

In MEMORIAM



Abe, Albert, 92, Tacoma, WA, Oct. 5, 2022; veteran (Army); B.A., M.S., Portland State University; he was active in Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, Japanese American Museum of Oregon, JACL, Iko no Kai (hot lunch program), Portland Bentham Lions Club, Oregon Nisei Veterans and Japan-America Society of Oregon; awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays by the Japanese gov't; he was predeceased by his wife, Patsy; he is survived by his children, Debby Abe and John Abe; sister, Polly Ann Caughey; he is also survived by many nephews, nieces and other relatives.

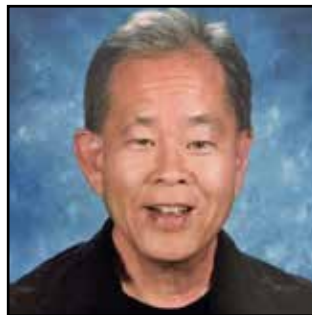
Fujiwara, Betty Taka, 92, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 14, 2022; she is survived by her children, Nancy (Carlos) Codina, Robert Fujiwara, Ron Fujiwara and Dan Fujiwara.



Hamada, Masako, 99, Spokane, WA, Jan. 10, 2022; she was active with Boise JACL, Hospital Auxiliary, Senior Citizens Center, First Congregational Church, Historical Society, Visitor's Center, Elkettes and American Legion Auxiliary, Highland Park United Methodist Church; she was predeceased by her husband, Harry H. Hamada; she is survived by her children, Bonnie (David DeGraff) and Alice (Vance Edman); sisters-in-law, Ame Kobayashi and Joan Hamada; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Hatae, Masaji, 93, Los Angeles, CA, July 23, 2022; during WWII, he was incarcerated at the Manzanar WRA Center in CA; veteran (Army, Korean War); UCLA and USC; he was active in Bella Vista Optimist Club, El Patio Investment Club and Union Church of L.A.; he was predeceased by his sister, Junko Yamashita; he is survived by his wife, Grace; children, David (Audrey) and Sharon (Joseph) Vargas; sister, Mary Nomura; gc: 6.

Inouye, Fumie, 91, Bonsall, CA, July 29, 2022.



Ishida, Randall, 70, Sacramento, CA, Aug. 18, 2022; B.A., San Jose State Univ., journalism; he is survived by his brothers, Dean (Tami) and Brent; 2 nieces; brother-in-law, Lee Kusumoto.

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TOSHIO INAHARA



Jan. 9, 1921-Dec. 9, 2022

Dr. Toshio Inahara passed away Dec. 9, 2022, at 101 years of age. He is survived by his four children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was the eldest of five brothers and survived them all.

Toshio was born on Jan. 9, 1921, in Tacoma, Wash., where he spent his early childhood years. He faced challenging times in his youth when his father decided to give up a successful business in Tacoma and move his family to Hillsboro, Ore., to take up farming. Toshio managed the farm and interpreted for his parents while attending grade school. Despite these responsibilities, he was still able to participate in grade school, then high school sports. He played JV football and varsity baseball at Hillsboro High School and was the sports editor for the school paper.

Toshio was enrolled at the University of Oregon in 1938, but first took a year off to be the general contractor to build his parents' house. He continued to manage the farm for the next few years until the war began. Toshio was denied an enlistment in the Air Force for ancestral reasons in 1942. His family was able to relocate to eastern Oregon until 1943 when he enrolled in the University of Wisconsin for a year. Subsequently, he transferred to the University of Oregon to complete his undergraduate degree. He then attended the University of Oregon medical school. While a student in Wisconsin, he met Chizuko Yamamoto in 1944, in Chicago, and they later married in Portland in 1949 during his last year in medical school.

After receiving his medical degree in 1950, he completed a surgical residency in Portland, followed by a two-year vascular fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Toshio and his young family returned to Portland where he became the first vascular surgeon in the state of Oregon. He had a long and very successful career at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland while pioneering new vascular surgical techniques and developing the Inahara-Pruitt vascular shunt before retiring in 1994.

