

In MEMORIAM

Hiraike, Isamu Sammy, 98, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 19; during WWII, his family and he were forcibly relocated to and incarcerated at the Manzanar WRA Center in CA; he was predeceased by his wife, Reiko; he is survived by his daughters, Eileen Hiraike and Dr. Kathleen (Dr. Kenneth) Sakamoto; sister, Asako Doi; sister-in-law, Kimiko Kochi; he is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Hirashima, Margie, 98, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 27, 2020; she was predeceased by her husband, Frank; she is survived by her son, Jeff (Elaine) Hirashima; gc: 2; ggc: 1.

Hongo-Namba, Lily Sadako, 95, Portland, OR, March 23; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Minidoka WRA Center in ID, where she graduated from Hunt High School; she was predeceased by her first husband, Shigeru Hongo; and daughter, Wendy Peace; she is survived by her husband, Mark; son, Dr. Gary S. Hongo (Jonna); son-in-law, Jeff Peace (Donna); sisters, Kimi Iwamoto and Jean Takashima; gc: 5; ggc: 6.

Inouye, Mac Mansaku., 97, Denver, CO, Oct. 11, 2020; Army veteran; thrice married.

Izumigawa, Jim, 69, Los Angeles, CA, Jan 12; he is survived by his siblings, Sally Tagawa and Dennis Izumigawa; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews and other relatives.

Kawaguchi, Mae, 94, Sunnyvale, CA, Dec. 13, 2020; she was predeceased by her husband, Makoto; son, Glenn Kawaguchi; she is survived by her sons, Scott (Sharon) and Richard (Karina); daughter-in-law, Dana Kawaguchi; sister, Alice Neishi; gc: 7.

Kawaguchi, Mitsue Ogura Matsuo-ka, 97, Coarsegold, CA, Dec. 3, 2020; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the WRA Center in Poston, AZ; she was predeceased by her husband, Hiromitsu Matsuoka; she is survived by her sons, Ray (Marge) Matsuoka, Stanley Matsuoka, Gilbert (Nancy) Matsuoka and Dennis (Jeani)

Matsuoka; gc: 11 ggc: 6.

Kawaharada, June, 83, San Marino, CA, Feb. 1; she is survived by her husband, Allan; children, Kim (Paige), Jill, Jon (Yukiko); 4 sisters; gc: 8; ggc: 1; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and their children.

Matsuura, Vernon, 83, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 25; he is survived by his wife, Carol Mikami Matsuura; children, Julie (Mary) Artino Matsuura and Jason Matsuura (Edel); brothers, Mel Matsuura (Haru) and Gene Matsuura (Jean); brother-in-law, Richard Mikami (Ann); sisters-in-law, Meiko Inaba, Lynn Mikami and Shirley Mikami; gc: 2.

Miyamura, David, 72, St. Augustine, FL, Nov. 19, 2020; he is survived by his mother, Chieko Miyamura; brother, Ted Miyamura; sister-in-law, Hilda Miyamura; lifelong partner, Bette Marcoux; "inherited" stepchildren, Eric Marcoux, Nicole Wickens and Christopher Marcoux; gc: 3.

Miyamura Jr., Frank, 72, Los Angeles, Jan. 5; retired Air Force veteran; he is survived by his sisters, Frances and Joyce; 2 nephews.

Nakashima, Kevin Katsuya, 65, New Hope, PA, Nov. 7; son of Marion and George Nakashima (the famed woodworker and founder of Nakashima Studios); Philadelphia JACL Chapter member; he is survived by his sister, Mira; 3 nephews and a niece and their spouses; five great-nephews and two great-nieces. Donations in honor of Kevin: Nakashima Foundation for Peace, 1847 Aquetong Road, New Hope, PA 18938.

Nakayama, Shigeru, 73, Sacramento, CA, Feb. 22; Army veteran; he was predeceased by his sister, Mitsuko (Hajime) Misaka; he is survived by his wife, Sachi; sons, Derick and Bryan (Melissa); sister, Fusako (Tom); sister-in-law Hiroko (Bruce).

Nakayama, Yoko, 79, Alhambra, CA, Jan. 22; she is survived by her brother, Masami Nakayama; a niece and many relatives and friends.

Onishi, George Jogi, 88, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 27, 2020; Army

veteran; he was predeceased by his wife, Velma Beverly Onishi; son, John Aha Onishi; granddaughter, Kaitlyn Kiana Elliott; he is survived by his children, Michael Jotaro Onishi, George "Butchie" Onishi (Josie), David Akuni Onishi and Kimberlee Elliott (Tim); sisters, Violet Okuhata and Annette Pipi; half-sisters, Stephanie Pauling and Winifred Nagy; he is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and ohana; gc: 6; ggc: 2.

Onishi, Haruko, 83, Lodi, CA, Jan. 7; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Rohwer WRA Center in AR; she was predeceased by her first husband, Henry Okazaki; and second husband, Sus Onishi; she is survived by her children, Kelly Yamane and Corey Okazaki (Lisa); siblings, Cindy Nishimoto (late husband Julius), George (Christine), Tom (Gracie), Dickie (late wife Nadine); sisters-in-law, Naomi Iwamiya, Grace Watanabe (Sach); gc: 3.

