

IN MEMORIAM

Fukuchi, Tak, 85, Kensington, CA, March 10; he is survived by his wife, Ruth; children, Matthew (Joyceline) and Catherine (John) Wong-Fukuchi; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 3.



Inami, Frank Kaoru, 95, Livermore, CA, March 14; his pursuit of a degree in electrical engineering at UC Berkeley was interrupted when he and his family were forcibly removed from their California home and incarcerated at the WRA Center in Jerome, AR, where he went on to volunteer to serve in the Army's Military Intelligence Service; he was predeceased by his wife, Setsuko Matsubara; he is survived by his daughter, Cindy Inami; siblings, Joe Inami, Thomas Inami and May Takata.



Miyabe Marian, 92, Los Angeles, Feb. 17; she is survived by her husband, the Rev. Dr. John M. Miyabe; children, John D. (Rieko), James (Suzanne) and Ruth (Mark) Rubke; gc: 5; ggc: 8.



Miyatake, Eunice Nobuko 82, South Pasadena, CA, Jan. 17; she is survived by her husband, Robert Hironobu Miyatake; children, Kurt (Anna), Lynne (John) Burkey and Mari Miyatake; siblings, Sumako Nishinaka and Roy (Joann); he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 3.



Mizuki, John, 94, Cerritos, CA, Feb. 18; he is survived by his wife, Miyoko; children, Paul (Rie), Steve (Naomi), Ruy (Susan) and Priscila (John) Stahl; gc: 7.

Nagai, Takako, 89, Westminster, CO, Feb. 25; she was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Willie Nagai.

Nakadate, Glenn, 91, Boulder City, NV, Feb. 18; during WWII, he and his family were incarcerated at the WRA Center in Poston, AZ; he was predeceased by his wife, Yoko "Bettie" Kawakami; he is survived by his children, Gregory and Janine (Shannon Eggers), Dean; sister, Stella (Hisashi Matsuda); and life companion, Katrinka Rogers; gc: 3.

Nakashima, Teruyo, 92, Westminster, CA, Feb. 4; she is survived by her husband, Yoshio; children, Emiko (Richard), Minoru (Rosie), Mitsuko (Robert) and Sachiko (David); two sisters; and many other relatives in the U.S. and Japan; gc: 2.

Nishimura, Toshiko, 75, Los Angeles, CA; she is survived by her husband, Kiyoshi Nishimura; children, Ted Kiyotoshi (Eva), Stan Toshikazu (Briceida) and Kathy Miwa (Abe) Nishimura; siblings, Takeshi, Herb Masaki, Sam Kuniso, Mako Makoto Omoto, Katsuko Kitadani and Toyoko Murakami; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 1.

Nomura, Teruko Mary, 91, Culver City, CA, Feb. 3; she was predeceased by her husband, George Isamu Nomura; she is survived by her children, Norio (Kyoko) Nomura and Janet Mariko (Ross) Yasuda; brother, Shoso Yamada; and other relatives in Hawaii and Japan; gc: 3.

Nonoguchi, Hajime, 91, Los Angeles, Feb. 8; he was predeceased by his wife, Yuki; he is survived by his children, Leslye Nonoguchi (John) Booras, Stacy Nonoguchi and Kevin (Siu Long); he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 4.

Ogawa, Harusue, 106, San Francisco, Feb. 14; he is survived by his sons, Tats (Susan Kaoru) and George (Susan Sumiko); gc: 4.

Ogawa, James Makoto, 93, Gardena, CA, March 3; he was a veteran of the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team; he is survived by his wife, Yuri; daughters, Debbie Ogawa, Jan (Rick) Fukunaga, Stephanie (Rick) Nakayama, Sharie (Harry) Tom, and Stacie (David) Inana; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 6.

Oshiyama, Takao Thomas, 65, Arcadia, CA, Feb. 5; he is survived by his wife, Jeanne Kiyoko Oshiyama; children, Kyle Tadashi (Marcia) Oshiyama, Kyra Hiromi (Tony) Sacco; sister, Fran (Ken) Kwock; gc: 4.

Sawaya, David J., 77, Palm Springs, CA, Feb. 9; he is survived by his sister, Diana; 9 nieces and nephews; and his companion, Joanne Tyler.

Shimabukuro, Shigeichi, 97, Los Angeles, Feb. 23; he was predeceased by his wife, Fumie; he is survived by his children, Keith and Marilyn (Gilbert Leong) Shimabukuro; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 1.

