

# MEMORIAM

**Anama, Hisako, 88**, Honolulu, HI, July 15.

**Asato, Dorothy Yukino, 97**, Torrance, CA, June 30.

**Berman, Ann, 88**, Honolulu, HI, June 25.

**Higa, Edward Tetsuo, 92**, Kailua, HI, May 16.

**Ichikawa, James Tsuyoshi, 86**, Carson, CA, June 24.

**Ito, Robert Takeshi, 89**, Honolulu, HI, July 25.

**Kaminishi, Miyoko, 96**, Torrance, CA, May 23.

**Koike, Miyoko, 97**, Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 1.

**Kozai, Marvin Tadayoshi, 80**, San Diego, CA, July 12.

**Lancaster, Miyuki, 95**, Lodi, CA, July 7.

**Matayoshi, Nancy Hiroko, 98**, San Gabriel, CA, Aug. 3.



**Matsuoka, Robert Guy, 77**, Twin Falls, ID, Aug. 25.

**Miyamura, Fusaye Helen, 83**, Culver City, CA, Sept. 24.

**Nagasawa, Tomi, 95**, Centennial, CO, Sept. 7.

**Nakano, Joe, 102**, San Diego, CA, Sept. 24.

**Okita, Dennis, 86**, Sherman Oaks, CA, Oct. 1.

**Radle, Tracy Chieko Yamamoto, 60**, Great Falls, VA, May 10.

**Rollins, Marie Motoyo, 94**, San Marino, CA, Aug. 15.

**Shimoide, Yoneko, 102**, Culver City, CA, Aug. 16.

**Shishido, Betty Umeda, 99**, Arcadia, CA, July 20.

**Tanahashi, Tamotsu, 88**, Los Angeles, CA, July 6.

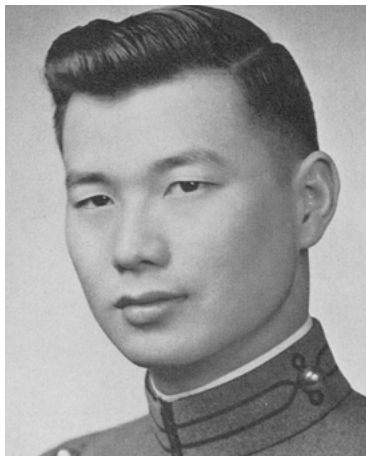
**Tokumoto, Wayne, 71**, Kahului, HI, Aug. 24.

**Uchida, Grennie Masaaki, 83**, Culver City, CA, Sept. 18.

**Yoshihata, Joyce, 88**, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 29.

## 2nd JA West Point Grad Matsumoto Dies

By P.C. Staff



**Glenn Matsumoto**

PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE MATSUMOTO FAMILY

Retired Army Col. Glenn Kenge Matsumoto died at the Shell Point Retirement Community in Fort Myers, Fla., on Sept. 8. He was 95.

A Nisei, during World War II his family and he were incarcerated at Arizona's Poston I War Relocation Authority Center from 1942-44.

After the war, his family and he lived returned to the West Coast and settled in Bakersfield, Calif. He joined the Army in 1947 and was admitted to the United States Military Academy in 1950, becoming the second Japanese American West Point graduate.

Matsumoto is survived by his second wife, Suzanne, his four adult children: Kirsten, Stephen, Karl and Eric; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

His family asks that in lieu of flowers to consider donating to the

Dubin Center, 12685 New Brittany Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907 or online at [dubincenter.com](http://dubincenter.com) in memory of Col Glenn Matsumoto. Online condolences may be made at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com).

### TRIBUTE

## BARBARA BERTHIAUME



Barbara Gail (Yoshida) Berthiaume passed away peacefully on Oct. 18, 2024, aged 79, at her home in Port Ludlow, Wash., surrounded by family and friends. She was born on June 16, 1945 to Michiko (Sagami) and Tadao Yoshida in Havre, Mont., shortly after they left the Minidoka incarceration camp for Japanese Americans. She was raised in the small farming community of Bowmont, Idaho. After graduating from the University of Idaho, she moved to Seattle, where she earned her Masters of Social

Work from the University of Washington and met her husband, Ed Berthiaume. Together they raised a family while traveling the world, living in France, Singapore and England, before settling back to the Pacific Northwest.

