

IN MEMORIAM

Aoki, Mitsuko 'Mitsy,' 94, Woodland, CA, April 14; during WWII, she and her husband, Yorio, were incarcerated at the Granada WRA Center in Colo. (Camp Amache); she was predeceased by her husband; she is survived by her sons, Leonard (Sandy), Ken (Jody) and Darrell (Heidi); siblings, Yosh Uyeoka and Jean Akiyama; gc: 7; ggc: 6.

Arii, Masayo, 90, Sunnyvale, CA, April 13; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Gila River WRA Center in AZ; she was predeceased by her husband, Mamoru; daughter, Mary Arii Mah; and son-in-law, Melvin Mah; she is survived by her son, Rodney Arii; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews; gc: 2.

Awakuni, Ellen Tsuruko, 85, Las Vegas, NV, April 3; she was predeceased by her siblings, Masao, Mitsuo, Nobuo and Sadako Kutaka; she is survived by her brother, Shokichi Awakuni; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Cline, Stacy Misako, 49, Bellflower, CA, April 7; she is survived by her husband, Robert; step-children, Rachel Cline and Robert Cline; parents, Susan and Ronald Sasaki; brothers, Eric (Amy) and Mark (Julia); grandmother, Misako Sasaki; niece, Nicole Sasaki; she is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and relatives.

Endow, Grace Haruyo, 94, Gardena, CA, April 17; she is survived by her niece, Irene Shibata; cousins, Aiko (Wilson) Ogata and Junior (Ruby) Endo.

Ichiriu, Patricia R., 65, Monterey Park, CA, April 10; she is survived by her husband, Alan; children, Laine and Dean; and siblings, Sharon, Charlotte and Alan (Lillian) Kaneshiro.

Gojobori, Kay Kasuo, 91, Los Angeles, April 8; he is survived by his wife, Kay Akemi; children, Dean and Lyn (Sil Alejandro) Gojobori; sister, Yemiko Mae (Leo) Yamanaka; sisters-in-law, Naomi Cervantes and Janice Itsuno;

she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Imanishi, Masao 'Ray,' 94, North Hollywood, CA, April 17; he was predeceased by his wife, Kiyoko; he is survived by his children, Stan and Naomi Imanishi; he is also survived by other relatives in Japan.

Kaneko, Lonny Minoru, 77, Vashon, WA, March 30; during WWII, he and his family were incarcerated at the Minidoka WRA Center in Idaho; he is survived by his children, Shayna Burgess and Todd Kaneko; sister, Jo Ann Kaneko; 2 nephews; gc: 3.

Kashiwagi, Ruby Hideko, 87, Torrance, CA, March 31; she was predeceased by her husband, Masaji; brothers, Hirokazu "Jack" and Keiji; she is survived by her children, Joyce (Pierre Kruh) Kashiwagi and Eugene; brother, Yoshihiro (Junko) Urushibata; sister-in-law, Frances Yamaura; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews; gc: 1.

Kawase, Fujiye, 99, Monterey Park, CA, March 23; she was predeceased by her husband, Hideo; she is survived by her nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Kinoshita, Yasumi, 90, Kent, WA, March 25; she is survived by her husband, Goro, children, Alva (Dennis) Nishimura, Ford (Renee) Kinoshita, Lori (Mark) Onoda and Dean Kinoshita; she is also survived by other relatives; gc: 9; ggc: 5.

Masushige, George, 96, Los Angeles, April 19; during WWII, he served in the Army in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; he is survived by his wife, Natsuko; children, Terry (Shirley), Mark, Kevin (Elizabeth) and Judy Masushige; sister, Mary Nakaji; sisters-in-law, Chiyoko Yagi and Hideko Matsumoto; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 8; ggc: 13.

Miyake, Mitsue, 79, Gardena,

CA, April 7; she is survived by her sons, Shayne (Margaret) and Robert (Aki); daughter-in-law, Junko Ikeda; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives in Japan; gc: 4; ggc: 1.

Nakahiro, George, 'Yas,' 96, Altadena, CA, April 12; he was predeceased by his wife, June "Ats" Nakahiro and brother, Maxi Nakahiro; he is survived by his daughters, Debbie (Samuel) Alexander and Edy (Randy) Hollenberg; siblings, Sumi Maruyama and Terry (Anne) Nakahiro; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Nakajima-Gustke, Kazumi, 57, Beaverton, OR, April 20; she is survived by her husband, Tim; children, Shaun (Eri), Kyle and Mei; parents, Naokazu and Aiko; sisters, Chiaki and Yoko; 2 nephews and 1 niece; gc: 1.

Nishinaka, Sumako, 92, San Pedro, CA, April 11; she is survived by her children, Jennie Duggan and Dave Nishinaka.

Okita, George, 95, Mililani, HI, March 29; he is survived by his wife, Fujiko; sons, Ron and Glenn (Li Nah); sister, Jane Bailey; gc: 2.