Sugihara, Patricia, 91, Costa Mesa, CA, Feb. 2; she is survived by her daughter, Kim (Michael) Talor; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Tamura, Ralph Katsumi, 79, Cerritos, CA, Feb. 3; he is survived by his children, Tracy (Richard) Tamaki and Darrin (Jaime); siblings, Ritsuo Tamura and Meiko Kinoshita; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 5.

Tanihara, May, 81, Vallejo, CA, Feb. 3; during WWII, she and her family were incarcerated at the WRA Center in Tule Lake, CA; she was predeceased by her husband, Ray; she is survived by her daughters, Lisa Tanihara (Doug Scott) and Dianne Tanihara; siblings, Alice Inouye, Harriet Matsumoto, Fred Nishizaki, Ted Nishizaki, Eddie Nishizaki and Robert Nishizaki; gc: 1.

Tatsumi, Yoshiko, 90, Long Beach, CA, Feb. 20; she is survived by her sons, Howard and David (Beverly Kawamoto) Tatsumi; siblings, Genji Kishi and Miyako Okumura; she is also survived by many relatives.

Urasaki, Yuriko Lillie, 91, Fullerton, CA, Feb. 8; she was predeceased by her husband, Masayoshi "Rusty" Urasaki; she is survived by her children, Sandra Ewing and Stan Urasaki; gc: 5.

Watanabe, Tadashi, 89, Torrance, CA, March 2; he is survived by his wife, Hinaye; children, Aileen (Steve) Worrell, Susan and Alan (Cathy) Watanabe; he is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 1.

Yagi, Jean Yoneko, 86, Torrance, CA, Feb. 14; she was predeceased by her husband, Paul; she is survived by her daughters, Shirleen (Masami) Funai, Pauleen, Arlene Yagi, Marilyn Matayoshi, Dianne

(Danny) Umemoto, Joanne (Brian) Mitsui; gc: 8; ggc: 3.

Yokoyama, Frank Masaaki, 93, Los Angeles, Feb. 7; he is survived by his wife, Kazuko; sons, Dan (Linda) and Paul (Tasha); siblings, Robert, Michinori, Yoshiko and Michie; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 1.

Yoshimi, Chie, 84, Monterey Park, CA, Feb. 14; she is survived by her daughters, Jill Rumiko Yoshimi, Michelle Tomoko (Kristopher Motschenbacher) Yoshimi-Motschenbacher and Sharleen Miwako (James) McLaughlin; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 4.

TRIBUTE

FRANK IWAMA



Frank Akira Iwama, a pioneering Asian American lawyer who successfully represented the Japanese American Citizens League in the effort to obtain redress from the United States government for wrongful detention of Japanese Americans in internment camps during World War II, died on Sept. 23 in San Mateo, Calif. He was 75.

Frank was born on April 2, 1941, in Suisun Valley, Calif., the son of Japanese immigrants who owned the Iwama Market in Fairfield. Incarcerated with his family during World War II at the Gila River War

Relocation Center, an internment camp for Japanese Americans, Frank spent his early life surrounded by armed guards. This inspired him to become a lawyer and dedicate his career to social justice.

After receiving a B.A. in business administration with great distinction from San Jose State University, Frank went on to receive his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Santa Clara School of Law, where he was managing editor of the Santa Clara Law Review. He began his career as a state deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice in Sacramento, where he acted as legal counsel to several state governmental agencies in criminal, civil, and administrative law matters. He entered private practice in 1977 and worked as a business and legal adviser to facilitate business relations between Japan and the State of California. He also served as an adviser on California trade issues for the Consul General of Japan in San Francisco and represented international Japanese clients including NEC and Daiwa Corp.

Frank was dedicated to championing greater diversity in the legal profession and encouraging minorities to pursue a career in law. He was the first Asian American elected to the California State Bar board of governors. As a co-founder of the California State Bar Foundation, dedicated to building a better justice system for all Californians, he served as vp and a board director. He also co-founded the Asian Bar Association of Sacramento and served as president. He received numerous awards for his commitment to civil rights and community affairs and served as vp and legal counsel of the Japanese American Citizens League and a board member for the board of visitors of the Santa Clara University School of Law. He volunteered substantial pro bono legal services to nonprofit charitable organizations during his extensive legal career and served as board director for the Legal Aid Society of Northern California.

Frank's death from heart failure followed four years of illness. He is survived by his wife, Mitsuko Iwama; son, Kenneth; daughter, Mia; and stepdaughters, Shirley and Georgia Archer.

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