Byron Eugene "Gene" Burns  
(442nd RCT Veteran)

Laurens, SC

Byron Eugene "Gene" Burns, 96, devoted husband to the late Mary Riddle Burns, passed away, January 1, 2016, at Laurens County Memorial Hospital.
Gene Burns was born May 17, 1919, the youngest son of the late Sam and Hampie Burns. Matriculating from a two-room school house in the Warrior Creek Community, he would later graduate from his beloved University of South Carolina which would honor him in 2009 at half time of a football game for his valor and service during World War II.

During World War II, Gene served as company commander in the 442nd regimental combat unit, 2nd battalion, Company E, comprised primarily of Japanese Americans. Serving heroically in Africa, Italy, and France, the 442nd was and still remains the most decorated unit in military history, having been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Rising to the rank of Capt., Gene was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African- Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, the WWII Victory Medal, The Presidential Unit Citation with bronze oak leaf cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and French Legion of Honor medal.

After the war, he returned to Laurens to marry his beloved Mary, who was always "number one" in his life. Following a brief stint with Roger Milliken, he went to work for Woodruff Federal as their mortgage loan officer, retiring as Chairman of the board. He and Mary were devoted members of First Baptist Church of Laurens, where he served as a deacon and, along with his good friend John Faris, taught Sunday School for over 50 years. Faithfully keeping a promise he made to the Lord during the war, Gene maintained his own "Home Mission" by always caring for someone in the community who needed help. In addition, he was a member of the Woodruff Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club of Laurens.

A shining example of what has been appropriately described as "The Greatest Generation," Gene Burns lived his life as Tom Brokaw observed, "They stayed true to their values of personal responsibility, duty, honor, and faith."

Known affectionately to his family as "Bubbie," he is survived by: his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Frank Wetmore of Greenville; a grandson Burns Wetmore and wife Spencer of Folly Beach; two great granddaughters, Brooks Burns Wetmore and Lola Kathryne Wetmore of Folly Beach.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by two older brothers Leroy and Russell and a younger sister, Emily.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm, Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at First Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Rickey Letson and Dr. Bev. Kennedy with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery with Military Honors.

The family will be at their respective residences and will receive friends on Tuesday in Bobo Hall of First Baptist Church from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 300 West Main St. Laurens, SC 29360.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thekennedymortuary.com. Published in The Greenville News on Jan. 3, 2016 O-1308468
Albert Iwao Fuchino  (Air Force Veteran)

Born August 14, 1932 in Honolulu, HI. Joined his wife Lucinda in Heaven on December 15, 2015. Beloved father to Brian, Gordon, Clyde (Jessica), Kevin (Carla), Eric (Mary) and Sharon. Devoted and much loved grandfather to David, Daniel, Eric II, Alysha, Jessalyn, Chayse, Alec, Nico and Eddie. Doting great-grandfather to Leia. Loving brother to Wilfred, Wallace, Frank (Margaret), Richard (Mae) and Amy (Sterling). Preceded in death by his older brother Joe and sister-in-law Jackie. Growing up in Hawaii, Albert went by “Iwao” or “Curly”, enjoyed playing barefoot football at the park, and hanging out with his good friends “Segi”, “Honie”, and many more he would mention by nickname. Albert was a proud 1950 graduate of Iolani High School and attended UH Manoa. Albert enjoyed two careers. He served in the Air Force for 23 years and retired as Master Sergeant. Next, he embarked in the healthcare field and spent 20 years at Kaiser Permanente, managing the office and admin dept. Albert embodied the Aloha spirit in everything he did. As a father figure to many, numerous friends of his children looked up to him. Al's large Ohana gathered friends from every stage of his life. Sunday dinners and his teriyaki are legendary. Remembrances may be made in Albert's name to The American Cancer Society c/o Kevin Fuchino, 1545 River Park Drive, Suite #100, Sacramento, CA 95815. Aloha Oe, till we meet again Published in The Sacramento Bee on Jan. 2, 2016

Rose Hulihee Fukumitsu  (Army Veteran)

