



## Joe Yoshimura

March 18, 1923 - July 3, 2014

Joe passed away peacefully at his home on July 3, 2014, surrounded by his loving family.

Joe was the third son born to Hikoji and Shizumi Yoshimura in Pixley, CA on March 18, 1923. The family farmed in the Earlimart area before World War II broke out and like many Japanese Americans was sent to an internment camp in Jerome, AK. He volunteered for the Army and trained in Camp Wheeler in Georgia. After discharge from the Army, he returned to California and settled in Fowler to begin his farming career.

He met and soon married his beloved wife, Ann in 1950 and had 2 sons, Gary and Don. Joe was a successful farmer and was active in the raisin industry, being one of the founding fathers of the Raisin Bargaining Association and the Nisei Farmers League. He was active in the Fowler Buddhist Church and established its endowment fund, which continues to provide financial stability to the Church.

Joe was passionate about life and was an avid fisherman, abalone diver, and had a keen interest in the stock market. As a youth, he was a Valley champion gymnast and an amateur boxer. Joe and Ann both enjoyed watching their children's and later their grandchildren's various activities and sports. He was intensely proud of all of his offspring's accomplishments. In his older years, he

would spend much of his time “shooting the bull” with his close friends at Honda’s Garage and later at the McDonald’s in Fowler.

Joe is preceded in death by his brothers Seiki and Tiyo. He is survived by his wife, Ann; son Gary and his wife Sandra, their children Anthony and Cameron; son Don and his wife Marsha, their children Reid and his wife, Kaelin, Chad, and Joelle.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Kaiser Permanente for the many years of excellent care Joe received and to the staff of Optimal Hospice Care.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 26 at 1:00 pm at the Fowler Buddhist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel of the Light Cemetery

1620 W. Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Yoshimura*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Ted Wee lit a candle in memory of Joe Yoshimura*



**Ted Wee** - July 10, 2014 at 08:12 PM



“ *We love you and miss you, Uncle Joe!! With Love...Mitzi, Vicky & Ted*



**Ted Wee** - July 10, 2014 at 08:10 PM