



Hisako (Hisa) Asai

August 15, 1925 - February 28, 2018

Hisako (Hisa) Asai, of Turlock (Cortez), CA, passed away quietly in her sleep on February 28, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Hiroshi (Hiro) Asai, who passed in 2012. Hisa is survived by four sons and four daughters-in-law: oldest son, Paul Asai and his wife Iris; son, Gary Asai and his wife Rebecca; son, Randy Asai and his wife Nancy; son, Darryl Asai and his wife Joanne.

Hisa is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Heather, Nicole, Christie, Scotty, Amy, Katie, Jonathan & Jennifer, and step-grandchildren, Shawn and Athena; 11 great-grandchildren; and sister, Ruby Fujiwara of Laguna Beach, CA.

Hisa was a member of the Stockton Buddhist Church and the Cortez Howakai, Cortez Growers Assn, member of Blue Diamond Growers, Cortez Japanese-American Citizens League, Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans, and was involved with activities and reunions of the WWII 442nd veterans.

Both Hisa and Hiro were known for hosting a late summer lunch at the JACL Hall for the E Co. veterans, family and friends. They would always send everyone home laden with home grown fruits, vegetables, and produce from their ranch, and donated by other family and friends who were farmers.

During WWII Hisa and her family were sent to the Amache Relocation Center where she met her future husband, Hiro, as teenagers. It was also at the internment camp where she gained the nickname "Sunny" because of her beautiful smile and sunny disposition. Hisa and Hiro married in 1946 and after the war they returned to Hiro's hometown of Turlock (Cortez) to start their new

home and family. From then on, until the day she died, Hisa stayed in the area and raised her 4 sons and helped the ranch grow from 20 acres to 260 acres. She also, by her sons and many other people's view, gained the reputation of being one of the best cooks in in the area.

Although Hisa's passing was unexpected, it really is the way we all would wish to go. She was of decent health and living independently up until the end of her 92 years. She just went to sleep one night with no worries. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

The family would like to thank the many people who were part of her life, and would like to welcome any who wish to attend her funeral service at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. A reception will follow at the Cortez JAACL Hall, 12985 N. Cortez Ave, Turlock.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Hisako Asai please visit our Sympathy Store at www.turlockfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 11. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Reception to Follow

MAR 11. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (PT)

Cortez JAACL Hall
12985 N. Cortez Ave.
Turlock, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Hisako (Hisa) Asai*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Hisako (Hisa) Asai.*



March 07, 2018 at 12:02 AM



“ *It was my pleasure to run into the Asai's at Raleys and etc while shopping in Turlock over the past almost 20 years. Remembering them and Paul from growing up in Ballico and attending school there. Though their memory was maybe slight about me, they well knew my Mother Marion (Ferrari) Johnson and my Uncle Don Ferrari.*

It was some of my fondest moments, to run into them in Turlock ,as well as the other Japanese who were my parents age.

David Johnson - March 03, 2018 at 01:39 PM