Dec. 9, 2015

Also known as “Loke” and “Darling,” 79, of Lanihau, Hawaii, a cashier at Matsuyama Food Mart, secretary at Hilo Soda Works, salesclerk at the former Kona Inn Gift Lanai and a Marine Corps veteran, died at home. She was born in North Kona. She is survived by husband Kazuo; sons Alden, Winstanley, Elmer and Travis; daughters Christine Pajimola, and Shaunte and Shalei Fukumitsu; sister Josephine Alapai; 12 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. Visitation: 1 p.m. Jan. 8 at St. Michael Catholic Church, Alii Drive, Kailua-Kona. Mass: 3 p.m. Services and burial: 9 a.m. Jan. 9 at West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery. Luncheon to follow at Hawaii Big Game Fishing Club, Honokohau Boat Harbor, Kailua-Kona. Casual attire. No flowers.

Yoneko Patricia "Pat" Ige  (Widow of Army Veteran)

Passed away Monday December 21 in Huntington Beach, CA after brief illness at age 93. Pat was born on September 4, 1922 in Hynes, CA a rural area south east of Los Angeles to Seishin and Yuri Matayoshi. Pat was the fourth of seven children, Chiyo, Toyo, Sam, Dave, Ken and John and youngest of the three sisters. After graduating Montebello High School she began taking classes at Los Angeles City College in what would become her lifelong career, Nursing. After WW II internment camp in Rowher, Arkansas Pat headed for Chicago to continue her education and finally earned her BS in Nursing from Los Angeles State College in 1961 after returning to LA. In 1961 she met the man who would be the love of her life, Takeji "Jack" Ige and they married. The following year Pat gave birth to the first of her two sons, Reggie followed two years later by Randy. Her nursing career was put on hold as she set about raising the
children. In 1968 the family moved to Huntington Beach, CA. When the children were older, Pat decided to return to work and restarted her career as a nurse at Pacifica Hospital. She continued to work at Pacifica until her retirement in 1987. Retirement was filled with travel and other adventures including stops in the Middle East, Europe and Alaska. After Jack passed away in 1993, days were filled with church, crafts and gardening, but she still managed the occasional trip to far-off places including Australia and Canada. Pat is survived by brothers Dave and John Matayoshi and sons Reggie and Randy Ige. Services will be held at 11 am on Thursday, January 7, 2016, at Hope Lutheran Church in Westminster, CA.

Published in the Los Angeles Times on Dec. 31, 2015

Takeji – Unit Ukn

John Masaaki Harano (Army Veteran)

Dec. 12, 2015

85, of Honolulu, a retired mechanic and an Army veteran, died in Honolulu. He was born in Honolulu. Private services. No monetary offerings.

Thomas Tadashi Higa (Army Veteran)

Dec. 22, 2015

83, of Honolulu, a retired Hawaiian Tel installer repairman and an Army veteran who served in the Korean War, died in the Queen’s Medical Center. He was born in Olaa, Hawaii. He is survived by daughters Holly H. Hatch and Carol F. Higa; brothers Joe and Douglas; sisters Tomie and Tsuruko Higa, and Amy Ban; and a grandchild. Visitation: 10 a.m. Saturday at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Services: 11 a.m. Casual attire.

Hisashi Hirata (Army Veteran)

Dec. 18, 2015

82, of Ewa Beach, a retired U. Okada & Co. deliveryman and an Army veteran, died in Community Living Center. He was born in Hilo. He is survived by wife Lois Y.; sons Clyde H. and Wayne H.; sisters Tokiko Yamada, Teruko Kansaku, Yukiko Masaki, Alice Ishii and Katherine Ottoboni; and five grandchildren. Private services.

James Inouye (Army Veteran)


Santa Clara
After years battling heart and kidney disease Jim passed away peacefully in his sleep on Dec 19th. Special thanks to the Yu Ai Kai Senior Center for all of the support provided over the years.