Onishi, Miyo (née Kuwashima), 95, Canton, MA, March 29; she was predeceased by her husband, Massey Onishi; she is survived by her children, Linda Dunn (Greg) and Steven Onishi (Dawn); gc: 5; ggc: 2.

Shimatsu, Rodger, 77, Northridge, CA, Dec. 19, 2020; he is survived by his wife, Tamara Martin; children, Jennifer (Leonardo Gomez) Shimatsu-Gomez and Lance Shimatsu; sister, Aileen (Bruce) Sato; mother-in-law, Tokuye Namiki; father-in-law, John Martin; gc: 3.

Sugimura, Misuko, 98, Monterey Park, CA, Jan. 8; during WWII, she and her family were incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ; she was predeceased by her husband, George; siblings, Misayo Kumakura, Yoshiko Hanaoka, Sam Mori, Sus Mori and Bob Mori; she is survived by her daughter, Debra Mills (David); and sisters-in-law, Michiko Mori and Kay Mori.

Sunahara, Marilyn, 86, Gardena, CA, April 1; she is survived by her children, Jeffrey Kiyoshi (Wendy), Ryan Shizuo (Janice) Sunahara and Stephanie June Sunahara;

brother, Kenneth (Jan) Kagiya; gc: 4; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Takeda, Yoshimichi, 89, Kaneohe, HI, March 4.

Tekawa, Hideko, 87, Seatac, WA, March 5; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ; she was predeceased by her husband, Donell Manabu Tekawa; she is survived by her children, Brian (Kathy) Tekawa, Sharon (Ron) Hirata and Julie (Wes) Yee; sister, Yuri Nishioka; gc: 5; ggc: 8.

Tsuyuki, Ricky Mutsumi, 64, San Gabriel, CA, Dec. 31, 2020; he is survived by his siblings, Alfred Y. (Michie), Theodore (Keiko), Makoto, Hitomi Tsuyuki and Christine M. Nagashima; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Uyeda, Aki, 85, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 16; Air Force veteran; he was predeceased by his wife, Alice; and stepdaughter, Lonna Price; he is survived by his sister, Kayo Tsuruda, stepson, Darrel (Sofia) Krebs; step-gc: 4.

Wehara, Itsuko, 82, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, Dec. 28, 2020; she is survived by her husband, Russell WeHara; siblings, Yukio Urushibata (Mable), Yeiko Fukunaga (Fred) and Alice Kammerman (Mark); she is also survived by many other relatives.

Yamada, Harold Tetsuo, 86, Reno, NV, March 21; during WWII, he was incarcerated at the Rohwer WRA Center in AR; Army veteran; he is survived by his wife, Colleen Mayeda; 6 children; gc: 17; ggc: 5.

Yamada, Henry Noboru, 85, Los Angeles, CA, April 11; he is survived by his wife, Grace Nobuko (Okuno); children, Aric, Kristen (Tom Kratky) and Curtis (Marga Yamada); gc: 4.

Yamaguchi, Eitetsu, 82, Hamden, CT, March 10; he is survived by his wife, Kazuko "Kay" Yamaguchi; daughters, Kelly Yamaguchi-Scanlon (Paul), Amy Uccello (Sebastian) and Lisa Yamaguchi; gc: 2. ■

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YUKA YASUI FUJIKURA



Yuka passed away peacefully on March 23, 2021, at the age of 94. Born in Hood River, Ore., she was the beloved youngest child of Masuo and Shidzuyo Yasui, sister to Yuki and Michi and her brothers Kay, Ray, Minoru, Roku, Robert and Homer. Yuka attended high school in Hood River until May 1942 when Executive Order 9066 authorized the incarceration of tens of thousands of American citizens of Japanese ancestry and resident aliens from Japan. She was removed and incarcerated

first in Pinedale, Calif., and then at Tule Lake, Calif. She was able to leave the relocation camp unaccompanied at age 16 to enter high school in Denver. Upon graduation she attended the University of Oregon and received a bachelor of arts degree. Yuka furthered her education by getting a master of nursing degree from Yale University and a master of public health degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She worked as a nurse at Grace-New Haven Hospital and later at the Visiting Nurses Association in New Haven. She won a Fulbright Scholarship to work and study demography at the Institute of Public Health in Japan, where field studies were being done on people working in the rice growing, the coal mining and the fishing industries. While in Japan she met and married the love of her life and "best friend" Toshio Fujikura, a pathologist. She returned with him to the States and had four children. She continued her volunteer work in public health while raising a family, gardening, cooking, doing Japanese embroidery, singing and traveling. She was the heart of her family and instilled in them the values of her father that "We are all born for a purpose, and that purpose is to make this world a better place for our having been here."

Yuka leaves behind her husband, Toshio; and children Amy, Kay, Ken and Tyra, brother, Homer; and grandchildren Kevin, Daniel and Katelyn and many nieces and nephews, family and friends. In remembrance of Yuka's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to the Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award, <https://www.sparkthechangecolorado.org/mycva>

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