

# In MEMORIAM

**Aoki, Gene, 78**, Torrance, CA, June 1.

**Arakaki, Maria, 100**, Aiea, HI, March 21.

**Arita, Harold Yoshiaki, 95**, Kaneohe, HI, Feb. 19.

**Kobayashi, Thomas Eugene, 78**, Henderson, NV, March 12.

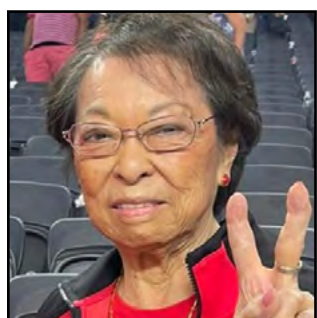


**Takeda, Kenneth, 94**, Lodi, CA, April 9.

**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.

**Nakamura, Tad, 83**, Fresno, CA, March 17.

**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 Dawn.



**Okuda, Mary Kazuko, 90**, Henderson, NV, May 28.



**Tonai, Thomas Takao, 86**, Las Vegas, NV, April 30.

**Wakamatsu, Sachiko, 80**, Aloha, OR, Feb. 13.

**Yamamoto, Akiko Kosaka, 89**, Honolulu, HI, Feb. 10.

TRIBUTE

## FUSAE TANAKA



**Aug. 10, 1922-June 22, 2024**

Fusae Tanaka passed away in San Jose at the age of 101 years and 10 months. Fusae was born in Orwood, Calif., near Brentwood. A longtime resident of Stockton, Calif., where she attended the First Presbyterian Church since her baptism on Oct. 22, 1961. She also served as a registered nurse at the St. Joseph's Hospital since receiving her degree at Wisconsin State.

At the age of 20, Fusae and her family were relocated to the Rohwer, Ark., Internment Camp in May of 1942 until their release in August of 1943.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Hiroyuki Tanaka, who passed away in July 1988 after practicing dentistry in Stockton over 40 years. She is survived by her two sons, James Russell Tanaka of San Jose and Gary Tanaka of Pebble Beach, Calif.

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## Patti Yasutake of 'Beef,' 'Star Trek' Dies

By P.C. Staff



The family of Patti Yasutake has confirmed that the thespian died Aug. 5 after a battle with cancer. She was 70.

Over her decades-long career, Yasutake appeared on stage and the big and small screens, with the award-winning Netflix series "Beef" her most-recent high-profile acting role. She also appeared in commercials and several episodes of the syndicated TV series "Star Trek: The Next Generation" as Nurse Alyssa Ogawa, reprising the role in movie iterations of the franchise.

Yasutake also co-starred in Ron Howard's 1986 culture-clash comedy "Gung Ho," playing the wife of a Japanese automotive executive (played by Gedde Watanabe) charged with reviving a shuttered American automobile plant. Yasutake reprised the role for the property's short-lived TV incarnation.

In the indie film world, Yasutake also co-starred with Mako, Nobu McCarthy and Sab Shimono in 1988's "The Wash," for which she was nominated for an Independent Spirit Award in the supporting actress category. (That movie can be viewed on YouTube at [tinyurl.com/mryrz34t](https://tinyurl.com/mryrz34t).)

The native Los Angeleno graduated with honors from UCLA with a degree in theater arts, after which she started her professional career with East West Players, on staff and onstage. Playwright Velina Hasu Houston recalled that Yasutake was "the original Himiko in my play 'Tea' in New York City in 1987." Yasutake also served as an assistant director for the play and as director for a second cast at the Odyssey Theatre Ensemble.

"Patti was a powerful and talented actress," Houston said. "The world of arts and entertainment has lost a skilled artist. I am thankful for the

Patti Yasutake

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rich contributions she made to the arts and also for having known her."

Regarding her late-career role as Fumi Nakai in "Beef," Yasutake, in an interview with Netflix's *Tudum* magazine, was quoted: "I was just elated, this many decades into my career, that a role like this would come along." Regarding the dearth of mainstream acting opportunities she faced after graduating from UCLA, she also told the magazine, "There [were] really no opportunities to have a career as an Asian American actress; I didn't do martial arts, I didn't speak a second language. Especially back then, that's all they saw you as."

Yasutake was predeceased by her parents, Michael and Jean Yasutake; and her sister, Irene Hirano, founding president and CEO of the Japanese American National Museum and founder and past president of the U.S.-Japan Council. She is survived by her siblings, Linda Hayashi and Steven Yasutake, and other relatives, friends and colleagues.

A memorial for Yasutake will be held at a yet-to-be determined date and time at East West Players. In lieu of flowers, the family instead requests that a contribution be made to the theater company.

## News Brief

### 'Shōgun' Headed to Primetime Emmy Showdown With 25 Nominations

Sept. 15 will be a big night for TV's "Shōgun": When the lineup for the 76th Annual Primetime Emmys were announced, the show — originally released on cable network FX and streaming service Hulu as a limited series but changed to a drama series when two more seasons were greenlighted following positive critical acclaim and commercial success — received the most nominations of any entry with 25.

"Shōgun's" potential haul among the major categories: Outstanding Drama Series, Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series for Anna Sawai and Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series for Hiroyuki Sanada. Actors Tadanobu Asano, who played Kashigi Yabushige, and Takehiro Hira, as Ishido Kazunari, received noms in the category Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series.

Among other Primetime Emmy nominations worthy of notice, Maya Erskine is up for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series for Prime Video's "Mr. and Mrs. Smith"; Greta Lee received a nom in the category Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series for "The Morning Show" (Apple TV+); and Bowen Yang received an Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series nom for NBC's "Saturday Night Live." The Primetime Emmy Awards will be broadcast on ABC.

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