*View the online memorial for James Inouye* Published in San Jose Mercury News/San Mateo County Times on Dec. 26, 2015

**Tadao Isomoto (Army Veteran)**

July 6, 1922 - December 20, 2015 Tadao Isomoto, 93, a resident of Irvine, CA, passed away at home on December 20, 2015. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Anne Tsutako, his children James (Jane) and Patricia (Brian) Uyeda, his granddaughters Kelsey Uyeda and Julie Thue, great-grandson Anders Thue, brother Hiroshi, and predeceased by brother Seiji. Tad was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army in Europe. He received his Bachelor's degree from USC in civil engineering. He worked for the City of Los Angeles in many capacities and ended his career of 38 years as the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation. In retirement Tad enjoyed traveling the world with Anne, as well as filling his days at home with gardening and many home projects. Private family services were held on December 30, 2015 at Rose Hills Memorial in Whittier, CA. In lieu of koden, the family requests donations be made in Tad's name to Wisteria Hospice Inc. at 4182 N. Viking Way #216, Long Beach, CA 90808. Published in the Los Angeles Times from Dec. 29, 2015 to Jan. 1, 2016

**Unit Ukn 36929413**

**Arthur Iwamoto (Army Veteran)**

Nov. 11, 1944 - Dec. 23, 2015


Born in Fukuoka Japan in 1944, Arthur emigrated to the US in 1955. He graduated from Ravenswood High School in East Palo Alto in 1962 & then attended National Automotive School in Los Angeles. He was drafted into the US Army in 1966 & served as a mechanic in Korea until 1969. Once discharged he was hired at Metrotech Corporation where he worked for almost 40 years.

After marrying his wife Karen in 1972, he would continue to apply his mechanic skills by maintaining his own cars & doing home repairs & improvements, which were two of his favorite activities. In fact, Arthur was never shy to kindly & selflessly offer his talents to help those around him, even if it meant taking time away from his own projects.
Family & friends are invited to a memorial service to celebrate Arthur’s life on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 11am at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Rd, Palo Alto. Lima-Campagna Mortuary (408) 736-1315.

View the online memorial for Arthur Iwamoto
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Thomas Kanetake  (Army Veteran)

Resident of Mountain View

Tomoo, age 85, passed away peacefully on 12/22/15. Tomoo is survived by his loving wife, Sachi, of 57 years; his sons, Stephen and Craig (Aggie); his daughters, Leila (Glenn) and Lisa (Charles); his grand-children, Sierra, Dylan, Casey, Shannon, Emily, and Audrey; his sisters, Grace Nakamura (John), Beatrice Pung (David), and Mitsue Cook (Michael); his brother, Bob Kanetake; and many nephews and nieces. He is preceded in death by his parents, Chozen and Alice Kanetake; his brothers, Clement Kanetake and Carl Kanetake (Cynthia); and his grandson, Brandon Kanetake. A Private Memorial service will be held at a later date in Hawaii according to his wishes. View the online memorial for Thomas Kanetake
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Tomio “Tommy” Kanno  (Air Force Veteran)

Dec. 3, 2015

85, of Honolulu, a retired United Airlines aircraft foreman and an Air Force veteran, died in Veterans Affairs Center for Aging. He was born in Waipio. He is survived by wife Lillian S.; sons Gerald M. and Wayne C.; daughter Sharon L. Aotaki; sisters Jane Sasaki, Nora Nakahira and Eleanor Nishi; and four grandchildren. Private services.

Marian Miyoko Kitamori  (Widow of Army Veteran)

Oct. 9, 2015

91, of Pearl City, a retired Pearl City Tavern waitress, died at home. She was born in Aiea. She is survived by sons Lloyd and Clayton; daughters Pamela Kitamori, Wendy Sakamoto and Annette Shon; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Private services.

Souse Shoju – ASN – Unit Ukn

Theodore Kubota  (Army Veteran)

Theodore "Ted" Kunio Kubota, 68, passed away Thursday, December 24, 2015 at his home in Gilroy, Ca. Ted Kubota is survived by his three sons; Kenny (Cheryl), Tom (Nicole), and Doug (Erin), five grandchildren and his wife of 45 years Margaret Kubota. He was born February 6,
1947 in Yokohama, Japan to Ted and Tamako Kubota. He is predeceased by his father Ted Kubota.