Ono, Chiyeko 'Chuck,' 91, Los Gatos, CA, April 20; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Tule Lake WRA Center in Calif. and the Topaz WRA Center in Utah; she was predeceased by her sister, Mary; she is survived by her sister, Hanae Ono; she is also survived by other family and friends.

Oshita, Robert Chikara, 67, Torrance, CA, April 1; he is survived by his mother, Hanako Oshita; 1 niece, 1 nephew; he is also survived by many other relatives.

Sasahara, Patricia (Patti), 74, Torrance, CA, March 26; she is survived by her husband, Daniel; children, Sean (Carla) and Shelley (Damon) Aldrich; brothers, Curtis (JoAnn) Kamada and Kent (Janice) Kamada; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews; gc: 4.

Shingu, Nami, 99, Pasadena, CA, March 21; she was predeceased by her husband, Lloyd; she is survived by her children, Marian Shingu (Frank) Sata, Mae (Robert) Uchida, Douglas (Judy) Kosobayashi and Rod Shingu; she is also survived by many other relatives; gc: 6; ggc: 9.

Shiosaki, Floyd Shoji, 89, Vashon, WA, March 19; he is survived by his wife, Pauline; children, Vicki Yamamoto, Neil (Lonnie) and Gregg (Sarah); brother, Fred; gc: 6.

Sugitani, Tokiko, 89, Los Angeles, March 26; she is survived by her daughters, Michiko (Tim) Nagao, Junko (Jack) Sakaji and Hiroko (Noel) Fish; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 5; ggc: 2.

Tambara, Toshi, 89, Sacramento, CA, March 28; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Tule Lake WRA Center in Calif. and the Minidoka WRA Center in Idaho; she was predeceased by her husband, George; she is survived by her sons, Wade and Thomas; sisters, Amy Kinoshita (Chuck) and Irene Yamasaki (Ray); and sisters-in-law, Janice and Reiko.

Tamehiro, Nancy H., 67, Gardena, April 13; she is survived by her brother, Bob (Janice) Tamehiro; nieces and other relatives.

Tani, Kohji, 70, North Hollywood, CA, April 22; he is survived by his wife, Amy; children, Jason (Akiko), Jeff (Kari), Jennifer and Julia Tani; sisters, Judy (Irwin) Wong and June Tani; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 3.

Umekubo, Jean Mieko, 83, Los Angeles, April 11; she is survived by her husband, Tsutomu "Tootie"; daughters, Cari (Charles) Casillas and Cathi (Brien) Nagafuchi; sister, Celia Masuo; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2; ggc: 1.

Yoshimura, Kyoko, 91, Los Angeles, March 26; she is survived by her children, Glenn and Colleen (Matthew Murray) Yoshimura; sisters, Yoshiko Koga and Michiko Baltazar; and many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Yoshimura, Michi, 88, Torrance, CA, April 6; he is survived by his daughter, Ginger (Ryan) Shiroma; sister, Kikuye Imamura; he is also survived by nieces and nephews; gc: 2.

Yoshino, Nobuo, 77, Baldwin Park, CA, March 31; he is survived by his wife, Fumiko; children, Yuka, Takeshi (Kimberly) and Tadashi; sisters, Junko Yoshino, Hiromi Takayoshi and Nobuko Yoshino; gc: 1.

TRIBUTE

CARL KIYOSHI SOMEKAWA



Carl Kiyoshi Somekawa, 95, died of natural causes on April 11, 2017, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Carl grew up in an active family of eight in Portland, Ore. He was an avid sports fan and was known as a gifted athlete with a special love of baseball.

When World War II erupted, Carl was a student at Oregon State College, where he played on the baseball team. Solely because of his Japanese heritage, he was ordered to Minidoka Internment Camp in 1942. In 1943 with the support of the Quakers, he was allowed to leave the internment camp to go to college. After a year in Boston, he moved to St. Paul to live with his sister, Emi, and her husband, Howard Nomura, and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in accounting.

Carl had a great affinity for numbers. Any kind of numbers. He liked to add the numbers of passing license plates and identify number patterns he encountered while shopping. (His love of numbers also enhanced his skill with a deck of cards.)

As a frugal student with limited means, Carl courted Mari Kawana-mi, formerly from California. In family lore, "Streetcar Carl" succeeded in charming Mari and won her heart over another suitor she called "Taxicab Bob." Carl and Mari were married in 1947.

Carl was grateful to Ray Plank, the only person willing to give Carl a job following World War II in the face of widespread bias against Japanese Americans. Eventually, Carl became the longtime owner of his own CPA firm.

In addition to Mari, his cherished wife of 69 years, Carl is survived by his sister, Aida Kozu (of Seattle); son, Roger Somekawa (Dianne); daughter, Ellen Somekawa (Eric Joselyn); and grandchildren, Kevin Somekawa, Tai Joselyn and Chi Pham.

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