

IN MEMORIAM



Akiyama, Miyo, 100, Spokane, WA, Jan. 2; she was predeceased by her husband, Masuo; she is survived by her children, Paul (Linda) and Laura (Steve) Yoshihara; sister, Margaret Ueda; gc: 6; ggc: 9.

Arakawa, Aileen Chiyo, 73, Los Angeles, Jan. 13; she is survived by her daughter, Karin (Roy) Yamamoto; siblings Gary (Marie) Nishikawa; Larry (Shirley) Nishikawa; and Gail (Richard) Isono; many cousins, nieces and nephews; gc: 1.



Doi, Emiko, 93, San Francisco, CA, Dec. 23; she is survived by her sister, Mary Ota; sons, Keiji Doi and Michio Doi.

Fukuda, Frances, 81, Irvine, CA, Dec. 21; she is survived by her sons, William (Lynn), Robert and John; brother, William Yang; gc: 3.

Fujihara, Virginia (Ginny) Lassins, 61, San Jose, CA, Jan. 15; she is survived by her husband, Alan; sons, Andrew and Jeffrey; siblings, Robert and Christina (Pete) Rothenbach; sister-in-law, Karen (Edward) Toguchi; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Goto, Mina, 84, South Pasadena, CA, Jan. 19; she is survived by her husband, Yoshio; son, Robert (Susan); sister, Margaret Kumagai; many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2.

Hanami, Aiko D., 92, Montebello, CA, Dec. 14; she is survived by her children, Andrew, David and Lisa Hanami; sisters, Mitsue and Shiyuko; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 1; ggc: 2.

Hayashida, Taeko 'Jane,' 86, Orange, CA, Dec. 17; she is survived by her husband, Neal; sons, Nelson (Janet), John and Glenn; brothers-in-law, Carroll (Yoko), Harold, Raymond (Deanna) and Franklin (Marian); sisters-in-law, Fujiko Hayashida, Lavina Tubbs, Elaine (T.C.) Chung; gc: 2.

Higa, Lillian Miyono, 92, Los Angeles, Dec. 27; she is survived by her daughter, Gail (Jimmy Kita) Higa; in addition to many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Hirata, Fumiko, 96, Cerritos, CA; Dec. 29; she was predeceased by her husband, Yuichi Hirata; she is survived by her children, Ken Hirata, Phyllis Yamaguchi and Carol (Greg) Suzuki; sisters, Margie Hirashima and Yaye Matsumoto; gc: 8; ggc: 11.

Ikeda, Owen, 92, Monterey Park, CA, Dec. 12; during WWII, he served in the 442nd/100th Battalion; he was predeceased by his wife, Umeko Nancy Ikeda; he is survived by his children, Suzee, Wendy and Ronald (Irene) Ikeda; gc: 2.

Ikeda, Michito 'Stanley,' 103, Los Angeles, Dec. 23, 2016; he is survived by his children, Irene (Ken) Hirose, Robert (Lillian) and Andy (Savita); gc: 2; and ggc: 1.

Ito, Helen, 96, Arvada, CO; Dec. 26; she is survived by her sons, Floyd (Jan) and Leonard (Millie); gc: 4; ggc: 4.

Izumi, Roy, 93, Los Angeles, Dec. 24; he is survived by his brothers, George and Nobuo Izumi; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Kira Jr., Thomas Noboru, 69, Canyon Country, CA, Dec. 13; he is survived by his wife, Lynda; four sons and four daughters-in-law; gc: 15.

Komae, Ryo, 98, Los Angeles, Dec. 19; he was predeceased

by his son, Stan Komae; he is survived by his wife, Jean Komae; sons, Glenn (Stephanie) and Kent (Jody) Komae; sister, Kimi Nakamura; sisters-in-law, Mary and Masa Fukui; gc: 9; ggc: 9.

Kunichika, Nancy, 84, Las Vegas, NV, Dec. 15; she is survived by her husband, Paul; siblings, Clifford, Paul (Mabel) and Glorian (Johnson) Kunioka; children, Keith (Carolyn), Bruce (Natalie), Craig and Cheryl (Guy) Diederich; gc: 8; ggc: 1.

Morita, Asayo Sue, 95, Palo Alto, CA, Jan. 17; she is survived by her sister, Chiyoko Morita; and sister-in-law, Alyce Morita.

Muramoto, Mary, 90, Chicago, Jan. 21; she was predeceased by her husband, George; she is survived by her children, Patricia (Roger), Susan (Jay) Kawakami and Kathleen (Pete) Torres; gc: 1.

Murata, William, 92, Los Angeles, Dec. 25; he is survived by his children, Shawn (David) Tiemeier and Rodney Murata; siblings, Itsuko Yamasaki, Sachi (Tom) Murata and Sada Honda; gc: 6; ggc: 6.

Nakahara, Sachiko, 90, Irvine, CA, Dec. 11; she was predeceased by her husband, George Junji Nakahara; she is survived by her children, Arthur (Jaine), James (Linda), Janet Travis, Linda (Roger) Yukihiro Nakahara, Debbie Labrador and Carol (Mark Towfiq) Nakahara; gc: 10; ggc: 3.

