

In MEMORIAM

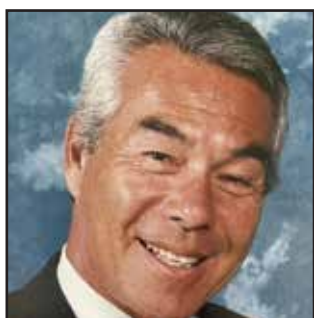


Hashimoto, James Haruo, 99, Willow Grove, PA, March 16; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Manzanar WRA Center in CA; he was predeceased by his 7 siblings; he is survived by his wife, Ann; children, Lynn (Scott) Schmidheiser, Lorene Lani (Robert) Duggan and James Kei (Lexie) Hashimoto; gc: 3.

Iriye, Shirley Shigeko, 102, Lake Forest, CA, April 5; she is survived by her children, Sharon Iriye (Kathie Maier), Richard (Beth) Iriye and Donald (Nancy) Iriye; sister, Yo Shiomi; gc: 6; ggc: 1.

Ito, Fumie, 98, Montebello, CA, Feb. 21; she is survived by her children, Christine T. Ito and Kenneth T. Ito; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Ito, Grace Y., 96, Lakewood, CO, Feb. 17; she was predeceased by her husband, James; siblings, Kay, Charles, Samuel, Fred and Unis; she is survived by her son, David; sister, Ruth Shinto; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.



Ito, Ichiro, 83, Danbury, CT, Feb. 28.

Ito, Mitsuo, 90, Waipahu, HI, Jan. 18; he is survived by his children, Warren Ito, Wilburt (Annette) Ito and Wendie Baysa; gc: 5; ggc: 7.

Ito, Setsuko, 85, Marana, AZ, March 23; she was predeceased by her husband, Richard Mullen; she is survived by her children, Natalie Mullen and John Mullen; gc: 3.



Itogawa, Isao Curtis, 74, El Cajon, CA, March 16; veteran (Navy); he is survived by his wife, Laura; children, Sara and David Gull (Amy); siblings, Eugene (Jane) Itogawa and Lorene (Keith) Kimura; he is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews; gc: 2.



Kawai, Carolee Itsue, 76, Sunnyvale, CA, April 5; graduate, Colorado State Teachers College; she is survived by her husband, Arthur; children, Kami (Derek) Takegami and Kendra (Lane) Tsuchiyama; gc: 4.

Matsuno, Barbara, 90, Los Angeles, CA, April 6; she was predeceased by her husband, Raymond; sister, Terry (Toshio) Tanimoto; she is survived by her children, Lori (Rich Forgey) Matsuno and Craig (Lynne) Matsuno; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Matsuno, Kinya, 84, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 27; he was predeceased by his brother, Shozo; he is survived by his wife, Phyllis; children, Michael (Tami), Miwa (Bryan) and Mitchell; siblings, Nana Matsuda, Koji (Tomoko) Matsuno and Suzu (Don) Tokunaga; gc: 5.

Murakami, Mikiko, 83, Honolulu, HI, Oct. 13, 2021.

Murakami, Tadayuki, 89, Gardena, CA, Nov. 23, 2021.

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 L Gaffney; gc: 4; ggc: 2.

Nishida, Kikuko, 90, Los Angeles, CA, March 6; she was predeceased by her husband, John; daughter, Gwen; she is survived by her children, Debra (Neil), Robert (Leah) and Russell (Lori); son-in-law, Chris (Christine); she is also survived by many nieces, nephew and other relatives; gc: 6.

Nishiyama, Diane Sachiko, 79, Torrance, CA, Feb. 1; she is survived by her children, Darren Yip and Susan (Paul) Bright; gc: 1.



Okada, Bob Shozo, 77, Duarte, CA, May 3; during WWII, his family was incarcerated at the Rohwer WRA Center in AR, where was born; he was predeceased by his brother, James Okada; he is survived by his wife, Barbara; siblings, Joann (Kei) Higa and Dr. Donald (Marlene) Okada; brothers-in-law, Stan (Irene) Kinoshita and Larry Kinoshita; sisters-in-law, Frances (Dennis) Scott, Kathy (Carl Neitzel, D.) Kinoshita and Jo Anne Gooch.

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 (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.



Shintaku, Thomas Kazuo, 83, Mt. Prospect, IL, Jan. 22; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at a WRA Center in AZ; they later moved to Chicago; veteran (Army); he was predeceased by his siblings, Katherine Pattillo, Linda (Michael) Jaeger and Susan (Jeffrey) Corbett; he is survived by his sons, Jeffrey (Heather) Shintaku and Douglas (Naoko) Shintaku; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 6.

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

Yamashita, Hiroko, 83, Marietta, GA, May 8.



Sato, Yasuko Moriya, 87, Marshall, NC, March 26; she is survived by her daughter, Gloria Greene (Mark); gc: 2; step-gc: 2.

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

TRIBUTE

BEN H. SHIMOMURA



Ben Hiroyuki Shimomura, age 101, passed peacefully on April 14, 2022, in Woodland, Calif. Ben was born on Dec. 4, 1920, in Sacramento, Calif. His parents were Itaro and Sawano Shimomura, emigrants from Wakayama, Japan. His parents managed the Bassett Ranch, located west of Winters, which produced apricots and almonds. In 1926, his sister, Harumi, was born. In his youth, Ben attended Apricot School, a rural, one-room school near his home. He did chores on the ranch and helped with the harvest in the summer. He attended Winters High School where he played on the varsity baseball team. Ben made the honor roll and was elected secretary of his senior class. In 1939 he graduated and was pictured on the front cover of "The Poppy," the high school yearbook.

After graduation, Ben took vocational training classes at the University of California farm at Davis. However, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Ben and his family were forcibly placed in an incarceration camp in Amache, Colo., along with others of Japanese ancestry during the Second World War. At Amache, Ben met Lois Morimoto from the Turlock area while both were working in the camp motor pool. They married in Denver, Colo., in 1945 at war's end.

Ben and Lois returned to Winters and, after a few years, were able to lease and then buy the Bassett Ranch, where Ben had grown up. Ben resumed raising apricots and almonds. They had four children: Sam Shimomura, Floyd Shimomura, Susan Shimizu and Linda Don. Ben loved to fish and was a big fan of the Giants and 49ers. He also loved to play "the slots." But most of all, Ben enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ben was predeceased by his wife, Lois; his son, Sam; and his infant grandson, Matthew Don. Daughter-in-law Patricia Shimomura passed away shortly after Ben. Ben is survived by his sister, Harumi March, and three of his children: Floyd (Ruth) Shimomura, Susan (Grant) Shimizu and Linda (Richard) Don; and grandchildren: Mark (Jamie) Shimomura, Lisa Shimomura (Malcolm Quon), Brian (Alissa Nakaji) Shimomura, Tim Shimizu, Craig Shimizu, Stacy Don (Mike Maben) and Stephanie Don (Lukas Fend), and great-grandchildren Reina Shimomura, Ryan Shimomura, Ben Quon, Russell Quon, Peyton Maben, Cameron Maben, Julian Fend and Dylan Fend.

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