

In MEMORIAM

Akasaki, Gladys, 90, Hilo, HI, March 22.

Akutagawa, Ralph Hayato, 81, Honolulu, HI, Jan. 5.

Fukumoto, Ede Anne K., 68, Wahiawa, HI, Feb. 22.

Hayashi, Dwight Den, 69, Honolulu, HI, Jan. 21.

Hayashi, June, 82, San Jose, CA, Oct. 18, 2023; she was predeceased by her husband, Ted; she is survived by her sons, John, Rick (Lisa) and Steve; siblings, Midori and Glenn; gc: 2.

Ioki, Susumu, 95, Culver City, CA, April 16.



Higuchi, William, 93, Salt Lake City, UT, May 10; Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley (physical chemistry); founder or co-founder of pharmaceutical companies TheraTech, Lipocine, Spriaso and Aciont; during WWII, his family and he were sent to the Santa Anita Assembly Center in Arcadia, CA, before being removed and incarcerated at the Heart Mountain WRA Center in WY; in 2012, the Japanese government awarded him with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Ray With Neck Ribbon, and the American Pharmaceutical Assn. awarded him with its Ebert Prize; he was predeceased by his wife, Setsuko Saito Higuchi; and son, Kenneth; he is survived by children, Shirley Ann (Ray Locker) and Robert (Rebecca Schmitt) and John; sister, Emily Higuchi Filling; sister-in-law, Kathleen Saito Yuille; and many nieces and nephews; gc: 4, ggc: 2. In lieu of flowers or koden, the family requests that memorials be made in his memory to the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, 1539 Road 19, Powell, WY 82435 or at heartmountain.org.

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

Inose, Kenichi, 90, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, Oct. 7, 2023; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Rohwer WRA Center in AR; he is survived by his wife, Kay; children, Donald Takashi Inose and Judy Keiko (Gregory) Jobs; sisters, Kiyoko Rose Yoshiyama, Hiroko Helen (Masa G.) Sakamoto, Lily Yuriko (Dr. David T.) Nakatani; brother-in-law, Richard (Connie) Sakai; sister-in-law, Amy

Sakai-Swanberg; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2.

Ito, Yukiko, 91, Sacramento, CA, Oct. 19, 2023; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Jerome WRA Center and the Rohwer WRA Center, both in AR; she was predeceased by her elder siblings, Frank Sakaoka, Hideo Sakaoka, Masako Nakamoto and Sumiko Sakakihara; she is survived by her husband, Tomio; children, Larry Ito (Karen), Sharon Ito Warren (George) and Colleen Ito; gc: 4.

Iwasa, Ritsuko, 97, Elk Grove, CA, Oct. 2, 2023; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Arboga Assembly Center, the Tule Lake WRA Center in CA and the Topaz WRA Center in UT; she was predeceased by her husband, Yoshio; three sisters, two brothers and their spouses; she is survived by her children, Keiko Watanabe, Kenneth Iwasa, Arthur (Christy) Iwasa and Robert (Eng Ho) Iwasa; grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.



Kashiwabara, Helen Tayeko, 101, Honolulu, HI, Dec. 19, 2023.

Kaita, Saoko Salley, 103, West Sacramento, CA, Oct. 21, 2023; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Tule Lake WRA Center in CA; her activities included the Sacramento Buddhist Church, Buddhist Women's Assn., Bocho Doshi Kai and Tanoshimikai; she was predeceased by her husband, Noboru; siblings, Giro Snow and Sumiko Shinomoto; she is survived by her children, Gene Kaita (Janice), Aileen Ritchie, Judy Kaita and Vivian Edmonds (Michael); gc: 7; ggc: 9.

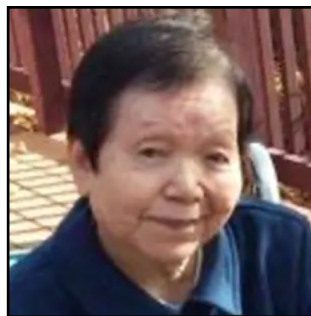
Kariya, Mary, 97, Pauma Valley, CA, Nov. 19, 2023; during WWII, her family was incarcerated at the Santa Anita racetrack, the Rohwer WRA Center in AR and the Tule Lake WRA Center in CA; she was predeceased by her husband, Yoneo; sister, Midori; she is survived by her children, Brian Kariya, Alan Kariya (Colleen), Rick Kariya and Suzanne Kariya-Ramos (Roland).

