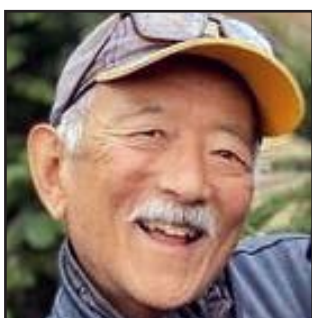


In MEMORIAM

Anzai, Aaron Masayuki, 60, Pearl City, HI, Sept. 18, 2021; he is survived by his mother, Norma Anzai; sister, Donna Robinson; 2 nephews, a niece and a grandniece.

Higa, Marie Dorothy, 95, Dallas, TX, Nov. 9, 2021; she is survived by her husband, Riosuke (aka Pete); children, Bill, Lisa and Mori Lou; gc: 3; ggc: 2.

Hunt, Chiyoko Higa, 94, Hickory, NC, Dec. 25, 2021; she was predeceased by her daughters Eiko and Fumiko; she is survived by her daughter, June Starnes (Bill); gc: 2.



Ida, Richard, 69, Napa, CA, Dec. 27, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Janet; sons, Adam (Erika) and Brandon (Kari); brother, Jim (Carol); brother-in-law, Bruce (Peggy); gc: 5.



Kaneyuki, Melvyn, 80, Torrance, CA, Sept. 15, 2021; he is survived by his children, Julie (Curt), Stephen (Diane) and Cyndi; siblings, Grant (Claudia), Gail O'Malley and Kane (Jasmine); gc: 2.

Kobayashi, Nash Isamu, 66, Phoenix, AZ, Oct. 26, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Michelle; hanai brother, Ralph (Sophia) Takafuji Jr.; hanai sister, Carol (Keith) Kawamoto.

Koga, Michiko, 92, Montebello, CA, Dec. 8, 2021; she is survived by her children, Craig Koga, Wayne Koga (Heather) and Sandra Mora (Manuel); she is also survived by 3 nephews, 1 niece and other relatives and friends; gc: 5; ggc: 1.

Mayeda, Minoru, 94, Oceanside, CA, Dec. 17, 2021; a veteran (Army), during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Gila River WRA Center in AZ; he was predeceased by his wife, Sueme; he is survived by his sons, Rick and Scott (Dawn); gc: 2.

Morikawa, Josephine Sawako, 98, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 30, 2021; she is survived by her children, Jim Morikawa, Pauline (Thomas) Nishi and Sylvia Morikawa; sister, Anna Ohmura; gc: 1; ggc: 2.

Morikawa, Hideo, 91, Los Angeles, CA, Oct. 10, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Haruko; children, Maryann (Gary) Fukushima, Kelly (Will) Kwong and Sarah (Ken) Sumida; gc: 6.



Nakao, Raymond, 67, Buckeye, AZ, Nov. 24, 2021; he is survived by his sons, Jacob and Matthew Nakao.

Nishimura, Masako, 102, Wahiawa, HI, Oct. 1, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, Buster Tatum; she is survived by her children, Richard (Pamela) and Pearl (Jack Wiedlin); siblings, Junichi Kawamoto (Leila) and Mary Matsumoto (Yoshio); sister-in-law, Takeko Kawamoto; gc: 3; ggc: 9.

Noda, Dave, 68, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 2, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Cheryl; daughters, Lisa (Scott) and Tracy; sisters, Patty (Jerry) and Elaine; he is also survived by nieces and nephews.



Noda, Mihoko 'Mimi,' 66, Albany, GA, July 27, 2021; she is survived by her children, Megumi Noda and Susumu Noda; sisters, Yuko Sato and Chikako (Mark) Ledbetter; she is also survived by a nephew.



Osaki, Herbert Susumu, 91, Portland, OR, Feb. 10, 2022; he was predeceased by 3 brothers and 1 gc; he is survived by his wife, Etsuko; children Alan Osaki (Phyllis), Lora Wahl (Joseph), Lynn Hishinuma (David), Jill Standridge and Dean Osaki (Yukiko); 2 siblings; gc: 12; ggc: 2.

Oshita, Fumio, 93, Monterey Park, CA, Oct. 10, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Fujiko H. Oshita; children, Russell (Colline) Oshita and Jane (Chris) Oshita-Antonucci; gc: 3.

Otani, Jon Kiyoshi, 84, Honolulu, HI, Dec. 25, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Elsie; children, Debra (Matthew) Hart, Ryan Otani, Dane (Edie Lum) Otani, Cheryl (Scott) Nakai and Steven (Jill) Otani; sister, Sandra (Ralph) Ichiyama; gc: 8; ggc: 3.