A celebration of Ted Kubota's life will be held Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center located at 16450 Murphy Avenue Morgan Hill, Ca. 95037. The reception will follow immediately after services. View the online memorial for Theodore Kubota Published in San Jose Mercury News/San Mateo County Times on Dec. 29, 2015

Robert Bobby M. Kusano  ( Army Veteran )

Age 70, of Pearl City, HI, passed away December 11, 2015 in Aiea, HI. Born August 15, 1945 in Kohala, HI. Robert was retired from the Hawaii Newspaper Agency. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by wife, Hatsue M. Kusano; sons, Brian Kusano, Kelvin Kusano, Edwin (Tomie) Kusano; 4 brothers, 1 sister; 3 grandchildren. Private services were held.

Yukio Miyatake  ( Army Veteran )

Born: July 06, 1929

Died: December 16, 2015

U.S. Veteran

Funeral services for the late Yukio Miyatake, 86-year-old, Los Angeles born resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, who passed away on December 16, 2015, will be held on Wednesday, December 23, 11 a.m. at Koyasan Buddhist Temple, 342 E. First St. Los Angeles.

He is survived by his loving wife Ikuko Miyatake; son, Carl (Reiko) Miyatake; grandsons, Edwin Daizo and Brian Shuzo Miyatake; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives here and in Japan.

LTC Augustine T. Momiyama  ( Army Veteran )

Augustine Momiyama left his native Japan to attend Northern Michigan College in Marquette, MI, where he received his Bachelor's degree in Sociology in June 1958. He then attended Wayne State University, Graduate School of Social Work, where he received a Master of Social Work degree in June 1960. Upon completion of his college undergraduate degree, in September 1962, he volunteered for a social work career in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, accepting the officer commission in the grade of First Lieutenant, serving for 23 years as a Regular Army Officer. He retired from the U.S. Army on September 30, 1985 in the grade of Lieutenant Colonel. LTC Mamiyama's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal in Vietnam, three Campaign Stars, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Civic Action Award, two
Meritorious Unit Citations, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and Army Achievement Medal.

After retiring from the Army, Augustine continued with his direct patient-care social work career. From March 1986 to November 1988, he served as the Director of Social Services at St. Francis Medical Center in Honolulu, HI. He served the US Department of Defense from October 1988 to July 2004 as the Senior Social Worker/Senior Language Specialist. Additionally, from October 1991 to April 1994, he was the Chief Social Worker at Medically Related Services, U.S. Navy Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan.

In May 1994, Augustine then entered the cross-cultural language services career field where his social work, knowledge, and experiences were indispensable tools. Augustine accepted a position as the Senior Language Specialist at Logistics Directorate J4, functioning as the U.S. Forces-Japanese Government bilateral communication specialist at Headquarters, U.S. Forces, Japan (USFJ) in Yokota Air Base, Japan. From November 2000 to April 2002, Augustine was selected as the Language Specialist at the Defense Attaches Office (DAO) under the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, where he heightened his linguistics skill in performing translations and interpretation of intelligence data of national interest during the disquiet period surrounding the attacks of September 11, 2001, and other events of importance impacting on bilateral alliance between the U.S. and Japan. Due to the limited variety of language service tasks at the DAO, he then accepted the offer to return to the Headquarters, J4 Logistics, U.S. Force Japan in April 2002, where he remained until his retirement in July 2004.

Augustine's total understanding of both his native Japanese language, history, customs, traditions, and political sensitivities, and his more than 30 years of total immersion in U.S. culture and the U.S. military gave him an unparalleled and unique understanding of both countries, and a perspective that enabled him to assist both governments in having meaningful, productive dialog, and resolving untold numbers of day to day operational as well as higher level challenges to the benefit of all concerned.

Committed, personable, and undaunted by the magnitude of any action or task he was asked to undertake or support, Augustine Momiyama was a devoted servant of both Japan and the United States. His ability to gain the respect and cooperation of senior leaders of both countries, both military and civilian, and to professionally interact with representatives of both governments in official and social settings was instrumental in enhancing the spirit of cooperation and camaraderie of all parties and ultimately leading to the myriad successes enjoyed by the U.S., the GOJ, USFJ, JSO, the J4 and multiple other U.S. and Japanese government and defense organizations during his tenure at USFJ.

