



## Robert "Bob" Tetsuo Taniguchi

April 14, 1924 - September 22, 2017

Robert "Bob" Tetsuo Taniguchi was born in Seattle, WA, on April 14, 1924, and passed away peacefully in Fresno, CA on September 22, 2017, at the age of 93.

While on a post WWII repatriation ship bound for San Francisco, Bob met Marie Hayashi. They shared similar upbringings as kibe-nisei: Japanese Americans born in the United States but educated in Japan. He married her in 1950.

Bob and Marie settled in Fresno, operating Columbia Market on Merced and C Street before joining family members at Farmer Boy Market. In the 1960s the family opened Boys Market, a very successful West Fresno supermarket. Later, Bob and Marie started Sun Nursery, and for 20 years they enjoyed delivering plants throughout California.

Bob's favorite pastimes were fishing, family vacations, and playing the harmonica. Bob also helped launch the Fresno Gumyo Taiko (Japanese drumming) group with his friend Mamoru Maseba in 1987, and the Clovis Heiwa Taiko group in 2001. The two also initiated a singing group to cultivate shigin, a traditional method of Japanese poetry performance.

Bob is survived by Marie, his devoted wife of nearly 67 years; brother George

Kimura of San Ramon; sons Kenneth of Fresno, Brian of Danville, and David and wife Pilar of San Diego; daughters Jane Taniguchi-Allen of Fresno, and Keiko Giacona and husband Nick of Honolulu; and grandchildren Rayma, Omar, Sarah, Anthony, and Kyle.

The family would like to thank the staff at Vintage Gardens Assisted Living Community for being such wonderful caregivers.

A Memorial Service will be held at the United Japanese Christian Church in Clovis, CA, on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Central California Nikkei Foundation; 540 S. Peach Ave.; Fresno, CA 93727.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Tetsuo Taniguchi*

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