Kimura, Eiko, 99, Sacramento, CA, Sept. 11, 2023; graduate, Tokyo Women's Christian University (Japanese Literature); she was pre-

deceased by her husband, Katsumi Harry Kimura; she is survived by her children, Lily, Ted, Judy and Kathy; gc 4; ggc: 2.

Kimura, Maureen, 71, Morton Grove, IL, Nov. 19, 2023; she is survived by her husband, Stanley; children, Amy Bye (Roger), Shaun, Chris and Beth Ann (Skye).

Kita, Sam Toru, 79, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 23, 2023.



Kobayashi, Kazuko, 87, Walker, WV, Feb. 6.



Kurahara, Reiko, 96, Sacramento, CA, Jan. 28; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Amache WRA Center in CO.

Maehara, Kay, 99, Aiea, HI, April 14.

Matsumoto, Steven, 88, Sacramento, CA, Sept. 6, 2023; he was predeceased by his brothers, Gilbert and Brian; he is survived by his sister, Joy Kihara; many nieces and nephews.

Matsushima, Yoshihiro, 82, Los Angeles, CA, March 11.

Miyagishima, Joyce, 67, Lakewood, CO, Oct. 29, 2023; she was predeceased by her father; she is survived by her mother; husband, Jerry; siblings, Carol and Alan; nieces, a nephew and many great-nephews.



Murao, Shigesato 'Shig,' 100, Arleta, CA, April 16; veteran, Army (WWII, 442nd RCT); former resident of Seattle, Evanston, Ill. and San Jose, Calif.; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Minidoka WRA Center in ID; activities included Kiwanis, church, YMCA, Boys Club, Japanese American Service Committee and youth sports; he was predeceased by his wife, Helen, née Yamahiro; and siblings, Masako, Mitsuko, Mutsuko, Shizuko and Shigeyoshi; he is survived by his children, John, Peter and Ann; gc: 8; ggc: 1; and many nieces and nephews. Contributions in his name can be made to the JACL at jacl.org/donate.

Oda, Koyumi, 84, Honolulu, HI, Jan. 17.

Ogata, Ichiji, 93, Aurora, CO, Oct. 24, 2023; he was predeceased by his wife, Alice Asako Ogata; he is survived by his daughters, Kelly (Mark) Miyamoto and Lori (Bryan) Sakuoka; gc: 2.

Ota, Hirokazu, 92, La Palma, CA, Sept. 10, 2023; he was predeceased by his sister, Hisa (Takashi) Narasaki; he is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Doug (Peggy) Ota and Karin (Michael) Langford; sisters, Yoshiko Nakagawa and Naomi (Tak) Hamada; gc: 2.

Sakamoto, Paul, 90, Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 15, 2023; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Manzanar WRA Center in CA; he is survived by his wife, Alice; children, Sandy (Nolan Maehara) Sakamoto and P. Scott (Lori Petitti) Sakamoto; stepchildren, Sandi Snyder, Owen (Donna Kelly-Onouye) Onouye and Eric Onouye; siblings, George 'Masa' (Helen) Sakamoto and Aiko Sakamoto, gc: 9; ggc: 5.

Sakata, Toshiko, 98, Clarksburg, CA, Oct. 23, 2023; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Arboga Assembly Center near Marysville, CA, and the Tule Lake WRA Center; activities: Walnut Grove Buddhist Church, the Clarksburg Garden Club and Asian Community Center.

Sato-Endo, Hazel, 104, Gardena, CA, Nov. 8, 2023; she was predeceased by her husbands, Peter Sato and Sam Endo; son, Peter Jr.; she is survived by her children, Stephen (Jane), Barbara (Vahe Tatikian, partner), Phillip (Judi) and daughter-in-law, Arlene (Peter) Sato; gc: 4; ggc: 3.

TRIBUTE

GEORGE SHIMIZU



George Tadashi Shimizu passed away peacefully on May 4, 2024. George was born on June 24, 1920, to Matsusuke Shimizu and Kotono (Matsui) Shimizu in Long Beach, Calif. George's family moved to Japan in 1935, where he attended the American School in Tokyo. After graduating in 1939, George returned to the states to attend Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. Five days after graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Australia and the Philippines with the MIS.

Predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary; daughter, Anne Furuya; and daughter-in-law, Christine Matalaka; George is survived by his son, Richard Shimizu; daughter, Carol (Tommy Hirabayashi); and Alan Furuya (son-in-law).

George was a special person, he had an amazing memory and always engaged in conversations with everyone he met. He was an excellent storyteller and always made everyone feel special and was truly interested in everything they had to say. He lived a very full and adventurous life . . . traveling, telling his "corny" jokes and golfing on the most beautiful courses. George will be remembered for his wit, generosity and kindness to everyone.

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