



Yeichi Sakaguchi

February 17, 1920 - June 17, 2010

Yeichi Sakaguchi was born in Santa Clara, CA to Chokichi and Maju Sakaguchi, Japanese immigrants. As a young boy, the family moved to Turlock to farm in the Cortez area.

Yeichi attended local schools and graduated from Livingston High School and Modesto Junior College. In 1942, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the family was relocated to the Merced Assembly Center. It was there that he married May Kuwahara.

They were interned in Amache, Colorado during the war. Following the war, Yeichi and May returned to the family farm in Cortez and started their family. In his younger years, Yeichi enjoyed playing baseball, basketball and golf. He loved to grow fruits and vegetables and share them with his friends. He was a member of the Cortez Presbyterian Church, Cortez Growers Association, and the Cortez Japanese American Citizens League.

Yeichi is survived by his son Rodney (Nancy) Sakaguchi, daughters Karen (Ken) Kajioka, Kathy Marquardt and Susan (Richard) Yee. He is survived by grandchildren Kristen (Corey) Viray, Kevin Kajioka, Travis Marquardt, Candice, Allison and Ryan Yee and great-granddaughters Kylie and Mika Viray.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Turlock Memorial Park Chapel on July 10 at 10:30 a.m. Remembrances may be made to: Emanuel Medical Center 825 Delbon Ave. Turlock, CA 95382 or Cortez Presbyterian Church 12516 Cortez Ave. Turlock, CA 95380

Tribute Wall



“ *Yeichi Sakaguchi*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *To Karen, Kathy, Rodney, Gaye and your families:
My sincere condolences to all of you. Your father was our family icon and he will be missed by all. May all the fond memories of his life comfort you.*

Judy Sakaguchi-Ramos - July 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *In 1981, my young family and I arrived in Turlock from Oakland. I was taking over Dr. Speckens dental practice. At that time nobody knew who I was, so many left without even meeting me. Some stayed and gave me a chance. Among those original wonderful few were Mr. and Mrs. Sakaguchi. It wasn't long before they were May and Yeichi, and I was just Mike. Respect and friendship grew over the many, many years of being able to care for such a honorable and kind couple.
It was a blessing to have known May and Yeichi, and I will truly miss them both.*

Michael Ratto DDS - June 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rod & Nancy,
We are sorry to read about your Dad.
Our prayers are with you.
Love, Donnie & Tina*

Donnie & Tina McKim - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Lily & I were sadden to hear of the passing of "Grandpa". We always felt that he was so very kind and generous to share his time over the Holidays when we came into Turlock to visit....and, we always felt special to share the freshly harvested almonds, fresh farm fruits and dried cuttle fish. We will miss his friendly smile and generosity... Aloha Nui Loa, Lily & Bill Viray-Wright*

Lily & Bill Viray-Wright - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM