

In MEMORIAM



Acosta, Sumiko, 58, New York, N.Y., May 13; she was predeceased by her parents, Miyo and Tanemori Suzuki; she is survived by her husband, Tony Acosta; son, Rocky J. Smith; and sisters, Eiko, Mieko and Nana.



Gregory, Chie 'Yukie' (Tokita), 89, Brookville, OH, May 29; she was predeceased by her husband, Clinton, and siblings, Rie, Haruei and Kouichi; she is survived by her children, Jeanie Kupper (Thomas), Larry Gregory (Shelley) and Janice Flores (Michael); brother-in law, Matt Gregory; sister-in-law, Jann Gregory; she is also survived by other family members and friends; gc: 6; ggc: 4.



Hayashi, William, 95, Puyallup, WA, May 24; veteran, Army (MIS, WWII); he was predeceased by his wife, Florence S. Hayashi; he is survived by his children, Karen McKenzie (James), Jacqueline Beeman (Roger) and Keith T. Hayashi (Sandra); partner, Ellen Johnson; gc: 4.

Chin, Jenny Gee, 96, Sacramento, CA, April 6; she was predeceased by her daughter, Teri Lee Chin, and her husband, Stewart; she is survived by her children, Cynthia Lee Shinoda (Philip) and Steven Lee Chin (Val); siblings, Phoebe Yee and Arthur Gee; gc: 4; ggc: 3.

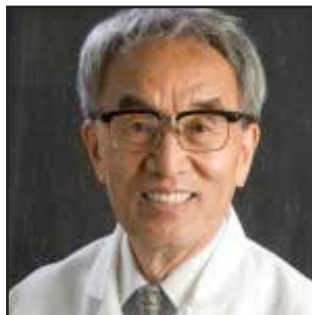


Furuyama, Hisayo, 102, Los Angeles, CA, April 3; she was predeceased by her husband, Tomigi Furuyama, and daughter, Grace Umemoto; she is survived by her children, Chiyeko Sutter, Kenkichi Furuyama, Emiko Sherman and Jim Furuyama; sisters, Yoshiko Saito and Misao Tanno; gc: 11; ggc: 17.



Kaita, Kent, 73, Davis, CA, May 8; B.S., UC Davis; veteran, USAR; he was predeceased by his siblings, Gary and Nancy; he is survived by extended family members and friends.

Kawano, John, 94, Des Plaines, IL, May 10; he was predeceased by his wife, Masako Martha, and siblings Cike, Tom (Mary), Mak (Frances) Frank (Toki), Joe, Sam (Aiko), Mary (Charles); he is survived by his children, Alan (Diane Lamyotte), Susan (Patrick) DiMario and Nancy (Mat) Littleton; siblings, Fran, Jim (Fujiko) and Eddie (Diane) Kawano; in-laws, Marietta Hidaka, Rita (Kenny) Imamoto, Richard and Larry Fujio; gc: 4.



Kimura, Jun, 87, Iowa City, IA, March 3; BTech, M.D., Univ. of Kyoto; he is survived by his wife, Junko; and sons, Ken, Ray and Joe (Lori); gc: 8.

Kubo, Tokiye, 100, Santa Clara, CA, April 25; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Heart Mountain WRA Center in WY; she was predeceased by her husband, Isamu Sam Kubo; daughter, Edna Sorenson; and son Kenneth; she is survived by her sons, Vincent (Gloria), Larry (Catherine), Sam (Sera), Eddie (Janet) and Kenyon (Joyce); gc: 13.

Lee, Larry Ken, 78, Dublin, CA, May 26; he is survived by his siblings, Rosalind Lee (Marvin), Warren Lee, Myron Lee (Vicki Tanabe) and Rhonda Lee (Michael Hardwick); partner, Fiona Lee; 10 nephews and nieces; 5 grandnephews and grandnieces.

