

In MEMORIAM

Akamine, Allan, 68, Mililani, HI, May 28.

Aso, Marlene Matsuko, 75, San Jose, CA, May 7; she was predeceased by her son, David; she is survived by her husband, Greg; and her daughter, Deborah; she is also survived by a sister; sisters-in-laws and brothers-in-laws; and many nieces and nephews.

Fujihara, Evelyn, 79, Honolulu, HI, May 15.

Fujihara, Howard Tetsuo, 87, Kailua-Kona, HI, July 2.

Fukuda, James Sueo, 92, Orange, CA, March 29; he was predeceased by his wife, Kimi, and eldest daughter, Kelly Akemi; he is survived by his children, Kay Aiko (Brent) Yamasaki; Kevin Akira (Nirmal Merchant) Fukuda, Kenneth Atsuo (Jeanette) Fukuda and Kristopher Yukio (Susan) Fukuda; siblings; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 7.



Fukushima, Ted Takeshi, 87, Elk Grove, CA, June 20; he was predeceased by his wife, Betty Ann; siblings, Doris Sasaki, Senao, Frank, Akira, Masao (Bobby), Satoshi (Roy), Makoto (Mac) and Shaki (Sam); he is survived by his sons, Jeffrey and Michael; daughters-in-law, Lorna and Rachael; brothers, John and Dickie; gc: 6; ggc: 1.

Furukawa, Randy Masami, 67, Sacramento, CA, May 9; his activities included the Buddhist Church of Florin YBA and YABA clubs; he was predeceased by his wife, Cindy Furukawa; he is survived by his sister, Ailene Nishida (John); 2 nephews and a niece; a great-nephew and a great-niece.

Hayashi, Leland Hisato, 83, San Gabriel, CA, July 22; he was predeceased by his wife, Carol Hayashi; brother, Eugene Hayashi; he is survived by his children, Kristen Hayashi and Brian (Jinsun) Hayashi; brother, Donald (Deborah) Hayashi; and sister-in-law, Helen Hayashi; he is also survived by nieces, cousins and other relatives; gc: 1.

Hayashi, Shigeru, 97, Long Beach, CA, May 8; veteran, WWII (100th Battalion/442nd RCT); he was predeceased by his wife, Gertrude; and son, Michael; he is survived by his children, Randall, Richard, Laurie and David; gc: 5; ggc: 11.



Hikawa, Sue, 90, La Palma, CA, March 21; she was predeceased by her husband, Frank; and siblings, Toshiaki Yamamoto, Mikio (Misa) Yamamoto, Yoshiharu (Sadako) Yamamoto, Kiyomi (Hatsuzo) and Akiko Yamamoto; she is survived by her sons, Douglas (Kathi), Andrew (Betty) and Brian Hikawa; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2.



Maruyama, Rodney, 73, Crystal Lake, IL, Aug. 5; he was predeceased by his son, Brendan; he is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Caitlin (Philip) and Jennifer (Steven); siblings, Kevin and Lynn; he is also survived by many nieces and nephews; gc: 2.



Miyamoto, Mildred, 94, Kahului, HI, Aug. 23; she is survived by her husband, Mitsuo Miyamoto; son, Rodney (Mona) Miyamoto; gc: 2; ggc: 4.

Mizukami, Kazuo Scotty, 96, Cathedral City, CA, March 18; activities included Lawndale Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Sportsman Gun Club, Freemasons and Shriners; he was predeceased by his first spouse, Mae Iwai Mizukami; second spouse, Nancy West Mizukami; he is survived by his daughter, Linda Gombos; gc: 3; ggc: 5.



Motoki, Mariya Yasuda, 97, Salt Lake City, UT, March 19; she was active with the Dai Ichi LDS Ward, the Mount Olympus JACL chapter, the Nisei Bowling League and the Nibley Women's Golf League; she was predeceased by her husband, Shigeru; siblings, George Yasuda, Tomy Yasuda, Lily Shino and Priscilla Nagao; and grandson, Colin Motoki; she is survived by her sons, David Motoki, Kevin Motoki (Jaime) and Daniel Motoki (Deanna Johnson); gc: 4; ggc: 10; gggc: 3.

