



Margaret Yokochi

August 15, 1924 - February 7, 2023

Mom was born in 1924 in Honolulu, Hawaii the youngest of 5 children. Mom was 2nd generation Japanese American, born to parents who immigrated from Japan to Hawaii. As owners of a dry cleaning shop, her parents worked very hard to send all 5 children to private schools and college. She attended Waikiki Elementary School, St. Andrews Priory in the midst of World War II, and graduated from the University of Hawaii with a major in sociology.

Mom met dad at a Moonlight Picnic for the returning GI's who were returning from the European front, where Dad had been awarded the Silver Star for his valor in action. Married in 1948, they left for Omaha Nebraska and Chicago where Dad earned his dental degree at Northwestern Dental School on the GI Bill. Not being able to be hired as a social worker because of the anti-Japanese sentiment after the war, she found employment as a typist for a penny a word. And that's how she supported her husband and young baby, while Dad completed dental school.

They returned home to Hawaii where Dad opened his dental practice in Kailua, and Mom was a stay at home mother and raised her 3 children, Jan, Daryl and Patti. In the later years of Dad's practice, she also worked in the front office. Mom was extremely close to her sisters and all social activities were spent with family, including weekends and all holidays.

Following Dad's health issues that forced him to retire, Mom and Dad moved to California to live with their eldest daughter and family. She was a devoted care-taker to her husband and cooked wonderful meals for the family. She was, indeed, a fantastic cook! Mom and Dad enjoyed attending the many sports events, performances and graduations of their grandchildren: Brandon, Evan, Tori, CJ, Ethan, Aysia and Archer.

When Dad passed away in February 2004, Mom could not attend his service at this very place, because she was in the hospital with heart failure. Her remaining years without Dad were spent watching Kdramas, Fox News, shopping, traveling with Jan's family on short trips, doing Word Searches, and watching BTS and playing games on her iPad. As her heart declined, her mind was as sharp as ever. She spent the last days in her home being cared for by a wonderful angel, Ola. During the last couple of years, she was grateful and so happy to be in Carol's beautiful home where she was loved and cared for as family.

Looking at pictures of Mom during her last years, she is always smiling beautifully and brilliantly in all of them. Without a doubt, we were blessed to have her smile with us for 98 years!

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **26**. 2:00 AM - 2:30 PM (PT)

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Blvd
Riverside, CA 92518

Ask at the gate where to line up for the service. They start exactly on time and you will be directed to the Kiosk for the Celebration of Life service.

Tribute Wall



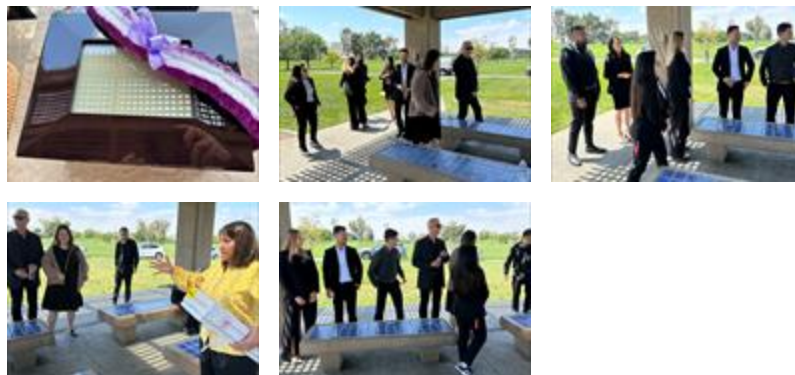
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“ To the Yokochi Family,

It was my privilege to be your mother's hospice chaplain and to be able to meet with family at her bedside and have prayer together. Both of your parents were heroes, your father a decorated WW2 veteran from the famed 442nd who received a Silver Star (next to the highest award that this country can give), and a Purple Heart, along with many other medals, and your mother was a hero for raising each of you children to reach your potential. You each can be comforted in knowing that you made both of your parents proud of each of you and what you accomplished in life.

A mother's guiding hand sits on the shoulder of her children and the loss of a mother is such a great loss that can't be filled by anyone else. Your mother was a very intelligent lady who always inspired everyone. It was such a privilege to meet with some of the Yokochi family and see what a fine job she did in raising her children. May your mom rest in peace, and I know that she will be terribly missed by everyone who knew her. May each of the family always be safe in following your parent's examples. Please send each of the hospice team's sympathies to your entire family as it was our pleasure to be there for her in her last days.

Chaplain Roger Rustad

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