

In MEMORIAM

Aoki, Yasuhiko, 91, El Cerrito, CA, Dec 31, 2021; Army veteran (Korean War). During WWII, he was incarcerated at Fresno Assembly Center in CA, and the Jerome and Rohwer WRA Centers in AR. He was predeceased by his siblings, Mitsuyoshi (Erma), Yaeko Tsuji, Shizuma (Madelyn), Nobuko Tsukida (Bill), Wakao (Cathy), Tomoye Johnson (Ross), Stanley (Ysabel). He is survived by his wife, Margaret; children Joan (Curt Kawabata), and Kathryn; siblings Kaoru (Yachi), Chiyeko Fukumoto (Dick), Reiko Takeuchi, Masami (Georgia), Sueko Sumida, Sanaye Fisher (Mark), Diana Fujisaka (Steve) and Ronnie.

Chen, Chiyeko, 93, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 20, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, Joseph, and her brother, Yosh Inadomi; she is survived by her children, Caroline (Michael) Paine and Michael (Leslie) Chen; siblings, Taz Inadomi, Minoru Inadomi, Grace Naruse and Lilly Sasaki; gc: 4.



Fujihara, Chizuko, 92, Torrance, CA, Dec. 5, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, James; she is survived by her children, Darryl (Cassandra) Fujihara and Carole (Bruce) Chew; gc: 4.

Fukui, Thomas, 91, Monterey Park, CA; he is survived by his wife, Hannah; sons, Gregory and Darryl.

Hayashi, Leo Ryo, 90, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 10, 2021; he is survived by his wife, June; sisters, Marie and Naomi; children, Ray, Don, Susan and Kei; gc: 7.

Iketani, Roy, 91, Los Angeles, CA, Feb. 3; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ; veteran (Navy); graduate, UCLA; former president, Southwest Los Angeles JAACL Chapter; active with East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center; he was predeceased by his wife, Nancee; he is survived by 7 children; a sister; gc: 10.

Kamachi, Grace, 92, Rowland Heights, CA, Jan. 17; she is survived by her children, Teresa (Michael) Furukawa, Denise (Geoffrey) Yamamoto, Patrick Kamachi and Anna Marie (Tom) Ito; gc: 13; ggc: 5.

Kato, Jason Tomihiro, 50, Los Angeles, CA, Feb. 4; he is survived by his parents, Douglas and Hiroko; brother, Derrick; sister, Michelle (Thomas) Hyung; a niece, a nephew and other relatives.



Kohama, Paul, 80, Gardena, CA, Dec. 4, 2021; veteran (Army, Purple Heart), he is survived by his wife, Jean; daughters, Kristine, Kari (Ed Miyashiro); stepson, Scott Uyeda (Daisy); gc: 2.



Kurahashi, Conner, 22, Torrance, CA, Jan. 22; he is survived by his parents, Brian and Gay (Koga) Kurahashi, sister, Bailey; grandmother, Kazuko Kurahashi; uncle, Robert Kurahashi; aunts Pattie Johnson and Jan Koga; he is also survived by cousins and other relatives.



Kurokawa, Patricia Naoko, 94, San Gabriel, CA, Jan. 8; she was predeceased by her husband, Harry; siblings, Toyoko Yamagata, Ikuko Nagasaki and Yutaka Bruce Nagasaki; she is survived by her children, Barry Kurokawa and Jan (George) Nishida; sister-in-law, Kazu Nagasaki; gc: 2.

Miya, Kimiko, 98, Cerritos, CA, Jan. 19, 2022; she is survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Miyahara, Joseph Toshio, 50, San Diego, CA, Feb. 11; veteran (Marine Corps); he was predeceased by his brother, Ricky; he is survived by his wife, Lisa; children, Michael, Jenna and Tyler; parents, Fred and Patricia (Trisha); gc: 1.



Miyahara, Dorothy, 92, Honolulu, HI, Jan. 9; graduate, San Jose State University; she was predeceased by her husband, Herbert; siblings, Charles Mizutani, Elaine Sakoda and Mary Tsukamoto; she is survived by her children, Calvin (Danelle) Miyahara, Teri (Dean) Matsukawa and Russ (Denise) Miyahara; brother, Warren Mizutani; gc: 6.



