

# **MEMORIAM**

**Morita, Thurston 'Hoss,' 78,** Torrance, CA, Oct. 19, 2020; he is survived by his wife, Georgine; children, Scott (Erin Kaichi) and Nicole (Kent) Kashiwai; sister, Carole (Ray) Sugai; gc: 2.

**Muranaga, Tomi, 85,** Gardena, CA, June 13; Korean War veteran; he was predeceased by his brothers, Kiyoshi (Medal of Honor awardee), Yoshio and Kenichi; he is survived by his sisters, Sally Hamamoto, Susie Fujimoto, Hiroko Torii, Terrie (Al) Suyemoto and Reiko Nakagawa; sister-in-law, Yoshiko Muranaga; caregiver and niece, Jennifer Hamamoto; he is also survived by other nieces, nephews and other relatives.

**Muto, Setsuko Kamei, 87,** Culver City, CA, Oct. 31, 2020; she was predeceased by her husband, Roy; she is survived by her children, Elaine (Frank Morizawa), David (Sherry Oshimo) and Steven; siblings: 9; sisters-in-laws, 2; she is also survived by many nephews and nieces.

**Tanizawa, Glenn, 70,** Los Angeles, CA, March 13.

**Watanabe, Ikiko, 100,** Kahului, HI, May 27. ■




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## SHIZUKO FUJIOKA (NÉE SAKIHARA)



June 3, 1927-June 5, 2021  
 Shizuko ("Shiz") Fujioka, 94, went home peacefully to be with her Savior Jesus Christ on June 5, 2021, in Columbus, Ohio.

Shiz was born on June 27, 1927, in Los Angeles. Her father, Takeo Minami, passed away when she was a child and she and her younger sister, Aiko, were raised by their mother and stepfather, Hisako & Ikumori Sakihara. Shiz attended Nora Sterry Elementary School, Emerson Jr. High School and University High School until she and

her family were sent to Manzanar Concentration Camp at the start of WWII. She graduated from Manzanar High School and L.A. City College.

A wonderful wife to Babe for over 60 years until his passing in 2013, Shiz was also a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. Her family was her world. Shiz loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren. She and Babe visited them in cities throughout California, Washington, Texas, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Nevada and Ohio. During their later years, Shiz and Babe lived with daughter Janice and her family in Texas, and after Babe's passing, Shiz lived with son Robert and daughter-in-law Elizabeth in Pennsylvania and Ohio. She delighted in discovering new restaurants, museums, parks, churches, malls and historic sights.

She loved traveling with her family, from camping and fishing to cruises in Mexico and the Caribbean to couples travel with Babe to Europe, Asia, South America and throughout the U.S. She enjoyed hosting many happy holiday and celebratory events with Babe for their large extended family and friends at their homes. She always looked forward to attending her annual Manzanar High School Reunion and Babe's Heart Mountain High School Reunion.

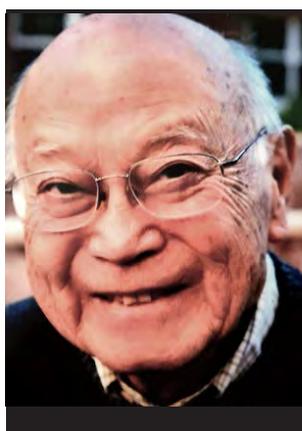
Shiz was much loved and appreciated. She was a kind, gracious, and caring woman. She nursed Babe back to health after he contracted polio when they were dating and continued to give selflessly to help others after marriage.

She is survived by her sister, Aiko Jonokuchi (husband James), her children, Robert (wife Elizabeth), Margaret (husband Cedric), Janice (husband John) and Thomas (wife Kathy), 15 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Due to COVID-19, a private memorial service will be held in September in Los Angeles. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be mailed by check written to the Japanese American National Museum, ATTN: Development/In Memory of Shizuko Fujioka, 100 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012. For donation questions, please call Lillian at JANM Development at (213) 830-5641.

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## MINORU MOCHIZUKI



**Minoru Mochizuki, 95,** born in San Francisco, Calif., and passed away on Aug. 7, 2021, in Denver, Colo., surrounded by his family.

Min is survived by his children Judy Mochizuki, Denver; Nancy Mochizuki, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Janet Hulce, Springfield, Ill.; Carol Elrod, Parker, Colo.; and Ronald Mochizuki, Western Springs, Ill.

Also survived by sister Etsuko Lew, Berkeley, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife, June, in 2017.

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## KAZUYOSHI IDE



**Kazuyoshi Ide, 92,** born in Hilo, Hawaii, died peacefully at his home in Richmond, Calif., on Aug. 4, 2021. Kaz (as he was known to friends and family) was a graduate of the University of Hawaii, Manoa; he studied social work and public health at Indiana University and the University of California Berkeley School of Public Health before spending his career with the State of California Children's Services. Socially astute, he always kept up with politics and culture. He

volunteered at various organizations and was a dedicated member of the JACL. An artist at heart and avid writer, he created beautiful ceramic works, wrote stories and sayings for his grandson, cultivated fruit and flowering trees, remembered every plant he ever put in the ground, and made a habit of writing haiku on any piece of paper within reach. Kaz always kept up with his friends and family, and will be remembered for his tasty pies, stubborn yet philosophical spirit, being there to listen and regularly giving advice. Kaz is survived by his former wife, Tokiko Nishida Ide, daughters Laura Ide and Melanie Ide (Christiaan Kuypers) and grandson Lukas Kuypers, as well as friends, relatives and special caregivers who shared his life's journey. A service will be held at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple in California, date to be announced. An endowment fund will be established by his daughters at Bishop Museum in his honor. For those interested, a donation can be made to the attention of Melanie Ide at Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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## DR. TOSHIO FUJIKURA



Toshio passed away peacefully on May 13, 2021, at the age of 97. Born in Tokyo, Japan, he was the beloved son of Tome Fujikura and Masashiro Yoshida. Toshio lost his father at an early age and was raised by his mother, who was a successful business owner. In 1941, Toshio entered the Chiba Institute of Technology to study engineering. His education was disrupted by World War II, and he was sent to the countryside to do farm work. Toshio was determined to continue his education after the

war, and he was accepted to the Keio University Medical School in Tokyo. After he completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology, he aspired to study in the U.S. In 1953, he accepted an Obstetrics and Pathology Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. He later returned to Japan and met the love of his life and "Best Friend," Yuka Yasui, a visiting Fulbright Scholarship nurse. They got married and returned to the U.S. Toshio continued his training in clinical pathology at the University of Oregon Medical School and later became an instructor there. In 1963, he was appointed as a medical officer pathologist at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Then in 1973, he followed his interest in neonatal research as an associate professor of pathology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Magee-Women's Hospital. In 1978, Toshio returned to Japan to accept a position as chief of the Pathology Dept., Radiation Effects Research Foundation in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He later moved back to Tokyo to serve as a pathologist at several area hospitals. Throughout his career, Toshio wrote and published numerous papers in prominent medical journals. He worked well into his eighties and continued his love of research. Toshio enjoyed time with family, travel, delicious food, swimming, nature walks and exercising at the gym. A quiet, gentle and modest man who always appreciated the kindness of others, he faced life with resilience no matter the upheaval. He was beloved by his children and his wife, Yuka, of 65 years. Toshio leaves behind his children, Amy, Casey, Ken and Tyra, and grandchildren, Kevin, Daniel, and Katelyn. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Yuka, by less than two months. A memorial service will be held at a future date.