Mizumoto, Grace Yayoi, 86, Torrance, CA, May 12; she was predeceased by her siblings, Takeshi Mizumoto, Sai Mizumoto, Shizumi Higuchi and Michiko Mizumoto-Payson; she is survived by her sister-in-law, Kazuko Mizumoto; she is also survived by 5 nieces and a nephew; 2 great-nieces and other relatives.



Muranaga, Yoshiko, 94, Las Vegas, NV, February; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Granada WRA Center (Camp Amache) in CO; she was predeceased by her husband, Kenichi, and siblings, Frank (Ethel) and Grace (Tom); she is survived by her son, Mark (Leticia); five sisters-in-law; gc: 4; ggc: 4.



Tanner, Yukie, 87, Aurora, CO, April 13; she is survived by her husband, Gerald; sons, Jim (Leona) Tanner and John (Lori) Tanner; gc: 3.

Wong, Pearl, 90, Daly City, CA, June 8; she was predeceased by her husband, Richard, and her youngest daughter, Melainie (Dean Hedani); she is survived by her daughters, Cookie (Jim Chanteloup) and Michele (Randy Hirai); siblings, Jane, Howard Lau (Doris) and Mamie; gc: 3. ■

Nakamura, Jennie Lee, 90, Everett, WA, May 26.

TRIBUTE

DIANE KIKUEYE (TANI) SHIGETA



1924-2022

Diane Kikueye Shigeta, age 97, of Nampa, Idaho, passed away peacefully at home on June 6, 2022.

Diane was born on Sept. 23, 1924, in Los Angeles, Calif., to parents Yasuemon and Aki Tani. She was raised in Venice, Calif., and was the seventh of eight children. Her childhood was filled with adventures. Her family operated a small produce farm which kept her busy with gardening and farm life. During this time, citrus groves were

a large part of the Los Angeles landscape, so along with her siblings and friends, they witnessed the history of pre-urbanization. Her talks of the walks along the marshland to view the continued and new construction of Marina del Rey, and LAX, were fascinating.

She attended school in Venice until the war began. Living along the Pacific Coast, her family was then forced to leave their home and transfer to the Manzanar internment camp in Inyo County, Calif., where Diane graduated from Manzanar High School. During internment, her family continued their hard-working ethic, helping to sew camouflage nets for the war effort and other activities to aid in the war. Diane's wonderful personality and beauty earned her to become one of the Queens of Manzanar.

With her adventurous spirit, she volunteered to travel back east to work at a cannery in Bridgeton, N.J., and months later to Minneapolis, Minn., where she found a dream job working for the Donaldson's department store downtown. It was here that she met her eventual longtime husband Gorge, a 442 regiment soldier on furlough from Europe. A loving marriage that lasted for 75 years.

On Feb. 14, 1946, they married in Minneapolis and soon after relocated in New Plymouth, Idaho, where they operated one of their first business adventures. She was one half of the hard work and management that entailed, all while raising nine children.

They eventually settled in Nampa, Idaho, where beautiful gardens, yards and meals followed this remarkable woman with her culinary distinction and a green thumb. Diane spent her retirement years traveling with Gorge and her family to their favorite locations. She loved the family holidays where traditions were kept, and laughter and conversations were abound.

Diane was preceded in death by her husband, Gorge; parents, Yasuemon and Aki Tani; a son, Gregory Alan; a son, Marc; three brothers, four sisters and two sons-in law (Hiroshi Kawamura and Steve Hamilton). She is survived by her children, Pamela, Georgiane (Warren), Leslie, Greigson, Alan, Ginger (Jon), Bridget (Geoff), Garrin (Angela), grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

We love you, Mom and Dad. Memorial Service for both Gorge and Diane will be held at the Parkview Cemetery (New Plymouth, Idaho). Please contact Nampa Funeral Home-Yraguen Chapel at (208) 442-8171 for time and date.

A special thank you to Jodi for your wonderful friendship with our parents and being a great friend of our entire family.

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