

In MEMORIAM

Ahn, Penelope 'Penny,' 85, Torrance, CA, Feb. 11; she is survived by her husband, Robert; children, Steven (Sandra Gong) Ahn, Lisa (Jon) Kuroyama and Jennifer (John) Yoshitake; sister, Hideko Hiram; she is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 5.

Chikaraishi, Ben, 100, Lincolnwood, IL, Feb. 21; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Rohwer WRA Center in AR; after relocating to Chicago, he completed his optometry degree; he is survived by his wife, Kiyo; children, Dona Chikaraishi (Philip Rosoff), Ben Todd Chikaraishi (Phyllis Smith), James Chikaraishi (Amy Taketoshi), Lynne Matsumoto (Jerry) and Nancy Chikaraishi (Marshall Arne); gc: 16; ggc: 8.



Collins, Hideko Murakami, 95, Fayetteville, NC, Jan. 15; she was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth, and four siblings; she is survived by her daughters, Alice Singletary (Frank) and Linda Miller; gc: 3; ggc: 3.



Fox, Kay Yamada, 93, Laurens, SC, Nov. 8, 2021; she is survived by her children, Tim Fox (fiancée Cheryl) and Terry Fox-Cordle (John); sister-in-law, Grace (Tony); she is also survived by nieces and nephews and other relatives; gc: 3; ggc: 8.

Hanamoto, Jimmy Akira, 88, Mission Hills, CA, Jan. 21; he is survived by his wife, Yetsuko; children, Arthur (Lynne) Hanamoto, Barry (Linda) Hanamoto and Sandra (Gary) Yoshimasu; sister, Ruby Uemura.

Higa, Yoshie, 97, Waipahu, HI, Oct. 30, 2021.

Hirano, Wendy Reiko, 74, Gardena, CA, Dec. 20, 2021; she was predeceased by her brother, Rodney; she is survived by her sister, Lana; nephews, nieces, grandnieces and many cousins, family and friends.

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.

Maeda, Akiko Arakaki, 90, Gardena, CA, Dec. 7, 2021; she was predeceased by her son, Kent F. Maeda; she is survived by her husband, Tom; children, Ayako Motoyasu, Midori (Neil) Kubota and Lance Maeda; gc: 8.



Maeda, Michael, 65, Kahului, HI, Dec. 7, 2021; a veteran (Air Force), he is survived by his parents, Clement and Helen; siblings, June (Louis) Gonsalves, Jean (Gordon) Macaya, Paul, Robert and Glenn; he is also survived by nephews, nieces and other relatives.



Majdecki, Jo Ann (née Nishimura), 61, Arnold, MO, Oct. 28, 2021; she was predeceased by her father, George Nishimura; she is survived by her husband, Steve Majdecki; mother, Elizabeth Nishimura, siblings, James, David, Douglas and Emi (Nishimura) LeJeune; she is also survived by 14 nieces and nephews.

Masuda, Sumako, 91, Hilo, HI, Nov. 6, 2021; she is survived by her husband, Masaaki; children, Mark Masuda and Cara (Randy) Kunimura; siblings, Harry Sakai, Mildred Higa and Doreen (Burton) Akita; sister-in-law, Edna Sakai; she is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews; gc: 2.

Matayoshi, Dave Hideo, 98, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 13, 2021; he was predeceased by his wife, Natalie; he is survived by his children, Lynette (Bryan) Ishino, Duane (Lillian) Matayoshi and Doreen (Neil) LaBarge; brother, John Matayoshi; siblings-in-law, Jeanette Nakata, Kenneth (Jen) Nakata, Ronald Nakata, Inez Nakata and Minnie Matayoshi; gc: 3.

Matsumoto, Allen, 90, Olympia, WA, Nov. 9, 2021; veteran (Army); he is survived by his wife, Janice; children, Amy and David (Carmen); brother, Ron; sisters-in-law, Joyce, June and Judie; he is also survived by many nephews, nieces and other relatives; gc: 1.

Miyasaki, Martha K., 90, Santa Clara, CA, Jan. 17; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Minidoka WRA Center in ID; bachelor's degree, Oregon State University; she is survived by her children, Collin (Elena) and Elaine (Satoshi); brothers, Gordon Kondo and Michael Kondo; gc: 3.

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.

Nakamura, Ruchi Jan, 84, La Habra, CA, Oct. 24, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Katherine; children, Lee (Mary) and Kimberly.

Nakamura, Wayne, 67, Kaneohe, HI, Nov. 19; B.A. and M.B.A. (UH); he is survived by his mother, Marsha Nakamura; siblings, Charlyne (Wayson Chow) Nakamura and Sandra (Mark) You; he is also survived by 2 nieces.

Nakao, Alice, 95, Brook Park, OH, Aug. 12, 2021; she was predeceased by her children, Tom Jr. (Ruby) and Cindy Gorgone (Phil); siblings, Fumiko Taketa, Harry Taketa (Sally) and George Taketa (Mae); she is survived by her sister, Kim Maki (Robert); gc: 1.

Nakao, Richard Minoru, 89, Irvine, CA, Aug. 7, 2021

Nakayama, Tomoki 'Tom,' 82, Gardena, CA, Jan. 15; he was predeceased by his stepdaughter, Patricia McCurn; he is survived by his stepdaughter, Mary (Nick) Theus; siblings, Takeshi (Pat) Nakayama, Makoto (Lily) Nakayama, Yoshiko (Wallace) Fong, Kikuko Nakayama and Michiyo Nakayama; he is also survived by a nephew and 6 nieces; gc: 5; ggc: 10.

Otani, Dean Genshi, 65, Hilo, HI, Dec. 6, 2021; he is survived by his companion, Merle Kukona; father, George (Lei) Otani; siblings, Lori (Sam) Martin and Chris Otani; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Saito, Setsuko, 91, Bluffton, SC, Jan. 28; she was predeceased by her siblings, Takeko, Masako and Tatsuo; she is survived her sister-in-law, Fumie Saito; 2 nieces and a nephew.



Jeffrey Yoshioka Dies

The Silicon Valley JACL pillar was 63.

By P.C. Staff

Jeffrey L. Yoshioka, who helped found the Silicon Valley JACL chapter, died on Feb. 20. His funeral was held on March 6. He was 63.

Since the chapter's founding in 2009, Yoshioka had also served as its president and treasurer. A certified public accountant who used his skills to help the chapter, he was described as its "backbone" for serving as the organizer of many of the chapter's events and as someone who guided and encouraged younger members. He had also been active with the San Jose JACL chapter.

Among the many events he helped organize was the annual Silicon Valley JACL Basketball Tournament, which would attract as many as 96 teams and 1,000 players over two weekends.

Among his other involvements, Yoshioka participated with the JACL Health Trust, National Japanese American Memorial Committee, API Justice Coalition, the Japantown Community Congress, and he represented the chapter at Day of Remembrance and other community events. He was also a part of the Nikkei Matsuri Committee and helped coordinate the chapter's Spam Musu-

bi booth. The JACL's NCWNP district honored him with its Unsung Hero award.

After graduating from San Jose's Willow Glen High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in



accounting from San Jose State University. After obtaining his CPA license, he found employment at accounting firms owned by Rodney Kobara and George Neyama, before eventually starting his own accounting business.

An outdoor celebration of life at Santa Clara University is planned for June 25, the date of his birth. For details, email siliconvalleyjacl@gmail.com. Condolences may be mailed to 2595 Plummer Ave., San Jose, CA 95125. ■

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