

In MEMORIAM

Aoki, Amy Emi, 97, Honolulu, HI, June 7.

Fukuhara, Joe Susumu, 90, Oceanside, CA, April 14; born in Olympia, WA, his family moved to Hiroshima before WWII and he lost his sister to the atomic bomb; veteran, Army; career included stints at Union Bank's Little Tokyo branch and Rafu Shimpo's advertising department; activities included the Japanese Language School Kyodo System, Rafu Chuo Gakuen, Hiroshima Kenjin-kai, Little Tokyo Lions Club, Little Tokyo Business Assn., Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee, and the Japanese American Community Credit Union; he was predeceased by his sister, Shizumi; he is survived by his wife, Yoriko; daughters, Christine Reiko (McDaniel), Eileen Michiko (Giese) and Janet Shizue (Fukuhara); sister, Emiko (Yagyū); gc: 4.

Iwai, Mieko 'Amy,' 105, Waipahu, HI, March 19.



Kagawa, Roy A., 88, Hilo, HI, March 15.

Kamiyama, Russell, 72, Vallejo, CA, July 15; he was predeceased by his son, Paul; he is survived by his children, Troy, Aisha (Jake), Shaun (Kelsey) and Amanda; gc: 8.

Kosaka, Ronnie, 81, Lodi, CA, April 12; veteran, Army (Vietnam War); activities included Lucky Anglers, Lodi Moose Lodge, Lodi Elks Lodge and Lodi Boat & Ski Club; he was predeceased by his brother, Gerald Kosaka; sister-in-law, Brenda Kosaka; he is survived by his life partner, Phyllis (Tiny) Pleasant; son, Jay Pleasant; sisters, Arlene (Nobi) Tamura, Louis Glasser and Judy Kosaka; he is also survived by many nephews and nieces.



Kuwaye, Jeffrey Alan, 45, Mesa, AZ, April 16; he was predeceased by his grandmother, Barbara Kuwaye and grandfather, Charles Kuwaye; he is survived by his wife, Cortnie; children, Gabrianna, Chasden and Miabella; step-children, Jacob, Arianna, Bella and Brennan Lueders; parents, Paul Kuwaye and Chong Pun Kim; sisters, Naomi Carter (Kuwaye) and Stephanie Kuwaye; and step-siblings, David, Monique Bunel and Victoria Quibell.



Miyashiro, Susumu, 91, Huntington Beach, CA, Feb. 18; B.A., University of Hawaii (agriculture); veteran, Army; he is survived by his wife, Thelma; children, Milton (Mary), Lisa (Nicolas) and Howard (Carla); brother, Lloyd; gc: 8.

Moriguchi, Guy S., 63, Los Angeles, CA, March 10.

Motoyasu, Ken, 80, Torrance, CA, April 2; he is survived by his wife, Joyce; children, Wayne (Stacie Wu) Motoyasu, Weston (Lisa) Motoyasu and Stacie (John) Nguyen; siblings, Peggy Kozawa, Nancy Tanita, Paul Motoyasu and Judi Motoyasu; sister-in-law, Jeanne (Richard) Sahara; gc: 5.

Nakano, Katsuto, 97, Fresno, CA, April 23; activities included the Fresno Buddhist Church; he is survived by his wife, Ruth; brother, Bob. Jamie and Britney; sisters, Helene (Sam) and Judy; he is also survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Nishioka, Sharon Michiyo, 84, Los Angeles, CA, May 20; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Gila River WRA Center; she was predeceased by her sister, Mariko Kawamoto; she is survived by her brother-in-law, Raymond Kawamoto; she is also survived by a nephew, a niece and cousins.



Otsuka, Alice Mutsuko, 91, Garden Grove, CA, Sept. 20; graduate, CSUF; she was predeceased by her husband, Kengo; and 14 siblings; she is survived by her children, Leigh Curran (Tim) and Bill Otsuka (Tami); gc: 1.



