

In MEMORIAM

Akagi, Noboru 94, Honolulu, HI; Jan. 15; M.D. Keio University School of Medicine; founder, Aiea Taiheiji Kendo Club; president, Kendo Federation; recipient, Koroshō (Distinguished Service Award) from the All Japan Kendo Federation.



Asaki, Nobu, 95, Annapolis, MD, Oct. 15, 2022.

Baba, Richard, 89, Kaneohe, HI, March 12.

Enoki, Shirley Setsuyo, 86, Hilo, HI, March 14.

Futa, Jeannette Sumi, 80, Laguna Niguel, CA, Dec. 16, 2022; she is survived by her husband, Bill; children, Kristine (Matt) Armstrong, Todd (Pete) and Darren (Annie); mother, Kimiko Ishii; sister, Barbara Fujioka; gc: 5.



Hayashi, Haruo, 96, Arroyo Grande, CA, Dec. 7, 2022; veteran, Army (442nd RCT); during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Gila River WRA Center in AZ; he was active with the Lucia Mar School District Board and a member of the San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury; he was recognized as San Luis Obispo County Agriculturist of the Year; grand marshal, Arroyo Grande Harvest Festival and Nisei Week Pioneer; he was predeceased by his wife; Rose, son, Robert and brother, Akio; he is survived by his sons, John (Leslie), Howard (Stephanie), Alan (Kimberly) and Edwin (Janet); gc: 7; ggc: 1.

Iseda, Minako 'Minnie,' 90, Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 25, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Kho; she is survived by her son, Gerald Iseda, she is also survived by many other relatives and close friends.

Kiyohiro, Shizue, 99, Los Angeles, CA, Feb. 1; she is survived by her children, Tracy Kiyohiro and Bonnie (Robert) Inai; brother, Noboru (Lily) Kamibayashi; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 4; ggc: 6.

Komura, Toshiro, Sacramento, CA, July 27, 2022. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Keiko and Paul Duax; and many relatives.

Kurata, George Satoru, 89, Westminster, CA, July 4, 2022; he was predeceased by his daughter, Lisa Sato; he is survived by his wife, Eleanor; children, Kyle (Helen) Kurata and Laura (Kevin) Dolan; son-in-law, Garret Sato; gc: 6.

Kuwano, Suzanne, 77, Santa Monica, CA, July 7, 2022; she is survived by her children, Jill and John Kuwano; sister-in-law, Mari (Joe) Sato; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 1.

Misono, Nobu, 106, Los Angeles, CA, Feb. 20; she was predeceased by her husband, George Sukenari Misono, and daughter, Helen Hisako Yamaguchi; she is survived by her daughter, Mary Misono; gc: 4 and ggc.

Momoki, Shinji, 79, San Jose, CA, July 11, 2022; he is survived by his daughters, Eva and Shirley; siblings, Naoko, Yoshihito and Kiyotsugu; he is also survived by nieces and a nephew.

Mura, Miyoko, 85, La Palma, CA, Feb. 18; she is survived by her husband, Hideo Mura; sister, Namiyo Ashioka; siblings-in-law, Tsuyoshi (Mie) and Isao (Carol) Mura, Lily Kiyomi Watanabe and Keiko (Roy) Kinoshita; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Murakami, Dorothy Kashiko, 97, Pearl City, HI, Dec. 31, 2022.

Murakami, Gary, 84, Kailua, HI, Dec. 4, 2022.

Murata, Sachiko, 96, Anaheim, CA, Feb. 27; she was predeceased by her husband, Paul Seiichi Murata; she is survived by her children, Steven (Jeanne) Murata, Karen (Navid Dehghani) Murata and Penny Murata.; siblings, May Sasao, Jean Hiraishi, Barbara Cogburn and Seito (Nancy) Gytoku; sister-in-law, May Gytoku; she is also survived by nieces, ne-phews and other relatives; gc: 5.

Nomiyama, Takashi, 96, Culver City, CA, Oct. 1, 2022; he is survived by his wife; daughters Janice (Richard) Wong, and Grace (Marc) Nomiyama Marchicelli; gc: 2; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.