Nakamura, Betty Toshiko, 95, Los Angeles, Dec. 1; she is survived by her daughter, Patricia Hughes; gc: 1; ggc: 2.

Nakatsu, George, 93, Gardena, CA, Dec. 27, and Nakatsu, Mary, 92, Gardena, CA, Jan. 3; the couple is survived by their children, Lynn (Mike) Ito, Wayne (Karen) and Gaye (Bob) Tsudama; gc: 6; ggc: 1.

Norimoto, Janice, 60, Menlo Park, CA, Dec. 19; she was predeceased by her parents, Masanobu and Ruth Norimoto; she is survived by her brother, Brian (Laura); nephew, Nathan Norimoto; niece, Anna Norimoto.

Noda, Aiko, 91, Arleta, CA, Dec. 13; she is survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Ochi, Hisako, 93, San Jose, CA, Dec. 8; she was predeceased by her husband, Tom Hitomu Ochi; she is survived by her children, Susan (Christopher) and Mike; sister, Yuriko Nakase (Hiroshi); gc: 1.

Oda, Harunori 'Harry,' 91, Newport Coast, CA, Dec. 14; he was predeceased by his wife, Mitsy; he is survived by his children, Ken (Judy) and Amy Uyemura (Gary); gc: 3.



Ogata, Yukiye 'Yuki,' 93, Orange, CA, Jan. 11; she was predeceased by her husband, John; she is survived by her son, Tim (Laura); gc: 2.



Ohtake, Takeshi 'Taku,' 90, Lakewood, CO, Jan. 15; he is survived by his wife, Kumiko;

children, Tomoko, Atsuko and Tadahiro; gc: 5.

Oka, Nobuko, 97, Spokane, WA, Dec. 31; she was predeceased by her husband, Keith; she is survived by her children, Gareth, Gwain (Darcy) and Lynn (Tom) Dwyer; brother, Masao; gc: 8; several ggc and gggc.

Okai, Miyoko 'Millie,' 98, Los Angeles, CA; she was predeceased by her husband, Henry Okai; son, Terrance Okai; she is survived by her daughters, Carole (Harvey) Omata and Donna (Ken) Inouye; sister, Betty Masuda; gc: 2; ggc: 4.

Okamoto, Kazue, 93, Torrance, CA, Jan. 13; she is survived by her children, Joyce (Harvey) Yoshino, Joanne (Wilfred) Nakata and Jim (Lorna Akemi); siblings, William (Asayo) Takigawa and Susan (Frank) Morimoto; sister-in-law, Kachan Maruyama; many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 6; ggc: 3.

Peterson, Miekko Marilyn, 77, San Jose, CA, Jan. 12; as a child, she and her family were incarcerated during WWII at the War Relocation Authority facility at Heart Mountain, WY; she is survived by her sons, James (Tammy) and Robert; her sisters, Janice, Charlene and Karen Yoritsune; many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2.

Shingu, Mary, 93, La Palma, CA, Dec. 26; she was predeceased by her husband, Tadashi Fred Shingu; son, Alvin Shingu; she is survived by her children, Glenn and Vickie (David) Tanabe; sisters, Yoshiko Tanaka and Shizuko (Jun) Taira; gc: 2.

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MARY MITSUKO ENDO TONAI

On Jan. 15, 2017, Mary Mitsuko Endo Tonai, great wife, mother, sister, auntie, cousin and friend, left us after her valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. We were fortunate to have had her with us for so long. Now, she can walk and run among flowers and sunshine, again.

Mary was born on Feb. 6, 1932, to Tozo and Ei Endo on a farm in Monterey County, Calif. Her childhood years were spent in Salinas, Calif., and during World War II at Salinas Assembly Center and later at Poston II Relocation Center in Arizona. Upon their release, they moved to Long Beach, Calif., where Mary graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School. After her family moved to their home in Silver Lake, Mary worked as a seamstress at William Cahill of Beverly Hills.

She met Minoru "Min" Tonai at a Valentine's Day dance in 1950. They were married on Sept. 8, 1956, and recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mary unselfishly offered her full support and care to her family and was quietly very proud of each of their many accomplishments. She also enjoyed volunteering for numerous organizations, including the Japanese American National Museum, where she made wonderful friends and received the museum's Outstanding Volunteer Administration Award.

She is now with her beloved departed parents, siblings — Jerry, Bill, Jim and Nancy Miya, as well as other relatives and friends. Besides her husband and children, Susan, John and Teresa, she leaves behind her sisters — Yae Nagai and Elinor Sakado; brothers — Tak, Its and George; her in-laws; many nephews and nieces; cousins; friends and their families.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Mary's family and close friends at the Japanese American National Museum on Feb. 25 at 10:30 a.m. Colorful attire is encouraged.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift in memory of Mary Tonai to the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation or the Japanese American National Museum.

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