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EIJI EDWARD KUBOKAWA

Eiji or Ed Kubokawa, as most people knew him, passed away peacefully in Bellevue, Wash., on Dec. 21, 2021, at the age of 96. Eiji was born in San Francisco, attended Lowell High School, graduated from UC Berkeley, and worked for many years at Modern Foods and Kasho in San Francisco as a commodities buyer. At the end of his career, he set up the produce packing operation for Campbell Foods in Fresno, Calif. An Army veteran of World War II, he was incarcerated at the Topaz, Utah, concentration camp, before the Quakers helped him, and attended college in Ypsilanti, Mich., for two years. Ed served as co-president of his local JACL chapter, and with his wife, Ellen, attended the Seattle National Convention to support their district governor, Mollie Fujioka, candidate for JACL national president. Ed is survived by his blended family; Jo Anne, Joyce, Jon, Jay, Bruce and Dale.

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RON MANO



The world lost a wonderful person on Dec. 6, 2021. Ronald Makoto Mano passed away at St. Marks Hospital in Salt Lake City, surrounded by loving family members, after suffering a heart attack. He was 79. Ron was born on Aug. 28, 1942, at the Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah, around five months after his family arrived in Utah. They had done the voluntary evacuation from Los Angeles after the start of World War II.

Ron was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend and teacher. He married Cheryl Sei Shimizu (daughter of Takashi Bill and Gene Shimizu) on March 22, 1969, in the Los Angeles Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Cheryl passed away on Feb. 10, 2021, after an almost four-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

They are the parents of Tiffany Hilton (John), Patrice Mano, Tisha Woolf (Neil), Karisa Sepp (Chris), Rhett Mano (Amy), Darin Mano (Kevin) and Taryn Khong (Christon). They have 18 grandchildren.

Ron's parents are Eisaku Mano and Michi Morio Mano. His siblings are Kenneth Mano (Carolyn), Irene Mori (Floyd), Sharon Haraguchi (Wally) and Richard Mano (Linda).

He served a mission to Japan for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was a devoted member of the church throughout his lifetime. He graduated from Bountiful High School in Bountiful, Utah. He earned a bachelor's degree and an MBA from the University of Utah. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was a college professor at the University of Utah, Weber State University and Westminster College. Although Ron had technically retired from teaching, he continued teaching courses and mentoring students up to the day he suffered his heart attack.

Ron worked hard throughout his entire life. He worked on the family farm and had a paper route as a teenager. He worked at a produce market while in college. He served in the U.S. Army and was extremely patriotic.

Ron is a long-time member of the JACL. He started working part-time at the National JACL Credit Union many years ago to help with their books. After his wife, Cheryl, passed away, and he retired from full-time teaching, he continued to work at the credit union. He said he wanted to work there until he died, which he did. Ron has supported JACL events. He had served as convention treasurer for a National JACL Convention held in Salt Lake City. His brother is president of the Mount Olympus JACL Chapter.

The last social event Ron attended was the Mount Olympus JACL Chapter Christmas Party which was held in Salt Lake City on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021. He seemed well and was able to visit with friends and family. That night he suffered a heart attack. He had emergency surgery, but he passed away less than two days after entering the hospital.

Ron has been very supportive of his children and grandchildren. His son Darin recently won election to the Salt Lake City Council after having been appointed to the position earlier. Ron encouraged his children to learn about their heritage and took Darin as a teenager to Topaz. Darin was the architect for the Topaz Museum.

Ron Mano lived an exemplary life and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Carol A. Henry-Minami; children, Wayde R. Minami (Christie), Kristine M. Minami (John Conger), W. Douglas Minami, Peter C. Puleio II, Stephanie M. Puleio (Aaron Whittier), Susan A. Puleio (Larry Shea) and Carla M. Minami; brothers, Wayne H. Minami (Arlene) and W. D. "Denny" Minami (Ida); granddaughters, Peyton M. Elmendorf, Addison P. Puleio and Emersyn A.G. Puleio; and grandsons, Alexander R. Puleio, Gavin M. Puleio and Conner J. F. Minami.

He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, his aunt and many friends around the country and the world. He was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Henry K. Minami and Claire F. Minami.

A memorial service is planned for a later date.