Ogawa, Donald, 70, Caldwell, ID, Sept. 27, 2022; he is survived by his mother, Lilly Yamaki; step-mother Judi Ogawa; siblings Ed Ogawa, Jeff Zmuda (Cheryl), June Ogawa, Kapri Zmuda and Wendi Zmuda-Scott; daughter, Melissa McGladrie (Randy); grandchildren and other relatives.

Sakaniwa, Kumpei, 97, Los Angeles, CA, March 7; his activities included coaching and managing with North Venice Little League, Nisei Athletic Union and Crescent Bay Optimist League and Venice Bulldogs Pop Warner; he was predeceased by 6 siblings; he is survived by many nephews and nieces.

Sawai, Miyako, 94, Littleton, CO, Jan. 28.

Shigematsu, Jean, 86, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 17; she is survived by her sons, David and Ronald (Grace) Shigematsu; she is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 3; ggc: 3.

Shigeno, Cheryl Lyn, 70, Portland, OR, Feb. 18; she was predeceased by her brother, Dennis Shigeno; she is survived by her siblings, Bonnie Sumida, Debbie Bellinghausen (Michael) and Thomas Shigeno; she is also survived by a nephew, nieces and a grandniece.

Tanaka, Raymond, 80, Honolulu, HI, Jan. 27; veteran, Army; he is survived by his wife, Jeanette; children, Troy (Beth) and Ruth (Gordon) Tanaka-Gum; siblings, Michael (Mai), Doris Niiyama, Nancy (Susumu) Hashimoto and Evelyn Tanaka; gc: 4.



Tateishi, Jean, 83, Portland, OR, Dec. 7, 2022; during World War II, her family and she were sent to the Portland Assembly Center and later incarcerated at the Minidoka WRA Center in ID; she was active with the Oregon Buddhist Temple and Veleda Club; she was predeceased by her sister, Julia Ninomiya; she is survived by cousins Jayne Minamoto and Janet Kondo.

Uchiyama, Hisako, 86, Pittsburgh, PA, Oct. 23, 2022; she is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Guzman; gc: 2; ggc: 3.

Yamaguchi, Miyako, 96, Fresno, CA, Oct. 3, 2022; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ; she is survived by her husband, George Yamaguchi, and sons Glenn, Bruce and Ron.

Yukawa, Shojun, 92, Huntington Beach, CA, Nov. 3, 2022; he is survived by his wife, Shizuko Yukawa; their daughters Eileen (Larry) Kubota, Joy (Steve) Crouse and Sandy (Rod) Brink; and brother, Rev. Kosho (Michiko) Yukawa; gc: 13; ggc: 14.

TRIBUTE

STEVE ALAN YAMAGUMA



Steve Yamaguma passed away at the age of 71 on March 5, 2023, after an extended illness. Steve grew up in San Mateo, Calif., and graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in graphic design before settling down in San Jose, and finally Santa Clara, Calif.

Steve was multitalented and excelled in both art and music. His love of art caused him to start his own graphic design/marketing business called Yamaguma and Associates, which he later renamed Design2Market. Steve's talent, imagination and creativity resulted in him winning many awards and accolades for his work throughout his career.

Steve was also a naturally gifted musician, playing the clarinet, ukulele, guitar and taiko drums. He was one of seven taiko players who trained under Sensei Seiichi Tanaka of the San Francisco Taiko Dojo and was an original founding performing member of San Jose Taiko Group.

Steve was always deeply committed to giving back to his community and used his graphic design skills to help the numerous charitable/community organizations that he supported throughout his life.

Steve is survived by a large and loving family, including his wife, Lynn Reiko Toma; son, Grant; parents, Joe and Kimi Yamaguma; siblings, Cheryl Peterson (Greg), Richard Yamaguma (Janis) and Lisa Yee (Keith); as well as many cousins and nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind an army of friends that he collected along life's journey.

An extended version of Steve's obituary can be viewed at tinyurl.com/mryx9bff. A memorial service/celebration of life will be held on April 29, 2023, at 3 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church in San Jose. Given the number of anticipated attendees and the size limitations of the church, the service will also be live streamed and can be viewed at tinyurl.com/386wpkmy for those who prefer to attend remotely.

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