

In MEMORIAM

(Note: Boldfaced names in the PDF version of this are active hyperlinks.)

Ando, Helen Hanako, 91, Gardena, CA, Jan 30.



Ando, Tomiko Ito, 95, Westminster, CA, Feb. 4.

Doi, May Fuyuko, 93, Naalehu, HI, Aug. 17.



Hoshiko, Kenneth Sadao, 87, Los Altos, CA, June 12.

Ikeda, Jeanne, 64, Thousand Oaks, CA, July 20.

Lew, James, 73, Santa Monica, CA, Aug. 23.

Masunaga, Janet Sachiko, 70, Chula Vista, CA, Sept 9.



Nomura, Emiko Yamada, 91, Bremen, AL, May 23.



Ochi, Shigeru, 102, Granite Bay, CA, July 21.

Otsuji, Michael Shigeru, 71, San Diego, CA, May 21.

Saiki, Alvin, 86, Pearl City, HI, March 18.

Saito, Amy Ikeda, 97, Hilo, HI, July 22.



Saito, Clara Yoshie, 94, Los Angeles, CA, June 27.

Sakoda, Lester Masamitsu, 72, West Hills, CA, Dec. 26, 2025.

Sasagawa, Yuta, 27, Torrance, CA, Aug. 24.

Tomikawa, Koji Barber, 84, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 14.

News Briefs

President Nominates Acting Navy Secretary Hung Cao to Permanent Role

Months after John Phelan announced his resignation as Navy secretary, President Donald Trump announced via social media that he has nominated acting Navy secretary Hung Cao to take on the role in a permanent capacity. Cao spent 25 years in the Navy before retiring in October 2021. He served with SEAL teams and special forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. A federal law, however, requires that a nominee for a military secretary role must have been retired for a minimum of seven years, meaning he would be ineligible without a congressional waiver.

LAPD Arrests Man in Slashing/Stabbing Attack at Little Tokyo Pizzeria

Two unidentified customers of Prime Pizza, located at 141 S. Central Ave. in Little Tokyo, were taken to the hospital on Sept. 7 after being attacked by a knife-wielding man while dining in the restaurant's outdoor patio area. The Los Angeles Police Department arrested the man on the premises and has asked the public to come forward with any additional information on the incident.

Prosecutors Begin Long-Gestating Racketeering Trial Against Huawei

The *Associated Press* reported that the racketeering conspiracy trial of Huawei Technologies began in Brooklyn on Sept. 9. Federal prosecutors have accused the Chinese company of stealing technology from companies including Cisco Systems and Motorola Solutions, abusing the U.S. financial system and helping Iran snoop on its citizens. The trial could last four months. Because of concerns that the world's biggest supplier of gear for wireless telecom networks is a security risk, Huawei was banned from selling its equipment to U.S. carriers and has also been blacklisted by Canada and Britain. Huawei's lawyers say the charges are a misguided effort to target Chinese people and businesses.

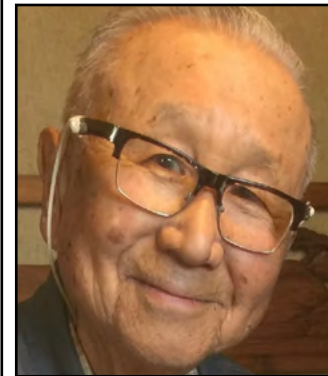
— P.C. Staff

Yamada, Robert, 77, South Pasadena, CA, Aug. 8.
Yamagami, Shirlee, 72, Glendale, CA, Aug. 14.

Harold H. Yamagata, 104, Chula Vista, CA, Sept 9. He was predeceased by his wife, Pansy S. (Yasui) Yamagata, 96, on Oct. 4, 2020. ■

TRIBUTE

WARREN UCHIMOTO



Warren Uchimoto, a longtime resident of Saratoga, Calif., passed away peacefully in early August 2026 at the age of 103. Born in August 1923 in Suisun Valley near Fairfield, Calif., Warren was the son of Zennosuke and Kane Uchimoto, immigrants from Japan. He attended Fairfield Grammar School and Armijo High School before enrolling at the University of California, Berkeley, as a freshman engineering student.

His college years were abruptly disrupted by World War II. Following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the lives of Warren and his family were profoundly affected. In April 1942, under orders from the newly established War Relocation Authority (WRA), Warren and his family were sent first to a temporary assembly center in Turlock, Calif., and then to the internment camp in Gila River, Ariz.

Later that year, opportunities arose for Japanese American college students to resume their education outside the camps. The National Japanese American Student Relocation Council (NJASRC), organized by prominent American educators, leaders of two major religious organizations, and other fair-minded citizens, worked to place students in colleges throughout the Midwest and East Coast.

Warren had considered himself a Methodist since his early Sunday school days. Through his family's friendship with a former American Methodist missionary to Japan and a prominent Presbyterian leader, the NJASRC helped arrange a scholarship for Warren to attend Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa. The Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. provided Warren with a tuition scholarship, while Swarthmore College provided his room and board. In January 1943, Warren received permission from the War Relocation Authority to leave the internment camp in Arizona and attend Swarthmore College.

Warren graduated in June 1945 with a Bachelor of Science in engineering degree in mechanical engineering. Following graduation, Warren served for a year and a half in the U.S. Army, primarily in postwar Germany. He later attended the University of Michigan Graduate School of Engineering, where he earned two Master of Science in Engineering degrees: one in engineering mechanics (1951) and the other in control systems engineering (1956).

Warren spent 30 years with the Missile Systems Division of Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. in Sunnyvale, Calif. His work included stability and controllability analyses and flight simulations for fleet ballistic missiles, as well as projects involving the dynamics and control of airborne and submersible vehicles. He retired from Lockheed in 1988 as a senior staff engineer.

In retirement, Warren devoted some of his time to property management and stayed active in his community. He was a regular attendee at lunches and social gatherings at the West Valley JACL Senior Center in West San Jose and frequently joined day trips to museums and other places of interest throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Family was central to Warren's life. With his sister Laura and several nieces and their families living in the Bay Area, he spent most major holidays surrounded by relatives. In his later years, advancing age, the onset of COVID-19, and his decision to stop driving gradually brought an end to many of these activities.

Warren was predeceased by his older brother, Dan; his sister-in-law, Elsie Uchimoto; his younger sister, Amy Naito; his brother-in-law, Albert Naito; and his former brother-in-law, James Nakanishi. He is survived by his youngest sister; six nieces; two nephews; and their respective families. He is also survived by his four beloved cats, two of whom were adopted as strays.

Throughout his life, Warren remained deeply grateful to Swarthmore College and the Presbyterian Church, whose support during World War II made it possible for him to leave the internment camp in Arizona and continue his education. In recognition of their generosity and the opportunities they had provided, Warren established a charitable remainder annuity trust in 2012, naming Swarthmore College and the Presbyterian Church as beneficiaries.

In lieu of koden, the family requests that donations be made to your favorite charity in memory of Warren Uchimoto.

A memorial service will be announced by the family at a later date.

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