"I will miss him both professionally and personally, and the Washington, D.C.-area community will feel a little empty knowing he is no longer with us," Inoue said.

Minami's family asks that in lieu of flowers or koden, donations be made to the renal transplant unit of New York-Presbyterian Hospital by going to nyp.org/giving, selecting "other" and designating "renal transplant unit"; the San Jose State judo program at giving.sjsu.edu/ and selecting "choose a giving opportunity" and searching for "judo" or designate "judo program" in the specific instructions); or a charity of the donor's choice.

According to Kristine Minami, a memorial website for her father can be visited at forevermissed.com/warren-minami/.

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LUCILLE HONDA



Lucille Yoshie Honda (née Kawate), our beloved and devoted mother and grandmother, passed away Jan. 5, 2022, at age 96. She is now at home with our Lord Jesus Christ, living with him in paradise for eternity.

Lucille was born on Dec. 5, 1925, in Salt Lake City to Masaichi and Shinobu Kawate. She lived her early life in Emory, Utah, where her father was a section foreman for the Union Pacific Railroad, along with her older siblings Masae (Mary), Masao (Nelson) and Isami

(Sam).

After WWII, Lucille settled in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she met the love of her life, Kaoru (Bill) Honda, and they were married on April 17, 1954.

Lucille is survived by her three sons, David, Paul and Mark, and was predeceased by Bill, her husband of 57 years, and eldest son, Clifford. She is also survived by two daughters-in-law (Cynthia, Marie); five grandchildren (Natalie, Katelyn, David, William and Daniel); and two great-grandchildren (Otto, Theo); as well as many nieces, nephews and good friends.

Lucille was a longtime member of Bethany Congregational Church in Santa Barbara for over 60 years. She spent most of her working career as a paralegal working for the County of Santa Barbara's Water Agency and county counsel.

Lucille lived a very healthy and active lifestyle, performing daily exercises and diet routines, even until the end. She was a dedicated and loving wife, mother and grandmother, and will be remembered for her love, kindness, gentleness and generosity.

A family service will be held in the near future. Donations in Lucille's memory may be sent to Bethany Congregational Church, 556 N. Hope Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

GEORGE IKEDA



George Kazuo Ikeda, 99, formerly of Emmaus, Pa., died Nov. 30, 2021 at Lehigh Valley Hospital. He was born in San Juan Bautista, Calif., the oldest of five sons born to farmer Genroku Ikeda and his wife, Tsuyuko. In 1942, George and his family were incarcerated in the Poston Internment Camp in Poston, Ariz.

In 1944 George moved to the Philadelphia area and began his career. He worked as a draftsman at York Corp. from 1945-57 and was

committed to supporting his family and helping his younger brothers attend college. He went on to attend Rutgers University through academic scholarships from Union Carbide and Western Electric and graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1958. Following graduation, he joined Air Products and Chemicals in Trexlertown, Pa., and worked there until his retirement in 1986.

George was dedicated to his family and the Lehigh Valley community. He was active with Junior Achievement, YMCA as a coach and board member, board member of the Emmaus Shelter House and Allentown Art Museum, member of the Japanese American Citizens League and an active member and past president (Allentown West Chapter) of Rotary International. In his free time, he enjoyed photography, gardening, cooking, international travel and spending time with his family. In later life, he took great pride watching his grandchildren play a variety of sports and enjoyed his Yuengling Lager with lunch and sharing a bottle of wine with family and friends.

George is survived by his children Carolyn (Ed Linhart) of Alexandria, Va., Bruce (Anne) of Berwyn, Pa., Dr. Jane (Dr. Steve Gohsler) of Mendham, N.J., and Doug (Tanya) of Allentown, Pa.; grandchildren Brian (Casey), Michael (Kirstie) and Jamie Ikeda, and Eric, Dan and Becky Gohsler; great-grandchildren Hana and Grant Ikeda; his youngest brother, Ken; and his favorite, granddog, Baxter. He was predeceased by his wife Janet (Nov. 29, 2019) and three brothers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Lehigh Valley Health Network, Office of Philanthropy (P.O. Box 1883, Allentown, PA 18105); Rotary International Foundation (One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201); or the LutherCrest Benevolent Fund (800 Hausman Rd., Allentown, PA 18104).