

# In MEMORIAM

**Anzai, Wayne, 89**, Honolulu, HI, Nov. 10, 2023; he was predeceased by his wife, Nora; son, Deric; and daughter, Kelly Metz; he is survived by his children, Scott (Tammy) and Cyd Ota; gc: 5; ggc: 2.

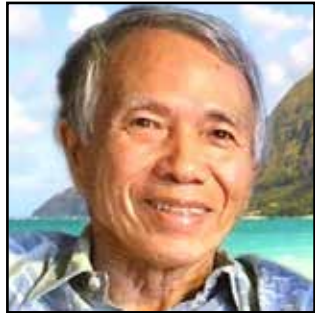
**Chikahisa, Henry 'Hank,' 91**, Fullerton, CA, Sept. 12, 2023; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ; he was predeceased by his siblings, James Chikahisa, Carl Chikahisa, Ray Chikahisa, Paul Chikahisa and Margie Park; he is survived by his wife, Patti Yamagata Chikahisa; children, David (Patty), Cindy and Carrie (Jeff) Iwasaki; sister, Helen Sakaki; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Chikahisa, Frances Chikahisa and Irene Yamagata-Bermudez; and brother-in-law, Ken (Edna) Yamagata; he is also survived by other relatives.

**Daikai, Robert, 74**, Sacramento, CA, June 23, 2023; B.A., CSUS; he was predeceased by his sister, Louise; and brother-in-law, Felix; he is survived by his sisters, Frances (Yoshito) and Susan (Danny).



**Endo, Devin Hideo, 32**, Salt Lake City, UT, Sept. 23, 2023; he was predeceased by his mother, Karren; his father, Mike; and his brother, Keaton; he is survived by his wife, Rachelle; and his siblings.

**Fujii, Edwin Tsuruzo, 87**, Los Angeles, CA, Oct. 17, 2023; he is survived by his wife, Iris; their children, Ross Fujii and Kristi (Richard) Wagner; his sister, Michiko (Hiro) Nishida; gc: 5.



**Hamada, Glenn Kenichi, 73**, Kailua, HI, Sept. 30, 2023; he is survived by his wife, Junko; his son, Jimmy; siblings, Lester and Jennie (Rhude); he is also survived by nieces, a grandnephew, a grandniece, aunts and cousins.

**Kashiwagi, Yuko, 75**, Rockland, NY, Nov. 11, 2023; she is survived by her children, Erika and Michael; and nephews; gc: 2.



**Kato, Tokiko Anzai, 96**, San Jose, CA, Oct. 26, 2023; she is survived by her children, Crystal (Roger), Susan and Bill (Jeannie); gc: 7; ggc: 9.

**Uyekawa, David Tadasu, 78**, Torrance, CA, Nov. 28, 2023; he was predeceased by his sister, Naomi Uyekawa Chan; he is survived by his wife, Karen Chomori Uyekawa; daughter, Teiko (Jared) Cappeline; brothers, Gary, Richard and Eddie (Jeannie) Uyekawa; brother-in-law, Sam Chan; sisters-in-law, Janice Tamehiro and Susie (Kenny) Nozawa; gc: 1.

**Yada, Seizi Masaichi, 79**, Federal Way, WA, Nov. 15, 2023.

TRIBUTE

SADAKO IKEDA



Sadako (Kai) Ikeda of San Jose, Calif., was born on July 16, 1926, in Santa Cruz, Calif., and passed away peacefully on Sept. 9, 2023. She was the second child of Tsumoru and Yaeko Kai, from Hiroshima, Japan. She is survived by husband, Sus Ikeda, son, Ed (Suga), grandsons Kyle, Reid and Marcus; sister, Eva Iwanaga, nephew, Mark, niece, Donna (Brad) Beutter, brother, Butch (Celeese) Kai, and nephews Trevor and Spencer, along with many other relatives. She was predeceased by her eldest sister, Mary Kai.

Sadako attended Santa Cruz High School, and when World War II broke out, her father was taken by the FBI. The family was separated for much of WWII. With President Franklin Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, the family was incarcerated in both Crystal City, Texas, and Poston, Ariz., Camp 3, Block 316. Poston was one of 10 U.S. incarceration camps of some 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry. After WW II, the family relocated to Reedley, Calif., where Sadako worked on the family farm.

In the early 1950s, Sadako enrolled in sewing school in San Francisco. She met her future husband, Sus, at a picnic, were married a year later and bought a home in Santa Clara, where they lived ever since. Sadako was a bookkeeper for several companies, arranged flowers in her cousin's floral shop, but spent most of her working life with the Continuing Ed. Dept. at San Jose State University.