On Sunday, December 20, 2015, at the age of 82, Augustine passed away at his home in Lorton, VA. He was the beloved husband of Maria C. Momiyama; father of Matthew and Timothy Momiyama and Sherylann H. Bell; brother of Thomas Momiyama, Ikuko Muramatsu, and Fujiyo Yoshinaga; Grandfather of Angela, Joshua, Ashley and Timothy Momiyama, Jr. and Leilani Zaborac and Great-grandfather of Shai Momiyama. Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA on Tuesday, January 5,
Selbistre Narito  
( Army Veteran )

Dec. 13, 2015

87, of Mililani, a retired Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard electronic mechanic and an Army veteran, died in Mililani. He was born in Lahaina. He is survived by daughters Stephanie Sites, Selena Kalahiki and Amanda Miller; son Jason; sister Anastasia Villanueva; brother Jose; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Visitation: 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church, 95-370 Kuahelani Ave., Mililani. Mass: 11 a.m. Burial: 1:30 p.m. at Mililani Memorial Park.

Kazuo Michael Ogawa  
( Air Force Veteran )

November 17, 1932 - February 3, 2015

Kazuo Michael Ogawa, "Mike" with his friends and "Kaz" with his family, is remembered and greatly missed this holiday season. Mike, a longtime Santa Clara resident, passed away on February 3, 2015. He was 82 years old. He was survived by his late sister, Ranko Morishige Giddings, his brother James J. Ogawa, his nephews Steven and Jon Morishige, and his niece, Audrey Ogawa Johnson.

Mike was born in Los Angeles in 1932, the youngest of three children to Haruki and Hidema ("Harry") Ogawa. Mike lived with his family in the fertile Central Valley until they were interned at the Amache Internment Camp in Colorado during World War II. After the war, the family returned to California where Mike graduated from LeGrande Union High School in 1950 and lettered in track and field.

Mike enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1952. He had a life long love of flying, whether it was admiring airplanes or the grace of birds in flight. In the Air Force, Mike was stationed at Kessler Air Force Base in Mississippi where he was part of the 3380th Division, and at Castle Air Force Base in California where he was a Staff Sergeant with the 93rd Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron.

After his honorable discharge in 1956, Mike was a U.S. postal carrier and pursued his college studies at City College of San Francisco and San Jose State University with a major in mechanical engineering. He then joined Lockheed Martin's product assurance engineering department where he proudly devoted his entire career to working on key programs in the U.S. submarine-launched-ballistic missile force. During his 35-year tenure at Lockheed, he was a part of the teams that developed the Trident Missile System and the Polaris-Poseidon Fleet Ballistic Missile Program.
Mike and his Lockheed team were recognized with numerous awards for outstanding performance. He was recognized many times for identifying and resolving production issues and developing cost savings measures.

Throughout his life, he remained a patriot and a fierce 49ers fan. He was a supporter of U.S. Air Force veterans, the Audubon Society, the National Japanese-American Memorial Fund and Museum, and many other local Santa Clara charities. He is interred in his family's niche at East Lawn Memorial Park in Sacramento, California.

Mike's life was uniquely American. One in which hard work, determination and courage propelled him from a young boy uprooted to Amache, to farming tomato fields with his father and brother, to ultimately working with engineers and scientists designing some of the most sophisticated technology of the 20th century. He was a quiet, modest person, but his life and contributions speak eloquently about the values that he carried with him throughout his life.