Murakami, Doris May, 87, Redondo Beach, CA, Feb. 5; she was predeceased by her grandson, Ethan Gardiner; she is survived by her husband, Isamu; children, May Aiko, Cindy, Sandra and Stanley; gc: 7; ggc: 2; gggc: 1.

Murakami, Nobuko 'Noby,' 93, Monterey Park, CA, Dec. 31, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, Hiroshi; son, Paul; she is survived by her children, Georgette, Jeanette, John (Carol) Murakami, Suzanne (Gene) Matsuura, Mary Ann Kato and Mary Ellen (Keith) Nobuhara; daughter-in-law, Michelle Chen; gc: 15; ggc: 10.



Nakashima, Famatta C., 65, Aurora, CO, Feb. 9; she was predeceased by her husband, Dennis; siblings, Rosalyn L. Gaffney and Garcia Robert Gaffney; she is survived by her children, Mandi (Christopher) Bishop, DJ (Christy) Nakashima and Nicholas (Samantha) Nakashima; sister, Deborah Gaffney; gc: 4; ggc: 2.

Choreographer Yuriko Kikuchi Dies

By P.C. Staff

Dancer-choreographer Yuriko Kikuchi died March 8 in New York. She was 102.

Kikuchi, née Amemiya, born in 1920 in San Jose, Calif., would later be known professionally just by her first name and became known as an acolyte of noted dancer and choreographer Martha Graham. Kikuchi was said to be the first nonwhite dancer in the Martha Graham Dance Company.

Kikuchi was a kibe Nisei who furthered her dance training in Japan early in life; she returned to the U.S. in 1937.

During WWII, Kikuchi was incarcerated at the Gila River War Relocation Center. She went to New York City when she was released in 1943 after signing a loyalty oath and joined Graham's company in 1944. She appeared in the 1956 film version of "The King and I."

In 1946, she married Charles Kikuchi, with whom she had two children. In 2012, she was presented with the Martha Hill Dance Fund Lifetime Achievement Award. ■

Saito, Sachie, 74, Streetsboro, OH, Oct. 13, 2021.

Sato, Sachio, 88, Rosemead, CA, Feb. 28; he was predeceased by his wife, Alice Midori Sato; son, Douglas Kiyoshi Sato; he is survived by his son, Darryl Yoshio Sato; daughter-in-law, Janice Sato; siblings, Wilbur Sato, Norman Sato and Jane (Herbert) Kimata; sisters-in-law, Marion Nishimura and Doris Iwamura; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2.

Sato, Yoko, 86, Des Plaines, IL, Sept. 28, 2021.



Satoh, Chihaya Sierra, 35, Champlin, MN, Oct. 5, 2021; she is survived by her parents, Harumi and Shuichi Satoh of Shiogama, Japan; siblings, Kazuhiro (Satomi) Satoh, Wakana (Naofumi) Hosoya and Sayaki Sato; boyfriend, Jake Johnson.

Shishido, Mae, 93, Huntington Beach, CA, Jan. 13; she is survived by her son, Wayne Shishido; gc: 1.

Takata, Howard Nobuo, 81, Gardena, CA, Jan. 18, 2022; he is survived by his children, Michael (Mirna) Takata and Dawn Takata; gc: 2.

Terada, Yukiye, 93, Gardena, CA, Dec. 30, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, Rev. Koju Terada; she is survived by her children, Keiju (Ruth) Terada, Dr. Seiju (Dr. Christine) Terada and Noriko (Brent) Sasaki; gc: 4; step-gc: 2.

Yamada, Hideko 'Heda,' 97, Mountain View, CA, Oct. 22, 2021; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Tule Lake WRA Center; bachelor's degree (NYU); master's degree (Santa Clara University); she was predeceased by her husband, Mitsuo; she is survived by her children, Kenneth, Kathryn (Paul Nichols) and Kelvin; siblings, George Iida, Nancy Iida and Helen Oshiro; gc: 4; ggc: 3. ■

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