Sekikawa, Helyn Miyoko, 90, Sacramento, CA, Feb. 13; she was predeceased by her husband, Bill Sekikawa; brother, Robert; she is survived by her children, Keith (Allison) and Karin; brothers, George Yabu and Ben Yabu (Jane); she is also survived by many nieces and nephews; gc: 2.

Yoshizumi, Harold, 88, Pearl City, HI and Monterey Park, CA, March 24; he was predeceased by his wife, Lily; he is survived by his children, Terri (Gary) Shundo and Dean (Claudia) Yoshizumi; siblings, Ethel (Seiji) Koshimizu and Richard (Lynn) Yoshizumi; gc: 5.

Yukawa, Joseph James, 78, Los Angeles, CA, Oct. 8; he is survived by his wife, Amy. ■

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MARTHA MASAKO TOJI-UEJO

Martha Masako Toji-Uejo of Richmond, Calif., died Sept. 29, 2023. She was 88. She is survived by her husband, Donald, and their adult children and spouses, Caron and Dr. Stephen Moy, Michael and Sandra Uejo, Curtis and Diane Uejo and Alan and Sherri Uejo; and grandchildren, Prezleigh & Josh Colburn; Kiahna & Ken Haren; and Hailey Uejo & Chase Uejo.

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YONE ITO



Born on June 5, 1926, to Chiyo and Noboru Kato, Yone Ito of Hayward, Calif., died Oct. 30, 2023. She was 97.

During WWII, the family was incarcerated at Tanforan Assembly Center, San Bruno, Calif., and Topaz, Utah. Upon returning from Utah, Yone worked for Transocean Airlines, the Emporium in San Francisco and San Leandro Printing. San Leandro Printing sponsored her classes at the San Francisco Art Institute, and she went on to own her business, Ito Typesetting, specializing in desk-top publishing and graphic design. In her retirement years, she volunteered at Eden JACL Senior Center in San Lorenzo and was a board member for the chapter. She was artistically talented, and in her spare time, she enjoyed Japanese brush painting and was an accomplished knitter, quilter and pie maker.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Sumi Uyeda, Masao Kato, Hideo Kato, Haruo Kato and Yoshio Kato. Survived by brothers, Takeo and Kiyoshi Kato; her daughter, Kathleen (John Oshima); son, Scott (Kathy); grandchildren, Chris and Kate; and many nieces and nephews.

Service will be private.

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MAY MIYOKO SATO



May Miyeko Sato, 95, of Lansdale, Pa., passed away on Oct. 28, 2023, after a brief illness. She was born on Sept. 1, 1928, in Seattle, Wash., the third of 10 siblings born to Tsuneshin and Suimatsu Kaname. During World War II, she and her family were forcibly relocated to Tule Lake, Calif., where they remained from 1942-45.

After World War II, the family moved to Hartford, Conn., and then the Philadelphia area. May stayed in Hartford with relatives to complete her senior year of high school and then worked as a secretary for Travelers Insurance. She helped support the family by sending funds and assisting her non-English-speaking father with the startup of the family business, T. Kaname & Sons, Waverly Gardens, in Glenside, Pa. She lived briefly in New York City and then moved with some of her sisters to Chicago, Ill.

On April 25, 1953, May married Kay Sato in Chicago, Ill. They eventually settled in Rochelle, Ill., to raise their family. She is survived by four daughters: Diane Bjornson of Arlington, Va.; Joanne (Jeff) Rowe of Charlotte, N.C.; Linda (Keith) Adams of Rockville, Md.; Marianne Sato of Lansdale, Pa.; four grandchildren: Suzanne (Brad) Harris of Forest Park, Ill.; Kirsten (Kurt) Bugden of Charlottesville, Va.; Michael Bjornson of Chicago, Ill.; and Stephanie (Trey Barhite) Rowe of Statesville, N.C.; and her two youngest siblings: Roy and Judy Kaname of Lansdale, Pa.

A service for May will be planned at a later date when she will be reunited with her late husband, Kay, at Arlington National Cemetery. Donations can be made in May Sato's memory to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, www.lls.org. To leave a note, memory or photograph, please request a link at www.forevermissed.com/may-miyeko-sato.

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