It is with deep admiration and great love that he is remembered by his family. The family wishes to recognize with heartfelt appreciation Mike's neighbors, Gregg and Josie, and his medical team at Kaiser Hospital in Santa Clara for their kindness and care. View the online memorial for Kazuo Michael Ogawa Published in San Jose Mercury News/San Mateo County Times on Dec. 29, 2015

Gary Hitoshi Sasaki (MIS Veteran)
Dec. 20, 2015
91, of Honolulu, an Army veteran and founder of Gary’s Carpet and Drapery Inc., died at home. He was born in Waialua. He is survived by son Alvin H., daughters Lynette M. Fujiyoshi and Merle S. Takuma, brothers Stanley S. and Harry M., sister Mildred M. Nakamura, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Visitation: 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Services: 11 a.m. Casual attire. No flowers. Snelling 44-45 30111630

Daniel Masaji Sasaoka (442nd RCT Veteran)
Nov. 25, 2015
94, of Kailua, a retired refrigerator/AC mechanic supervisor at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Ilikai Hotel, and an Army veteran who served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, died. He was born North Kona, Hawaii. He is survived by sons Gerald, Ken and Karl; daughter Jean Keaweehu; brothers Robert, Seiji and Tyron; sister Shirley Morimoto; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. Private services. F Co 30105231

Teruko Sato (Widow of 442nd RCT Veteran)
92, June 27, 1923 Dec. 11, 2015 Teruko, who went by “Teddy,” was born June 27 1923, at home. She grew up in Beaverton and graduated from Beaverton High School in 1941. Her parents were from Nagasaki, Japan. During World War II, people of Japanese descent were
relocated. She was relocated to camp Minidoka in Idaho. She married her high school sweetheart, Roy Sato July 1, 1946, in Vancouver. He was a pile driver, which kept the family on the move. Moving was hard on the family. They finally settled down in Portland. She was a stay at home mother when the children were young. Her first job outside the home was at a nursery, but her passion was sewing. She landed a job in ladies alteration in a major downtown store, where she worked until she retired. Her hobbies were sewing, bowling, golfing, walking at Clackamas Town Center, gardening and mushroom hunting on Mt. Hood. She had a talent for cake decorating and flower arranging. She traveled to Korea, Japan, Hawaii and Canada. She passed away peacefully Dec. 11, 2015, with her family at her bedside at Parkview Memory Care facility. She is survived by her sister, Jean; children, Ken, Gary and Karen; and grandchildren, Stephanie, Glen Jr. and Jalen. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, at Bateman Carroll Funeral Home. Visit batemancarroll funerals.com for additional information. Published in The Oregonian from Dec. 31, 2015 to Jan. 5, 2016

Melvyn Fumio Shimata (Army Veteran)

Dec. 19, 2015

74, of Aiea, an Army veteran and a retired general contractor, died at home. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by wife Margaret, sons Melvyn Jr. and Manardie, brothers Rodney and Dennis, sister Maris Kochiyama and seven grandchildren. Services: 11 a.m. Tuesday at Kahala Beach. Casual attire. Condolences: ballardfamilymoanaluamortuary.com

Yoshiaki Shimizu (MIS Veteran)

Dec. 22, 2015

99, of Honolulu and Hilo, a retired Hawaii Community College architectural drafting teacher and an Army veteran who served in World War II with the Military Intelligence Service, died in Straub Clinic in Honolulu. He was born in Honohina, Hawaii. He is survived by son Byron, daughter Annette, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Committal services: 3 p.m. Thursday at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl. Aloha attire.

Roy M. Shiosaki (Army Veteran)

