



## Jerry Megumi Kawano

May 29, 1925 - January 5, 2015

Jerry Kawano, beloved husband and father, went to be with the Lord on January 5. Jerry was born on May 29, 1925 in the San Joaquin River Delta area of California, the 4th of 5 children to Otokichi and Haru Kawano. During World War II, Jerry and his family were forced by government order to leave their home. Jerry and his family were interned at Tule Lake Relocation Center in Northern California in 1942, where he graduated from Tri-State High School, then moved to Santa Barbara following the war.

Jerry was a private landscaper when he married his wife Sue in 1963. Jerry worked for the Santa Barbara School District as a groundskeeper for over 21 years, most recently at Santa Barbara High School, until his retirement in 1991.

Jerry was an active member of Bethany Congregational Church and enjoyed traveling, gardening, and reading. Jerry, preceded in death by wife Sue, is survived by daughters Mona and Marcia, and brothers Shigeru and Ray (Mery).

A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, January 24 at Bethany Congregational Church, 556 N. Hope Avenue, Santa Barbara, 93110. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's memory to Bethany Congregational Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 24. 1:00 PM (PT)

Bethany Congregational Church  
556 Hope Avenue  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

# Tribute Wall



“ Jerry and his mother were our next door neighbors in SB. We were WWII REFUGEE immigrants and had no idea of what they had been through. I was very young then. Only after reading the book *FAREWELL to MANZANAR* as an adult did it occur to me that the Kawanos had suffered during the war. I hope Jerry's grandchildren know what a fine man he was and what a sweet and kind woman his mother was.  
*Bless you all!*

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**Daiva Miller** - August 27, 2024 at 09:26 PM