

In MEMORIAM

Akamine, Benny Shigeru, 70, Hilo, HI, March 22.

Arakawa, Sueko, 88, Monrovia, CA, Dec. 8, 2023.



Bouley, Minori Cecilia Theresa Naraki, 92, Bountiful, UT, April 15.

Furuta, Chikara 'Chik,' 81, Huntington Beach, CA, March 4.

Gotanda, Yukie, 107, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 9, 2023.

Hamano, Momoyo, 98, Honolulu, HI, Dec. 4, 2023.



Hayashi, Tazue, 96, Cerritos, CA, Oct. 13, 2023.

Hohri, Yuriko, 94, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 28, 2023; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Santa Anita racetrack and the Jerome WRA Center in AR; she was predeceased by her husband, William; she is survived by her daughters, Sasha Hohri and Sylvia Hohri; gc: 3; ggc: 5.

Hirayama, Asayo, 95, Redondo Beach, CA, Dec. 20, 2023.



Inaba, Miyoko, 98, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 6, 2023.

Kawachi, Sharon, 75, Kahului, HI, March 24.

Kawaratani, Aiko, 95, Monterey Park, CA, Dec. 2, 2023.

Kawase, Joan Ota, 83, Brea, CA, Nov. 19, 2023.



Kikuchi, David Kenshin, 92, Pasadena, CA, March 9.

Kita, Kohtaro Roberto, 2, Fairfax, VA, Oct. 17, 2023.

Kitada, Pauline Naomi, 78, Kahului, HI, Jan. 10.

Kitahara, Chris, 64, Corning, CA, Oct. 5, 2023.

Kitamura, Nelson Dennis, 71, Duncanville, TX, Nov 21, 2023.



Kitayama, Louise, 80, Arlington, MA, Oct. 26, 2023.

Kobayashi, Frank Toshimi, 93, Honeyville, UT, Jan. 29.

Martinez, Joan Masayo Kitada, 73, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 16; she is survived by her husband, Johnny Martinez; sons, Brion (Brianna) and Russell (Tracy) Martinez; brother, David (Jocelyn) Kitada; gc: 4.

Masunaga, Harold, 91, Honolulu, HI, March 9.

Matsumoto, Amy, 89, Torrance, CA, Dec. 22, 2023.

Matsumoto, Edwin S., 89, Kaneohe, HI, Feb. 20.



Miyamoto, Jean, 90, Monterey Park, CA, Jan. 8.

Morisaki, Helen, 94, Los Angeles, CA, March 6.

Morris, Susan Tsurumaki, 65, Sacramento, CA, Sept. 15, 2023; she was predeceased by her brother, Dennis; she is survived by her husband, Don; children Caiti and Christopher; brother, Michael; and parents Kiyoshi and Irene.

Murase, Hiroko, 64, New York, NY, Jan. 25.

Nagao, Edward, 87, Elk Grove, CA, Oct. 1, 2023; he was predeceased by his parents; brother-in-law, Masao Kuwamoto; sister-in-law, Tosh Henna; he survived by his wife, Setsuko Lil; children, Michael and Michelle (Jason Allen); brothers, Fred Nagao (Rose), Harry Nagao (Karen) and Ronald Nagao (Zee); sister-in-law, Keiko Hendrix (Wayne); brother-in-law, George Kuwamoto (Faye); he is also survived by many nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces.

Nakamoto, Miyoko, 95, Gardena, CA, Oct. 8; she was predeceased by her husband, Yoriyoshi 'Danny'; she is survived by her daughters, Lori (Paul) Prybylla and Shari (Alex Kawana) Nakamoto; sister, Lorraine (Masao) Kato; gc: 1.

Nishikida, Mark, 58, Belmont, CA, Oct. 23, 2023; he is survived by his mother, Diane Morneault; sister, Jennifer (Timothy Giacomini); and nephews.

Oda, Fred Masuo, 90, Mission Hills, CA, Nov. 4, 2023; he is survived by his wife, Gladys Keiko Oda; children, Stanley (Gina) Oda, James Oda and Linda Hash; brother, Takashi (Suzuko) Oda; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 3.

Oda, Janet Keiko, 74, Aiea, HI, Feb. 21.



Okada, Kathryn Kameko, 31, Yuma, AZ, Dec. 2, 2023.

Philanthropist Hisako Terasaki, 95, Dies

Hisako Terasaki, a Nisei artist who with her late husband, Paul Terasaki, helped the Japanese American community and promoted Japanese culture via their philanthropic efforts, has died. She was 95.

She grew up in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Boyle Heights, with her sister, Tokiko, and their parents, Shuichi and Chizu Sumioka.

During WWII, the Sumiokas were incarcerated at Arizona's

Poston War Relocation Authority Center.

Postwar, Hisako Sumioka returned to Los Angeles, studying art and earning a bachelor's degree in education. In 1954, she and Paul Terasaki were married. He died in 2016.

She is survived by Mark (Rindy) Terasaki, Keith (Cecilia) Terasaki, Taiji (Naoko) Terasaki and Emiko (Daniel Cook) Terasaki; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

TRIBUTE

GRACE SACHIKO HATA



Grace Sachiko Hata, a woman of profound grace and unwavering strength, passed away peacefully in the morning of April 18, 2024. Born on May 7, 1930, in the historic city of Kyoto, Japan, Grace embodied the essence of heritage and tradition throughout her remarkable life journey.

Grace was the cherished daughter of Eitaro and Nobuo Nishimura, with deep roots tracing back to the prestigious Zohiko lacquerware company, a revered institution with a legacy spanning over three centuries. From her upbringing, she inherited not only the richness of her family's heritage but also the values of diligence, resilience and a profound appreciation for craftsmanship.

In the presence of her beloved husband, Hugo Masami Hata, Grace's life blossomed with love and purpose. She was first married in Honolulu, Hawaii, and from this union, she was blessed with three beloved sons: John, Michael and Andrew. Later, she remarried in Los Angeles, Calif., where she and Hugo welcomed three more children into their hearts: Ira, Brice, and Faye. Their bond was a testament to her nurturing spirit and unwavering love.

As the eldest of four daughters, Grace embodied the role of a guiding light within her family, inspiring those around her with her wisdom and compassion. Her presence was a source of comfort and strength, a beacon of warmth in times of joy and sorrow alike.

Beyond her familial roles, Grace found immense fulfillment in sharing her passion for music. For many years, she graced the community of Monterey Park, Calif., with her talent and dedication as a piano teacher. Through her teaching, she not only imparted musical skills but also instilled a sense of discipline, creativity and cultural appreciation in her students, particularly within the Nisei community.

Grace Sachiko Hata leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and enduring grace. Her memory will forever be cherished by her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched with her kindness and wisdom. Though she may have bid farewell to this earthly realm, her spirit will continue to inspire and uplift those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

In honoring Grace's memory, let us celebrate the beauty of her life and the profound impact she made on the world around her. Though she may be gone from our sight, her legacy will forever resonate in our hearts.

Rest in eternal peace, dear Grace, knowing that your love will continue to shine brightly in our hearts forevermore.

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