

In MEMORIAM

Abe, Spencer Tsutomu, 79, Fresno, CA, Oct. 4, 2023.

Edgerton, Karen Ito, 76, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 23, 2023; B.A., M.A., Ph.D., UCLA (anthropology); professor and researcher, UCLA Asian American Studies; she was predeceased by her husband, Robert Edgerton; she is survived by her sister, Robbie Ito (Leland) Rorex; a nephew and a niece; she is also survived by many other relatives.



Hayashida, Jill Miyo, 49, Sacramento, CA, Nov. 13, 2023; she was predeceased by her father, Willie; she is survived by her mother, Gale Hayashida; brothers, Mark (Kimiko) and Michael; she is also survived by 3 nephews.

Ito, Yukiko, 91, Sacramento, CA, Oct. 19, 2023; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Jerome WRA Center and the Rohwer WRA Center, both in AR; she was predeceased by her elder siblings, Frank Sakaoka, Hideo Sakaoka, Masako Nakamoto and Sumiko Sakakihara; she is survived by her husband, Tomio; children, Larry Ito (Karen), Sharon Ito Warren (George) and Colleen Ito; gc: 4.

Kanda, Eiichi, 94, Huntington Beach, CA, Sept. 25, 2023; veteran, USCG; he is survived by his wife, Sue; children, Kevin Kanda and Kara Nomura; son-in-law, Tommy; siblings, Tokuo Kanda, Takayoshi Kanda, Yachio Kaulia and Miriam Buck; gc: 2.

Martinez, Joan Masayo Kitada, 73, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 16; she is survived by her husband, Johnny Martinez; sons, Brion (Brianna) and Russell (Tracy) Martinez; brother, David (Jocelyn) Kitada; gc: 4.

Maruyama, Herbert, 94, Wheat Ridge, CO, Oct. 14, 2023.



Mishima, Taro, 103, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 10, 2023; he is survived by his wife, Miyoshi; children, Steve Mishima, Scott Mishima and Sharon Mishima; he is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Nagao, Edward, 87, Elk Grove, CA, Oct. 1, 2023; he was predeceased by his parents; brother-in-law, Masao Kuwamoto; and sister-in-law, Tosh Hegna; he survived by his wife, Setsuko Lil; children, Michael and Michelle (Jason Allen); brothers, Fred Nagao (Rose), Harry Nagao (Karen) and Ronald Nagao (Zee); sister-in-law, Keiko Hendrix (Wayne); brother-in-law, George Kuwamoto (Faye); he is also survived by many nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces.

Okino, George 'Curly,' 94, Sacramento, CA, Sept. 4, 2023; veteran, Army (Korea); he was predeceased by his siblings, Mabel, Fumiye, Shizuko, Fred, Roy, Setsuo, and Sadako; he is survived by his wife, Gladys; daughter, Tina; brother, Hideo; gc: 2; ggc: 2.



Okuma, Christine Shiraishi, 71, San Diego, CA; she was predeceased by her husband, Ronald; she is survived by her daughters, Taryn (Dan Gibbons) and Stacey (Tim Chou); gc: 7.



Ota, Hirokazu, 92, La Palma, CA, Sept. 10; he was predeceased by his sister, Hisa (Takashi) Narasaki; he is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Doug (Peggy) Ota and Karin (Michael) Langford; sisters, Yoshiko Nakagawa and Naomi (Tak) Hamada; gc: 2.

Owen, Eiko, 93, Louisville, KY, Dec. 13, 2023; she is survived by her siblings, Taeko Yokomizo and Yasuhisa Kariya; she is also survived by her cousins.

Sakamoto, Paul, 90, Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 15, 2023; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Manzanar WRA Center in CA; he is survived by his wife, Alice; children, Sandy (Nolan Maehara) Sakamoto and P. Scott (Lori Petitti) Sakamoto; stepchildren, Sandi Snyder, Owen (Donna Kelly-Onouye) Onouye and Eric Onouye; siblings, George "Masa" (Helen) Sakamoto and Aiko Sakamoto; gc: 9; ggc: 5.

Sakata, Toshiko, 98, Clarksburg, CA, Oct. 23, 2023; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Arboga Assembly Center near Marysville, CA, and the Tule Lake WRA Center; activities: Walnut Grove Buddhist Church, the Clarksburg Garden Club and Asian Community Center.

Shimada, Bruce Hitoshi, 67, Lafayette, CA, Oct. 9, 2023; B.A., CSU Sacramento (criminal justice); activities: Boy Scouts, Berkeley Bears and Hawks baseball, Asian basketball and softball leagues, the Diablo Japanese American Club and the East Bay Golf Club; he is survived by his wife, Nancy; and his brother, Glenn.

Shioji, Kazuko Josephine, 93, Wheat Ridge, CO, Nov. 28, 2023; she was predeceased by her husband, Hatsuo Tom Shioji; siblings, Ayako Kusuno, Yoshiko Inouye, Shizuye Fujimoto, Tom Nakayama, George Nakayama, Jane Hada, Amy Konishi and their spouses; sister-in-law, Hatsuko Edna Kurita and brother-in-law, Frank Y. Shioji and their spouses; and son-in-law, Ken Notari; she is survived by her children, Mary Lou Notari, Cathy Shioji (Al Peters), Jan Shioji and Dave Shioji; gc: 3.



Tomita, Dolores Margaret, 79, San Jose, CA, Dec. 3, 2023; she was predeceased by her siblings, Pat and George; she is survived by her husband, Ken; children, Mike and Dawnn.

Yamaji, Rosie Setsuko, 93, Mountain View, CA, Sept. 12, 2023; she was predeceased by her husband, Haruo Yamaji.



Tatsukawa, Sadae, 83, Los Gatos, CA, Nov. 23, 2023; she was predeceased by her brothers, Takashi Aochi and Keiji Aochi; she is survived by her husband, James; son, John, (Lorraine); brother, Frank (Mits)Aochi; sisters-in-law; gc: 4.



Yamanaka, Fumiko, 88, Los Altos, CA, Sept. 25, 2023; she is survived by her brother, Hiroshi Uemura (Motoyo Uemura).

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JIM KIRIYAMA



Yukio Jim Kiriya of Texarkana, Texas, died on Jan. 24, 2024. He was 97.

Kiriya was born Feb. 22, 1926, to Hisataro and Sugi Kiriya, in Hollywood, Calif. He was predeceased by his siblings, Taketo, Haru, Steve and George.

He is survived by his son, Todd Kiyama; nieces Lynn Konishi, Carol Morita, Lorraine Okuhata, Karen Setjo and Traci Kiriya and nephews William, Bob, Lane, Glenn and George.

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JOHN SASAKI



John Sasaki, age 87, of Chicago, Ill., passed away on Jan. 9, 2024. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Becky (nee Alstott) and survived by his three daughters, Emily Sasaki (Richard Attack), Ellen Sasaki McGarry (Dan McGarry) and Meggie Sasaki-Resendiz (Russ Resendiz) and by his four grandchildren, Gavin Attack, Mallory Attack, Addyson McGarry and Parker McGarry.

He was born in Los Angeles, Calif., on April 16, 1936. During World War II, he and his family were unfairly incarcerated in the Japanese internment camps at Heart Mountain in Wyoming and also at Topaz in Utah. After the war, they relocated to Chicago and that became his most-loved city and was where he lived out the rest of his life. He was the valedictorian of Lake View High School and also attended the University of Chicago. He was very proud to have served his country in the U.S. Army and was also very dedicated to his family business. He owned and operated Barry-Regent Cleaners, which was established in 1950 by his mother, Asako "Mona" Sasaki.

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