(Age 95) Roy Mamoru Shiosaki, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, November 30, 2015 at the Mann-Grandstaff VA Med-ical Center in Spokane, WA. Roy was born on June 28, 1920 in Spokane, WA. He was the third of five children to Kisaburo Shiosaki and Tori (Iwai) Shiosaki. He attended Regal School and graduated from John R. Roger's High School in 1938. Roy studied engineering at Gonzaga University for one year. He then left Spokane to manage and operate a laundry in Whitefish, Montana but was drafted into the military in 1940. Roy served as an infantryman in the U. S. Army, 324th Infantry, 44 Division, L Company. He achieved the rank of Sergeant. Roy's combat duty was in France, Germany and Austria,
which he received a Combat Infantry Badge. After WWII ended Roy was stationed in Paris, France as an Army clerk. He was discharged in 1946 and came back to Spokane where he worked with his father at the Hillyard Laundry, the family's business. In 1955, Roy married Sumie M. Oura in Spokane. They had four children; James, Joanne, Jennifer and Justin. He retired and sold The Hillyard Laundry in 2003 at the age of 83. As a youth he was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed catching Kokanee trout at Pend Oreille Lake in the 1960-70's and his greatest joy later in life was foraging for the elusive Matsutake mushroom in the forests of north Idaho. Roy is survived by his wife Sumie, daughter Joanne Shiosaki and son-in-law Charlie Schmidt, daughter Jennifer Jenks and son-in-law John Jenks, son Justin Shiosaki and daughter-in-law April Shiosaki, granddaughters Jessica Jenks and Sydney Shiosaki Schmidt and grandson Nathan Shiosaki and by his brothers Fred A. Shiosaki and Floyd Shiosaki, sister-in-law's Lily Shiosaki, Pauline Shiosaki, and Shizuko (Susie) Shiosaki, nieces Vicki Yamamoto, Kazumi Shiosaki and Nancy Shiosaki and nephews Neil Shiosaki, Gregg Shiosaki, Michael Shiosaki, Andy Shiosaki, Kenneth Shiosaki and Charlie Okamoto. Roy was a loyal and devoted father and was proud of this entire extended family. Roy was preceded in death by his father Kisaburo, mother Tori, son James M. Shiosaki, sister Blanche Okamoto, brother George Shiosaki and brother-in-law George Okamoto. Special thanks for the care and excellent treatment Roy received from the doctors and nursing staff at Holy Family Hospital and the Community Living Center at the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center. Roy was proud of his military service and never forgot his wartime experiences. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Department of Veterans Affairs, Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center, Hospice Unit, c/o Voluntary Service Office, 4815 N. Assembly, Spokane, WA 99205. A private graveside memorial will be held at Riverside Memorial Park a later date. Published in Spokesman-Review from Jan. 1 to Jan. 2, 2016 39385734 Unit Ukn

Paul Yoshinobu Sugimoto (Army Veteran)

Dec. 17, 2015

77, of Honolulu, an Army veteran, died in Honolulu. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by sons Charles, Richard and Robert Moss; daughters Mary Kniskern and Becky Mitchell; brother Edwin; sisters Mildred Higa and Ida Shiroma; and 13 grandchildren. Private services.

Thomas Yoshimi Takara (Air Force Veteran)

Dec. 17, 2015

75, of Honolulu, a retired bus driver for the Air Force and an Air Force veteran, died in Hale Ho Aloha. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by brother Frederick H. and sister Jane S. Uyehara. Private services.

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Ty Tekawa  
( Air Force Veteran )


Resident of San Mateo

Tamotsu Ty Tekawa passed away peacefully on December 16, 2015. Ty was born on December 8, 1935 in Yuba City, CA. During WWII Ty and his family were sent to Tule Lake and Amache internment camps. In 1948, after 4 years in Rockford, IL, Ty and his family came back to California. Aside from his 4 years in the Air Force, Ty would make San Mateo his home.

Ty was a Professional Transportation Engineer and worked for the Cities of San Mateo and Oakland, and various transportation consulting firms in the Bay Area. He was an active member of Sturge Presbyterian Church for many years and later attended Peninsula Free Methodist Church.

He was predeceased by his parents, Yawara Tekawa and Fusako Maruyama, and his brothers, Don (Hideko) and Marsh (Irene). He is survived by his beloved wife, Joyce, son Gregg (Karen), daughter Jann (Franklin) Noto, four grandchildren, Sarah and Scott Tekawa, Nicolete and Mackenzi Noto, and many nieces and nephews.

He lovingly and energetically served God, enjoyed playing and watching sports, and loved spending time with family and friends.

A Memorial Service for Ty will be held on January 16, 1:00 pm at Peninsula Free Methodist Church, 599 Jefferson Ave., Redwood City. View the online memorial for Ty Tekawa

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Florence C. Tsuchida  
( Widow of Army Veteran )

Florence (Flo) Tsuchida passed away peacefully the evening of December 16, 2015. Flo was born May 18, 1919 in Orting, WA to Takejiro and Toye Mayeda. She was the youngest of 11 siblings. Flo graduated from Auburn High School in 1937 and soon after met her husband Takeshi Tsuchida while working at her brother's grocery store in Auburn. In 1944, while Tak was stationed in the US army (at Camp Barkley near Abilene, TX), Flo left the Minidoka internment camp in Idaho to travel to Texas to marry Tak. For many years Flo worked at Frederick and Nelson department store as a retail sales person. She enjoyed cooking, baking, fishing, matsutake (mushroom) hunting, trips to the casino and bowling. But most of all she was a great wife, mother and grandma.