Sato, Toyoko, 96, Lomita, CA, Dec. 3, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, Yuzy; she is survived by her children, Garry (Esther), Robert (Anna), Carolyn and Brian; gc: 4; ggc: 2.

Shida, Koji, 97, Monterey Park, CA, Dec. 5, 2021; veteran (WWII); he is survived by his wife, Kimiko; children, Joanne (Phil Tokeshi) Shida-Tokeshi and Kevin Shida; sister, Kay Tsukuno; gc: 2.

Sakamoto, Paul Toshiro, 57, Pinole, CA, Oct. 18, 2021.

Sato, Barbara Bennett, 79, Plymouth, MA, Dec. 12, 2021.

Shimada, Charles Toshio, 62, Huntington Beach, CA, Dec. 26, 2021

Shimada, Kurato, 85, San Jose, CA, Dec. 25, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Jean; children, Sydney (Chip) and Todd (Michelle); gc: 6.

Shimizu, Hitoshi, 92, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 30, 2021; he was predeceased by his wife, Kiyoko; he is survived by his daughters, Robyn (Martin) Cohen and Patti (John) Heyl; siblings, Dorothy Miyake and Melvin Shimizu; gc: 5; ggc: 1.



Stewart, Michi (Sachiko Nakamura), 92, Syracuse, NY, Dec. 9, 2021; she is survived by her children, Vita Volturmo-Malvasi (Michael Malvasi) and Angel Volturmo (Carl Dandy), Vince Volturmo (Tina) and James Volturmo (Susan); gc: 6; ggc: 1.

Sugimoto, Katsumi Eric, 96, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 22, 2021.

TRIBUTE

JIMI MITSUNAGA



Jimi Mitsunaga was a Nisei born on March 5, 1934, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He passed away on Jan. 31, 2022. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Keiko Mitsunaga, and is survived by their four children, Janice, Darrell, Tracy and Hollis, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jimi received both his BS and LLB degrees from the University of Utah in 1958. He was one of the first 50 minority attorneys in Utah and worked

tirelessly to promote the provision of legal services to underserved communities, including minority communities. Jimi was the founder and first director of the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association of Utah and also founded the Asian Association of Utah. He served the community in many capacities including as president of the Utah Minority Bar Association (UMBA), president of the Salt Lake Japanese American Citizens League, chairman of the Criminal Law section of the Utah State Bar and chairman of the Governor's Asian Advisory Council for the State of Utah.

Among his many awards and honors, Jimi received a lifetime service award from UMBA and the Raymond Uno Award for the advancement of minorities in the profession from the Utah State Bar. UMBA honored Jimi by also establishing the Jimi Mitsunaga Excellence in the Law Award, which is presented to a member of the Utah State Bar who has excelled in the practice of criminal law or has made a substantial contribution toward the mission and purpose of UMBA.

Jimi worked long hours and Barbara was busy with running his law office, but they also orchestrated many memorable summer vacations so that their family could spend precious time together. Those memories will always be cherished.

Tanigawa, Elfriede, 90, Waipahu, HI, Dec. 9, 2021; she is survived by her sons, Kenneth (Liane) Tanigawa and John (Kelly Urata) Tanigawa; sister, Karin (John); gc: 7; ggc: 1.

Yamaguchi, Sterling Kiyoshi, 61, Waipahu, HI, Oct. 18; he is survived by his parents, Richard S. and Jane S. Yamaguchi; brothers, Russell (Laverne) Yamaguchi and Erick (Corinne) Yamaguchi; he is also survived by nieces and a grandniece.

Yamano, Mike Masayoshi, 85, Los Angeles, CA, Oct. 16, 2021; Yamano Beauty College and Yamano College of Aesthetics of Tokyo president; recipient of Japan's Order of the Rising Sun and France's Ordre National du Mérite Commandour and L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres Officier; he is survived by his wife, Diane; daughters, Jane (Stan Nakagawa) and Tina (David Nishida); brothers, Kageaki (Rumiko) and Hirotohi Yamano; he is also survived by many nephews and nieces; gc: 5.

Yasuda, Ethel Yasuda, 90, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 19, 2021; she is survived by her daughter, Gail (Harvard) Yasuda-Mashita; sisters, Jean (Clinton) Tashiro and Dorothy Kuromoto; brother-in-law, Edward (Cindy) Yasuda; sister-in-law, Judith Kuromoto; gc: 2.

Yoshimoto, Mary Haruye, 101, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 25, 2021; she is survived by her daughter, Norma Jean (Masao) Yamashita; brothers, Harry (Terry), Tom (Fumi) and Dick Kawahara; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 3; ggc: 2.

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