Sadako enjoyed growing vegetables, was a proficient baker, kept a neat and tidy home, and worked into the late evenings before sitting down to read the newspaper. She was a good cook and baker, canned her garden tomatoes, and made various Japanese dishes.

She enjoyed trout fishing, played the organ, played bridge, joined a women's golf league, hosted many parties and gatherings, traveled to Yosemite, Japan, Singapore, Bali, Branson, Reno, Maui golf trips; co-chaired and planned numerous Poston Camp 3 & Crystal City Reunions; joined a ladies investment club; enjoyed many arts & crafts including Japanese *bunka*, embroidery; and was a proficient seamstress.

Sadako was a longtime member and volunteer with the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin and several affiliate organizations. Private services were held on Nov. 11, 2023.

Community Leader Alan Nishio Dies at Age 78

The esteemed figure was awarded JACL's President's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023.

By P.C. Staff



Alan Takeshi Nishio, who was awarded the JACL's President's Lifetime Achievement Award at the organization's 2023 National Convention in Los Angeles on July 22 in absentia due to a prolonged battle with leiomyosarcoma, has died. The longtime Japanese American community activist, educator and leader was 78. He died Dec. 27 in Gardena, Calif.

In addition to the National JACL's accolade, Nishio was honored by the Japanese American National Museum, of which he was a charter member, at its annual gala in 2008, and in 2017 the government of Japan presented him with its Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays With Rosette for his decades of work in the Nikkei community and efforts to strengthen U.S.-Japan relations. Also in 2017, the Manzanar Committee awarded Nishio its Sue Kunitomi Embrey Legacy Award.

Several community organizations released statements about Nishio after his death. "Alan just emanated kindness and thoughtfulness," said Densho's Executive Director Naomi Ostwald Kawamura, with Densho's Content Director Brian Niiya adding, "Alan was a trusted friend and mentor to many and also someone who modeled what balancing a mainstream career, activism, family — and in the last years of his life, illness and mortality — could look like."

Visual Communications said, "We honor and carry on Alan's legacy by supporting Asian Pacific American voices and stories that empower communities and challenge perspectives."

The Little Tokyo Service Center said it was "deeply grateful for the invaluable insights, pioneering vision, stabilizing wisdom, smart quips and radiating warmth that Alan brought to our organization." Nishio served on its board of directors for 38 years, from 1984-2022, with 12 of those year years as board president.

"We are devastated by the loss of Alan, a giant in our community. His lifelong dedication to educating future generations about the injustice of the World War II incarceration was evident in his recent visit to the Ireichō with his wife Yvonne, where he shared powerful stories of family history with his grandchildren and, generously, with readers of Discover Nikkei," said JANM President and CEO Ann Burroughs.

Born in 1945 at California's Manzanar War Relocation Authority Center, Nishio would later grow up in the Westside of Los Angeles before attending University of California Berkeley for his bachelor's degree in political science and the University of Southern California for his master's in public administration.

Nishio's community involvement included serving: as chair of the defunct Long Beach Pacifica JACL Chapter (he was a member of the South Bay JACL Chapter at the time of his death); as chair of the Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization (founded in 1973 to fight eviction and displacement of low-income and Issei residents of Little Tokyo); as a founding member and co-chair of NCCR (when it originally stood for National Coalition for Redress and Reparations); on the board of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center; as a member of the California Japanese American Community Leadership Council; and as an adviser for youth development organization Kizuna.

Nishio was also a founding staff member and director on the UCLA Asian American Studies Center and the associate vp for student services at California State University, Long Beach, where he taught in the Department of Asian and Asian American Studies.

One of the founders and first staff members of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center and assistant director of the Center for Social Action at USC, Nishio was engaged for many years as a mentor to younger community leaders, teaching seminars in Asian American studies and advising the Asian American Student Association at CSU Long Beach, where he served as an administrator from 1972, retiring as associate vp of student services in 2006.

Nishio is survived by his wife, Yvonne Wong Nishio, and daughters Angela Nishio and Mia Lockwood, son-in-law Gregory Lockwood; and grandchildren Evan, Alex, Sara, Ty, Kira and Emi.

A Celebration of Life for Alan Nishio is slated for Feb. 10 from 2-4 p.m. at the Terasaki Budokan, 249 S. Los Angeles St. in Little Tokyo. Reservations, which are required for those who wish to attend in person, can be made by visiting [tinyurl.com/yn24yr6c](http://tinyurl.com/yn24yr6c).

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