

In MEMORIAM

Akamine, Edward Shigeo 'Shige,' 77, Maui, HI, March 2.

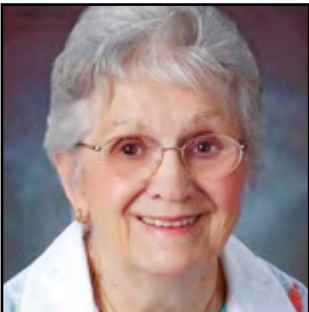
Baba, Tomomi, 84, Torrance, CA, April 10; she is survived by her children, James (Josie) Baba, Kenny (Shelly) Baba; Jane Dagg and Arleen Dobravolskis; brother, Morio (Yoshiko) Osumi; gc: 8 ggc: 9; and many nieces and nephews.

Enoki, Ronald, 74, Honolulu, HI, Jan. 29.

Fujii, Yasuyuki, 73, Honolulu, HI, March 25; he is survived by his children, James Fujii and Amy Fujii; and brothers, Hideharu Fujii (Tomoko) and Kiyoshi Fujii.

Harada, William Moriyee, 92, Honolulu, HI, Jan. 14.

Hatakeda, Misa, 95, Fresno, CA, Dec. 24, 2022; during WWII, she was incarcerated at a WRA Center; in her teens, she endured the hardships of Japanese internment during WWII; she was predeceased by her husband, Ben; she is survived by her daughters, Lisa Lo (Michael) and Karen Herberts; gc: 1.



Hayashi, Marguerite, 92, Denton, TX, Oct. 23, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Kinji; she is survived by her children, Jocelyn M. Stroupe, Lisa B. Flood, Robert J. Stroupe Jr. and Madelein M. Blundred; and her stepchildren, Glenn D. Hayashi, Gloria A. Siebold and Gerald E.

Ishii, Kazuko Kashiwagi, 88, Seattle, WA, Nov. 20, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Sam; she is survived by her daughter, Lillian "Junko" Ishii (Jeff Scott) Hayashi; gc: 8; ggc: 11.



Marumoto, Masako Dobashi, 95, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 25, 2022; she was predeceased by her husbands, Joseph Dobashi and Kaz Marumoto; she is survived by her daughters, Nancy (Ron) and JoAnn (Ted); gc: 4; ggc: 5; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other family members.

Iwao, Michio, 100, Chicago, IL, Feb. 20; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Gila River WRA Center in AZ.

Kawaguchi, Mary, 100, San Jose, CA, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Yasuo Kawaguchi; she is survived by her children Gail (Russ), Jon (Frances) and Tim (Nadine); sister, Alice Inami; gc: 7; ggc: 1.

Kiyohara, Aiko, 89, Anaheim, CA, Dec. 8, 2022; she was predeceased by her brothers Yukiwo John, Michiwo and Toshiaki Arita; she is survived by her children Alan (Lisa) Kiyohara, Gary (Melody) Kiyohara and Julie (Julio) Rivera; sister, Tomoko Inouye; gc: 5; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Lam, Betty Haruko, 89, Torrance, CA, Dec. 17, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, John Ho-Sun Lam and son, Derrick Lam; she is survived by her son, Darin (Julie) Lam; daughter-in-law, Tressa Lam; gc: 4; ggc: 1; and by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mano, Louise Setsuko, 83, Torrance, CA, Feb. 16; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Manzanar WRA Center in CA; A.A., Los Angeles City College; she was predeceased by her brother, Robert Sakamoto; she is survived by her husband, Bob; daughters, Christine (Lyle Ota) Maekawa and Stephanie (Scott) Mibu; sisters, Mildred (Mako) Mizukami and Irene Cohen; gc: 4; ggc: 2.

Muto, Eiko, 98, Sylmar, CA, Feb. 14; she was predeceased by her husband, Fumio Muto, and her brother, Joe Murakami; she is survived by her children, William Muto (Carol), Janet Yamamoto and Dennis Muto; gc: 7; ggc: 13.



