, 61, of Fresno, CA, died on Jan. 3. For more than half his life, he served as a trustee to the JACL's Health Insurance program, which later became the JACL Health Benefit Trust, serving as the vice-chairman of the Trust at the time of his passing. In 2015, the Trust established the JA Community Foundation, of which he was a founding director and served as chairman of the Grants Committee. He is survived by daughter, Brayden; mother, Jane S., brother, Brian; and sister, Colleen Alvarez (Jay). Memorial services and a Gathering of Gratitude will be held after the conclusion of the current Covid pandemic.

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