Barbara possessed boundless energy and compassion, which she used to help those in her community wherever she lived. In London she had a private counseling practice, conducted transition training for international families and Fulbright Scholars, and served on the board for International Families in Global Transition. In Washington she volunteered for the PSO Bluebills, a nonprofit organization in Jefferson County, raised money for Dove House Advocacy Services, and served on the boards for the Japanese American Citizens League and the Hospice Foundation for Jefferson Healthcare. In her personal life she was known to offer reassuring counsel to friends during difficult times.

Barbara was also a passionate advocate for preserving the legacy of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, an all-Japanese American infantry unit in World War II. She was especially committed to honoring her uncle, Yohei Sagami, the first Nisei killed in action in France. Through a series of public lectures and a memorial installed in Bruyeres, France, Barbara worked to ensure the story of the 442nd will not be forgotten.

She is survived by her husband, Ed, her two children, Christopher and Jennifer, her two grandchildren, Alice and Kai, and her siblings, Ann Costello, David Yoshida and Bruce Yoshida.

A memorial will be held for family and friends on Nov. 17 at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow. In lieu of koden, donations may be made to Dove House Advocacy Services of Port Townsend.

## News Brief

### Rafu Shimpō Cuts Back to Weekly Schedule, Loses 2 Key Employees

Citing increased costs, a front-page article in the Oct. 31 edition of *Rafu Shimpō* announced that the 121-year-old L.A.-based Japanese American community newspaper was going to a weekly schedule from three-days a week. Unreported were the Nov. 1 departures of senior editor Gwen Muranaka, and office manager and English-language advertising lead Gail Miyasaki. (For a more details, visit [tinyurl.com/bdf7nfy2](http://tinyurl.com/bdf7nfy2).)

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## RUBY INOUE



Ruby Chizuko Inouye passed away in the early hours of Oct. 7, 2024 at the golden age of 104 years.

Ruby was born in North Platte, Neb., on Feb. 5, 1920, to Kin and Kunikiyo Nabeta. She was the second of seven children. Her early years were spent in Salt Lake City, Utah; Shizuoka, Japan; and Los Angeles, Calif. She was sent to Topaz, Utah, during World War II where she met her husband, Hirotsuke Inouye. They were married on Christmas Day in 1943. She moved to Redwood

City in 1945 and had lived there ever since. She is survived by all six of her children, all of whom have retired — Margaret Renn, principal and schoolteacher; Jeanette Muzac, nurse/case manager; Donald Inouye, businessman/auto mechanic; Bette Matsuoka, fashion designer/business analyst; Gogo Heinrich, architect/project manager; and Kenny Inouye, mechanical engineer. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren, eight great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Ruby's husband, Hirotsuke, was a graduate of Stanford University. Her children and grandchildren are graduates of Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCSF, UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, San Jose State, San Francisco State, Sacramento State, University of Colorado-Boulder, Lesley University, University of Portland, Canada College, Cabrillo College and California Western School of Law. Ruby believed in education and 20 years ago she began the Ruby C. Inouye Scholarship for young Buddhists. She herself attended Woodbury College in Los Angeles, and she continued taking various courses at Canada College throughout her adult life.

Besides being a full-time mother, Ruby worked in the greenhouses of Sequoia Nursery alongside her husband and husband's family. When it was apparent that six children were going to go to college, Ruby began working at Lenkurt Electric Co., then on to Philco Ford/Ford Aerospace starting as a secretary and then as a numerical control programmer, running the computer programs for the machinery making equipment used in satellites and defense systems. She retired from Ford Aerospace after 26 years and after her last child was out of college. In 1995 she was honored at the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival as an outstanding senior citizen.

Ruby loved to travel. She had been to Japan, Hawaii, Utah, Texas, Colorado, Nevada and Oregon. A few years ago she even went around the world. Well, sort of — in Las Vegas she went to Paris, Bellagio, Venice, Rio, Luxor and New York-New York. Always looking towards the future, she renewed her passport which expires in 2028.

She had a lot of advice for longevity: "Be strong." "Eat what you want." "Enjoy your family and cherish your friends." "And when everyone around you is taking turns dying, skip your turn."

In memory of Ruby, donations can be made to the "Palo Alto Buddhist Temple — Ruby C. Inouye Scholarship," Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

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