Florence is survived by daughters Linda (Tetsuo Miyata), Shirlee (Ken Katayama) and grandchildren Colleen, Todd, Jeffrey and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years Takeshi, daughter Vicki, her parents as well as Brothers James, George, Tom, Frank, Jack and sisters Chiyoko, Emma, Mary, Grace, Lorraine.
Donald Teruaki Tsutsui (Army Veteran)

Born July 13, 1931, passed away on November 23, 2015, in Sacramento. He leaves behind his daughter Michelle Uchiyama, her husband David and grandchildren Dayton Yoriaki and Drew Teruaki Uchiyama. He is also survived by his siblings Fred, Peggy, Harvey and Marianne. From high school, Donald took on the responsibility for Tsutsui Farms (now Tsutsui Enterprises), growing the company to be one of the primary suppliers of tomatoes in Yolo County. After returning from the internment camp, he made an unwritten promise to his parents Thelma and Tatsuo, that would mean shouldering the weight of providing not only for them, but also for his siblings, their families and his wife and daughter. His mission in life was always to support and care for those closest to him, particularly his family. This determination, dedication and passion was unwavering and all consuming. Whether on the golf course, at the casino or driving in a flurry of dust on the tomato fields, Donald's zest for the way he lived life mirrored that of Frank Sinatra's motto "he always did things his way." It would be remiss in not mentioning one of his favorite pastimes - talking about himself. Friends closest to him tirelessly endured the "me, me, me, mine, myself and my way" stories that even he would laugh at as well. As his license plate reads, the "Dirty Dog" will be laid to rest and reunited with his beloved wife Jane (Tutu), at The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Army Veteran, will be embraced with a sense of place, peace, family, love and dignity wrapped within the tranquility and serenity of the islands they both endeared so much. In his remembrance, his daughter asks that you celebrate and give gratitude to knowing a man whose favorite saying was "who cares?", but in hindsight, give thanks in knowing a man who cared tremendously and truly embraced anyone he called a friend. A private family service was held at George L. Klumpp Chapel of Flowers on the day of his passing. Any condolences on behalf of his remembrance can be sent to 268 Elelupe Road, Honolulu, HI. 96821.

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Yukio Uemura (Army Veteran)

(May 7, 1926 - December 12, 2015)

U.S. Veteran

Yukio Uemura, 89, of Hilo, HI, died at the Hospice of Hilo Pohai Malama Facility on Saturday, December 12, 2015. He was born in Hilo, HI and was an Iron Worker with Hawaiian Reinforcing Steel Company on Oahu and a US Army Veteran of World War II. He was also a member of the Ahualani Kumiai. Private family services were held. He is survived by his: Son,
Colin (Joni) Uemura of Hilo, HI; two grandsons. Arrangements by Dodo Mortuary, Inc. –
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Juro Ushijima  (Army Veteran)

Dec. 21, 2015

86, of Honolulu, a retired Servco Pacific sales manager and an Army veteran, died in Kaiser Medical Center. He was born in Puna, Hawaii. He is survived by wife Michiko I., son Frederick H., daughter Rita S. Hee, brother Saiji, sister Mutsumi Pang, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation: 5 p.m. Thursday at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Service: 6 p.m. Casual attire. 
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Arthur Tomozo Yamamoto  (Army Veteran)

Dec. 27, 2015

81, of Honolulu, a retired partner in the accounting firm of Ernst & Young and a retired Army lieutenant colonel, died at home. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by sons Michael and David, daughters Kathy Ohtani and Liane Leong, eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Visitation: 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Philomena Church. Service: 10:30 a.m. Private inurnment. Aloha attire.  
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