

In MEMORIAM



Asamoto, Hazel K. (née Tanaka), 89, Cleveland, OH, Dec. 20, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, Ken, and siblings Paul, Ayako, Helen, Henry and Walter; she is survived by her children, Joyce Theus (Richard), Craig Asamoto, Diane Asamoto-Grant (Neal) and Keith Asamoto (Judith); sister, Aiko Ebihara (Roy); gc: 11; ggc: 8..



Fujimoto, Masakazu Jack, 93, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 26, 2021; author of the book "Sawtelle: West Los Angeles's Japantown"; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Poston War Relocation Authority Center in AZ; an Army veteran, he served in Japan during the Korean War; he earned his A.A. degree at Pasadena City College and his B.S., M.B.A. and Ph.D. at UCLA; he also served as a dean at Los Angeles Pierce College; president of Sacramento City College; president of West Los Angeles College; president of Los Angeles Mission College; and interim superintendent-president of Imperial Valley College; he is survived by his wife, Grace Fusaye Toya; children, Crystal, Randall, Jolene and Maya; gc: 4.



Higa, Lily Yuriko, 82, Upland, CA, Sept. 25, 2021; she is survived by her siblings, Maebelle Hiramami, Nancy (Jerry) Ikehara, Roy (Kathy) Higa and Dennis Higa; aunt, Sada Ige; uncle, Tak Nakama; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ikeda, Randall Riki, 59, Orange, CA, Dec. 12, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Shaun; children, Brennan Ikeda and Kaylin Ikeda; mother, Betty Ikeda; sister, Lianne (Jason) Akiona; mother-in-law, Kaaren Onouye; sister-in-law, Teri Yoshitake (Tim), a nephew, nieces, uncles, aunts and cousins.



Kobayashi, Kuniko Watanabe, 98, Idaho Falls, ID, Oct. 17, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, Eli, and her siblings, Minoru, Masako and Emiko; she is survived by her children, Marie, David, Judy and Wayne; gc: 11; ggc: 14; gggc: 3.

Koyanagi, Kevin Tadashi, 29, Rolling Hills Estates, CA, Oct. 3, 2021; he is survived by his parents, Stan and Teri Koyanagi; sister, Kristen; grandfather, Joe Koyanagi; girlfriend, Katie Leong; he is also survived by many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.



Miller, Izumi 'Izzie' Hirano, 49, Antioch, IL, Oct. 30, 2021; she is survived by her husband, Derk; parents, Yogi Hirano and Fumiko Uchida; sister, Kaori (Keiichi) Oyama; mother-in-law, Billie; sister-in-law, Stacy; she is also survived by 1 nephew.

Miyamoto, Eric Kane, 70, Yorba Linda, CA, Jan. 3, 2022; he is survived by his wife, Teri; sons, Shane (Kristine) and Justin (Jean); siblings, Alan (Carol), Mike (Corliss) Miyamoto and Tina (John) Wirth; he is also survived by nieces, nephews, and other relatives; gc: 2.

Morinishi, Grace, 88, Fountain Valley, CA, Dec. 10, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, Yoshihiro; she is survived by her children, Ron (Carolyn), Paul, Gale Zimmerman and Kent (Becky); siblings, Mary Oda, Thomas Ishimine and Donna Sill; gc: 8; ggc: 1.



Nakamura, Stanley, 65, La Jolla, CA, Sept. 5, 2021; a graduate of UC Davis (zoology) and USC (dentistry); he is survived by his wife, Linh; children, Damien and Emily; brother, Stephen; brother-in-law, Mark; sister-in-law, Camille.

Nakao, Stanley, 72, Redondo Beach, CA, Sept. 5, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Susan; sisters, Grace (Kenneth) Mitsuhata and Nancy Nakao; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Nikaido, Shizuko, 94, Arcadia, CA, Nov. 9, 2021; she is survived by her daughter, Mine Jackie (Grant Masaru) Tsugawa; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2.

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Obata, Emie, 94, Torrance, CA, Dec. 31, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, Shuichi; she is survived by her sister-in-law, Michiko Sakakura; 6 nephews; she is also survived by many grand-nieces, grand-nephews and other relatives. gc:8; ggc: 1.



Riggins, Kinue Sato 'Cherry,' 89, Chillicothe, MO, Jan. 3, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Fred Riggins; brothers, Masami Sato, Takashi Sato and Fumio Sato; and grandson, Jeremy Gann; she is survived by her children, Shirley Goodin (Jack), Jay D. Riggins (Robin) and Edward Riggins (Lisa); siblings, Katsunori Sato, Nobuko Sato and Takeshi Sato; gc: 9; ggc: 6. Kikue (Nobuo) Kanemoto and Kathy (Mark) Miyakawa; gc: 7; ggc: 1.


Okazaki, Lillian, 96, Portland, OR, Oct. 24, 2021; she was predeceased by her husband, Minoru, and son, Jon; she is survived by her sons, Mark, Jeff and Chris; gc: 8; ggc: 1.

Shimamoto, Amy Emiko, 94, Colma, CA, Oct. 21, 2021.

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YOSHIO TSUJI
 April 16, 1932–Dec. 26, 2021
 Tsuji Yoshio, 89-years old, Air Force veteran, peacefully passed away on Dec. 26, 2021, in Gardena Calif. He is survived by his loving family, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.
 Funeral service was held at Fukui Mortuary with Rev. Rimban William Briones of Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple officiating.
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BETTY SACHIKO YUMORI

 Betty Sachiko Yumori, also known as "Mom," "Auntie Betty," "Betty-chan," and "Betty-san" was 90 years young when she ended her journey peacefully on January 12, 2022. She was a native of California, happily married to Ben for 63 years, a loving and a devoted mom to her daughter, La Donna and an awesome aunt.
 She worked her way up to become the Accounts Payable Manager at W&J Sloane in Beverly Hills for 27 years.
 She was an active and passionate volunteer for over 60 years with the Japanese American community.
 Her past involvement was with the Venice Culver JACL, Southwest District JACL, JA Republicans and Keiro Retirement Home as a president, secretary, delegate or fundraiser. She did cross the party line when she supported Democrats Daniel Inouye, Norm Mineta and others in Washington D.C.
 She enjoyed hosting the annual Yumori Christmas Eve dinner for 69 years. She was an outgoing, friendly, thoughtful, generous, fun, wonderful friend, organizer, opinionated and advice giving person.
 She enjoyed being with family, friends, playing mahjong, bridge, poker games, dancing and protesting when needed.
 Her Mac and Cheese was a family favorite and she has left her recipe so we can still enjoy it.
 She was predeceased by her husband Ben and survived by her daughter La Donna Yumori-Kaku, son-in-law Mike Kaku and her many nephews and nieces.
 She is on her next journey to enjoy catching up with past family, friends and getting a poker game together. Due to Covid there will not be a funeral. A private service will be held for family.
 In lieu of flowers or koden please donate to the Venice Japanese Community Center Inc. to the "Legacy Tree in memory of Ben and Betty Yumori" 12448 Braddock Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90066
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