

## MEMORIAM

**Aoki, Yasuhiko, 91**, El Cerrito, CA, Dec. 31, 2021; Army veteran (Korean War). During WWII, he was incarcerated at Fresno Assembly Center in CA and the Jerome and Rohwer WRA Centers in AR. He was predeceased by his siblings, Mitsuyoshi (Erma), Yaeko Tsuji, Shizuma (Madelyn), Nobuko Tsukida (Bill), Wakao (Cathy), Tomoye Johnson (Ross) and Stanley (Ysabel). He is survived by his wife, Margaret; children, Joan (Curt Kawabata) and Kathryn; siblings, Kaoru (Yachi), Chiyeo Fukumoto (Dick), Reiko Takeuchi, Masami (Georgia), Sueko Sumida, Sanaye Fisher (Mark), Diana Fujisaka (Steve) and Ronnie; gc: 1.

**Hamaguchi, Glenn Toyoyuki, 78**, Fountain Valley, CA, Jan. 29; he was born at the Manzanar WRA Center in CA; he was predeceased by his sisters-in-law, Ethel Nishimura and Marsha (Ronald) Black, and brother-in-law, William Yokoyama; he is survived by his wife, Gail Yokoyama-Hamaguchi; children, Derek (Carla) Hamaguchi and Tiffany (Ken) Yoon; brother, Ronald Hamaguchi; sisters-in-law, Ann Yokoyama and Carol (Ken) Nakano; brothers-in-law, Thomas (Chit) Yokoyama and Tom Nishimura; gc: 4.

**Ito, Thomas Ichiro, 83**, Ridgefield, CT, Feb. 28; he is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Kristin and Tom; sister, Carol Ann; gc: 4.

### TRIBUTE

#### ESTHER IZUMI

Esther Izumi of Alhambra, Calif., died March 5, 2022. She was 97. During WWII, she was incarcerated at the Santa Anita Assembly Center in Arcadia, Calif., before being moved to the Granada WRA Center, aka Camp Amache, in Colorado. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Hoshi and Alice Kai; parents, Aya and Yasujiro Tani; siblings, Lillie Nakamura (Kay), Rose Maeda (Mike) and Daniel Tani. She is survived by her children, Gary and Gail; siblings, Hannah Hogan (late Donald) and Benjamin Tani; brother-in-law, Richard Izumi; and by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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#### JOE SHIKAMI



Joe T. Shikami passed away on March 29, 2022, at 94. He was the beloved husband of the late Kikue Shikami. He was preceded in death by sisters Mabel Kitsuse, Ruth Tachi, Florence Nakazawa and brother Reginald Shikami. Joe is survived by sister Helen Hori and brother James Shikami. He was the fond uncle to many nieces and nephews and will always be remembered as a very kind and generous man.

Joe was born in West Los Angeles, Calif., to Senkichi and Sumie Shikami on March 27, 1928. During WWII, he was incarcerated at the Manzanar War Relocation Authority Center, from which he left to live with his sisters in Cincinnati. He then moved to Chicago to live with sister Helen and her husband, Mike Hori. He attended and graduated from Senn High School in Chicago. He served in the U.S. Navy after WWII and at the start of the Korean War. He met Kikue Narui of Yokohama, Japan, and they married on Dec. 19, 1952, at the U.S. Consulate in Yokohama, Japan, and moved to Chicago with his new wife. He attended and graduated from Roosevelt University with a bachelor's degree in business management. Joe was sent to Tokyo, Japan, with a small management team from the Kellogg Co. of Battle Creek, Mich., where he was the CEO to enter that emerging Japanese market. In 1978, Joe was hired by the Quaker Oats Co. as the CEO to open a plant in Taiwan. Joe retired three years later after the plant was operational, and he and Kikue moved to Hawaii and finally to Roseville, Calif. Joe eventually moved back to West Los Angeles after Kikue passed away.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held on June 24, 2022, at 10 a.m. in Santa Monica, Calif., at Woodlawn Cemetery, 1847 14th St., Santa Monica, CA 90404. For more information, contact Deborahikeda@att.net.