Nakamura, Frances Hisaye, 79, Fremont, CA, Oct. 10, 2022; during WWII, she was born while her parents were incarcerated at the Jerome WRA Center in AR; she was predeceased by her brothers, Alfred, Harry and Henry; she is survived by her husband, George; their children, Cindy Sakihara (Raymond) and Rodney Nakamura (Daphne Lin); siblings, Richard Fujikawa (Eileen) and Nancy Fujikawa; sister-in-law, Linda Fujikawa; many other relatives; gc: 2.

Shimizu, Bruce, 76, Mountain View, CA, Feb. 20; veteran, Army, he was predeceased by his daughter, Stacie; he is survived by his sons, Todd and Brett; and Carol Shimizu; gc: 5.

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

Uehara, Yoshiko Mutsuko, 96, Anaheim, CA, Dec. 11, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Charles; she is survived by her brother-in-law, Donn Uehara; sisters-in-law, Tomiko Shimabukuro, Toshiko Neumann and Hazel Uehara; she is also survived by nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and other relatives.

Yamashita, Benjamin, 87, Canaan, NH, Aug. 9, 2022.

Yamate, Meiko, 99, Monterey Park, CA, Feb. 7; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Topaz WRA Center in UT; she was predeceased by her husband, George Isamu, and her siblings, Hiro Egashira, Eiko Iwata and June Koba; she is survived by her children, Curtis, Glenn, Brian, Patti and Terri; gc: 6; ggc: 8.

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MARTHA MASAKO TAURA



Jan. 24, 1930-April 14, 2023

Martha Taura, 93, peacefully passed away, April 14, 2023. Preceded in death by parents Yasuo Frank Sugimoto and Kumae Shibatsuji, four sisters Yuriko and Ayako Sugimoto, Sachiko (Sachi) Yasunaga (Carl) and Mitsuko (Miki) Ojima (George) and husband Masayasu Bill Taura.

She is survived by her children Jill Kiku Taura (Takamasa Onose), Richard Bill Taura and Constance Mie Tsuchiya (Todd Tsuchiya) and her four beloved grandsons, Joseph, Jacob and Ian Taura and Kyle Tsuchiya.

Martha's loving kindness will live on in her family and in all who had the good fortune to know her. Koden (memorials) may be directed to the family for charitable designation.

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KIMIKO SIDE



Kimiko Side, a leader in the area's Japanese and Japanese American community organizations, died on March 21, 2023, in Denver, Colo. She was 100. Mrs. Side chaired the Denver chapter of the Denver Takayama Sister City organization for a decade starting in 1994. Under her leadership, fundraising and community projects blossomed to a healthy level that is sustained today. She was president of the Japanese Association of Colorado for many years. During her tenure she commissioned Bill Hosokawa to write a history of the Colorado Japanese Americans in the U.S. titled "Colorado's Japanese Americans: From 1886 to the Present."

Mrs. Side received numerous awards, including: Official Commendation of the Japanese Consul General of Denver in 2002, Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Commendation Award in 2009, the Min Yasui Community Volunteer Award in 2010 and the Order of the Rising Sun Gold and Silver Rays, conferred by the Emperor of Japan in 2012.

Born Kimiko Sumitomo in Peiping, China, on Sept. 29, 1922, she immigrated to Japan in December 1945. In Tokyo, she learned English to further herself in her secretary job. She met a young GI, Eugene "Gene" Jesse Side. They married in November 1951. In 1959 they moved to the U.S., eventually settling in Denver. They raised their family and opened a Japanese gift store named Madame Butterfly. Eventually they opened a wholesale import/export company known as Sidelines Inc.

Throughout her life Kimiko studied and taught Japanese arts and crafts, focusing on Kofu Ikebana, origami and dollmaking. For decades she taught classes at the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple, and shared her arts and crafts at the annual Sakura Matsuri, (Cherry Blossom Festival) and at the Simpson United Methodist Church at the annual Hina Matsuri (Doll Festival). Her dolls can be viewed at the Denver Art Museum, Fort Collins Museum of Art and Simpson Methodist Church.

Her husband, Eugene Side passed away in December 2020. She is survived by her sisters, Chikako Inomata, Ayako Yamada and Kiyono Goto, all of Japan; her daughter, Deborah Side and son-in law, Brian Lang of Boston, Mass; her son, Daniel Side of Denver; and her grandchildren, Audrey Lang, Caden Side, Conner Side and Caia Side.

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