In retirement, Toshio enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, golfing, fishing, clamming, gardening and traveling. He had a deep love and appreciation of nature, art and design, music and good food. In his last years, he spent time writing and self-published four books. He led a rich and brilliant life.

Johnson, Hatsuko Shoji, 84, Irvine, CA, Oct. 25, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Clarence, and brothers, Kazuo Shoji, Isamu Shoji, Hideo Shoji, Takashi Shoji, Keigo Shoji, Masaru Shoji, Minoru Shoji and Kunio Shoji; she is survived by her children, Shunichi Ronald Johnson and Cynthia Ann Heinemann; gc: 4.

Kinoshita, Masayuki, 95, Lodi, CA. The Kinoshita family was evacuated from Lodi to the WRA Relocation Center in Rohwer, Ark., for three years. A veteran, Army and USAF; AA, San Joaquin Delta College; BA, CSU Stanislaus; he was predeceased by his son, Kenneth Masami; sisters, Sadako Kinoshita, Misao Janet Sugimoto and Eiko Nishimori; he is survived by his wife, Yoko, sister, Mieko Shirley Komatsu, brother, Akira David (Naomi) Kinoshita; several nephews and a niece and relatives in Japan.

Tsuruda, Kayo, 99, Fullerton, CA, Oct. 24, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Dave, and her son, Gary; she is survived by her daughter, Nancy; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2; ggc: 3.



Yamamoto, Sachiko, 88, Hilo, HI, Aug. 27, 2022; she was active in Hilo Higashi Hongwanji Mission, Hilo Hospital Retirees; she is survived by her sister, Miyuki Masuda; she is also survived by many nephews, nieces and cousins.

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CHITOSE YASUMOTO



Chitose "Chibi" Yasumoto passed away peacefully on Dec. 31, 2021, at the age of 94. Chibi was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, John, and brothers Larry and Leo. She is survived by her son, Jason, and daughter, Liane; brother Stan, nieces and nephews, and many other relatives.

Chibi was born to Kenichi and Tonayo Yamamoto in Honolulu, Hawaii, and moved to Los Angeles when she was six years old. She and her family were interned in Gila River, Ariz., during WWII. After the war ended, Chibi attended UCLA for two years and then transferred to UC Berkeley and earned her BA in General Curriculum (Sociology, Psychology and Education).

In the '60s, Chibi was active in the San Francisco Japanese American Citizens League, where she served as board secretary. It was there that she met and eventually married John, who was serving as board president. They had two children, Jason and Liane.

Chibi worked as a paraprofessional while her children were young so she could be home with them after school and share the same vacation schedules. As they grew older and became more independent, she took a job as a medical transcriber at S.F. General Hospital. Later, she worked as a secretary at the Buddhist Church of America.

Chibi and John relished traveling abroad, but their favorite destination was Chibi's birthplace of Honolulu, where they found the most pleasure simply spending time with special Ohana. Hawaii was her home.

Chibi loved children, orchids, and See's chocolates. Her varied hobbies over the years included Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging), sewing and knitting, hula and tap dancing, sudoku and jigsaw puzzles. She enjoyed watching "Dancing With the Stars" (even calling to vote when Kristi Yamaguchi and Apolo Anton Ohno competed!), and rooting for her Warriors, especially Steph Curry because she thought he was "the best" and "cute!"

We are extremely grateful for her wisdom and compassion and miss her dearly. We miss her warm cheerful nature, her thoughtfulness and her ability to see the brighter side of life. All of these attributes in addition to her patience, resilience and love continue to guide us. She remains our true warrior forever.

*"Aloha 'oe, aloha 'oe
(Farewell to thee, farewell to thee)
E ke onaona noho i ka lipo
(The sweet and gentle one living in the distance)
One fond embrace,
A ho'i a'e au
(Ere I depart)
Until we meet again."*

If you would like to make a gift in Chibi's memory, please consider the Buddhist Church of San Francisco (1881 Pine Street, San Francisco, CA 94109) or Coming Home Hospice (115 Diamond Street, San Francisco, CA 94114).

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