Nakamoto, Yuji, 74, Torrance, CA, May, 24; DDS, UCLA School of Dentistry; he was predeceased by his brother, Kaz; he is survived by his wife, Julia Tsuboi; daughters, Jamie and Britney; sisters, Helene (Sam) and Judy; he is also survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Okami, Lance Jun, 61, Pearl City, HI, March 29.

Okawa, Robert M., 85, Las Vegas, NV, June 26.

Okamura, Masako, 89, Montebello, CA, July 25.

Yasui, Wallace I., 89, Mililani, HI, June 1.

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JOYCE NAKO HATA



Dec. 29, 1936-Sept. 2, 2023

We are sad and humbled to share news about the peaceful passing of Joyce Hata on Sept. 2, 2023.

Joyce Naoko Hata was born to Banzo and Chiyo Okada in Seattle, Wash. The family was incarcerated at the Minidoka Internment Camp during the War. Postcamp, her family moved back to Seattle, where she attended Garfield H.S. and earned her B.S., Nutrition Science, from the University of Washington. Eventually

she made her way south to Cedars Sinai in L.A. for her residency and then eventually was back in Northern California working at Highland hospital in Oakland and ultimately at Kaiser in San Francisco.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 58 years, Barney, daughters Akemi, Komi and Kristen, son-in-law Simon along with her 3 (favorite) grandchildren, Joji, Yuki and Jacky.

Despite studying and obtaining her degree in nutrition science, Joyce spent many of her working years in the office of the Japanese Bilingual Bicultural Program at various sites (Anza, Clarendon, DeAvila, Sunset) and it was there that she was truly in her element helping families navigate the SFUSD and fostering memorable elementary school experiences for hundreds of students. Via the JBBP, she made many great friends and was a pillar in the school community.

Others will remember her for hosting Oshogatsu celebrations for many years and while all the food was a highlight, it was specifically the chawanmushi that everyone remembers and still talks about today.

For us, her family, we'll always remember her love of a good bargain, making a well-constructed to-do list, playing nickel & dime poker with good friends and how much she enjoyed gift-giving, especially to her grandkids.

Plans to host a celebration of life will be shared at a later date.

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FRED OYAMA



Fred Oyama, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and a long-revered middle school teacher, quietly passed away on Sept. 20, 2023, at the age of 97 in Huntington Beach, Calif. Fred led an extraordinarily active and engaged life with many accomplishments and interests. He took great pride in his 35-year-long career as a dedicated middle school math teacher at these schools in the Los Angeles City school district — John Adams, Audubon, Stephen White and South Gate. He enjoyed writing poetry, drawing and had a deep passion for sports and birds.

Fred took great pride in his family's victorious 1948 landmark civil rights and land case, *Oyama v. California* ([tinyurl.com/2ws2d7hr](https://www.tinyurl.com/2ws2d7hr)), sharing his memories of that time with history scholars in his home state, most recently in 2009, with UC Berkeley American History Professor Mark Brilliant, who conducted a comprehensive interview with Fred and his older sister, Alice Yano, who survives him. That interview was documented by oral historian Robin Li, transcripts of which can be found at UC Berkeley's Bancroft Library. Brilliant devoted a chapter to the Oyama case in his book, "The Color of America Has Changed: How Racial Diversity Shaped Civil Rights Reform in California, 1941-1978," published in 2012.

He is survived by his second wife, Phyllis McGrath Oyama; his son, Pat Oyama; daughter-in-law Janice Oyama; daughters Jill Wong and Phyllis Oyama; sons-in-law Brian Wong and Lee Townsend; his stepdaughter, Lori Evans Matsumoto and her husband Stacy Matsumoto. He leaves behind his grandchildren Nathan Wong and his wife, Isabelle; Will Wong; Eva Townsend, Kyle Oyama and his wife, Rachelle; Eli Townsend; Kenny Oyama and Kalani Oyama. He had recently celebrated the arrival of his first great-granddaughter, Selah Oyama.

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